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## Editorial

This special issue of Planet@Risk with a total of almost 30 papers presents some major findings of the 5th International Disaster and Risk Conference held in Davos in August 2014. It is dedicated as a scientific and technological contribution to the 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, where the United Nations Member States will adopt the successor arrangements to the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA), referred to as the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA 2).

The HFA 2 shall be focusing equally on all phases of risk reduction and disaster management (prevention, preparedness, intervention and recovery). Such an integrative approach helps to identify risks, analyse, avoid, reduce, cope with and transfer risks as well as manage the residual risks. For such a risk reduction and disaster management approach, it is not only mandatory to reduce the direct risks due to natural and man-made hazards, but also to reduce factors such as poverty, corruption, or bad governance, which influence the risks indirectly.

Thus the HFA 2 shall particularly address private sector investment in disaster risk management, the importance of civil society support for community-level work to enhance policies for resilience and the role of local and national governments, which will ultimately be responsible for the continued implementation of the second Hyogo Framework after 2015.

With disaster risk continuing to increase in many regions, action is needed to reverse the trend. The new global agreement on disaster risk reduction would have

to be inter-dependent and complementary to the new Sustainable Development Goals and the new climate change agreement, both will be also agreed on in 2015. Creating a unified approach to these three agreements is the only plausible way to ensure disaster risk reduction is given high priority.

The articles in this special issue of Planet@Risk provide recommendations and identify gaps in research, education, training, implementation, practice and policy improvements that should be addressed in the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

I would like to thank the reporting authors involved in this Planet@Risk Special Issue for their valuable work they share with us, and for the valuable work of the reviewers, ensuring a high-standard quality of the papers. I wish that you may gain a lot of new insights with this Planet@Risk Special Issue for the Post-2015 Framework for DRR.

It's now the time to take the crucial responsibility for our future generations.

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