



The Second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-II)

Early Warning and Early Action towards Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Societies

13-14 May 2019, WMO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Closing Session Concept Note

- Session title:** *Closing Session*
- Date, time and venue:** *Tuesday, 14 May 2019, 16:00-17:00, Salle Obasi*
- Co-leads:** *Organizations co-chairing the International Network for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (IN-MHEWS): World Meteorological Organization (WMO) & United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)*
- Other contributing partners:** *United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)*

Main session objectives:

Gather the participants to the MHEWC-II, remind them about the Conference session agenda, bring together the outcomes of these sessions and make the link with the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019), thus paving the way for future paths of enhanced cooperation towards reaching the objectives of the global 2030 Agenda and the Sendai Framework Global Target G, including through the further development of the IN-MHEWS.

Moderator:

- **Mr Wenjian Zhang**, Assistant Secretary General, WMO, Geneva, Switzerland

Speakers:

The moderators of the different MHEWC-II sessions:

- **Mr David Johnston**, Senior Scientist, New Zealand's Geological Survey (GNS Science) & Director, Joint Centre for Disaster Research, School of Psychology, Massey University, Wellington, New Zealand
- **Ms Kara Siahaan**, Senior Officer, Forecast-based Financing, Risk and Vulnerability Unit, Disaster & Crisis Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva, Switzerland & **Ms Dunja Dujanovic**, Technical Officer Early Warning Early Action, Division of Economic

and Social Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy

- **Mr Brian Golding**, Met Office, Exeter, United Kingdom
- **Mr Michel Jean**, President of the Commission for Basis Systems (CBS) of WMO & Director General, Canadian Centre for Meteorological and Environmental Prediction, Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Dorval, Canada
- **Ms Donna Pierre**, Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Ms Kirsi Madi**, Director, UNDRR, Geneva, Switzerland

The co-chairpersons of IN-MHEWS:

- **Mr Juan Carlos Villagran de Leon**, Programme Officer & Head, UN-SPIDER Bonn Office, UN-SPIDER Programme, UNOOSA, Bonn, Germany
- **Mr Xu Tang**, Director, Weather and Disaster Risk Reduction Services (WDS) Department, WMO, Geneva, Switzerland

