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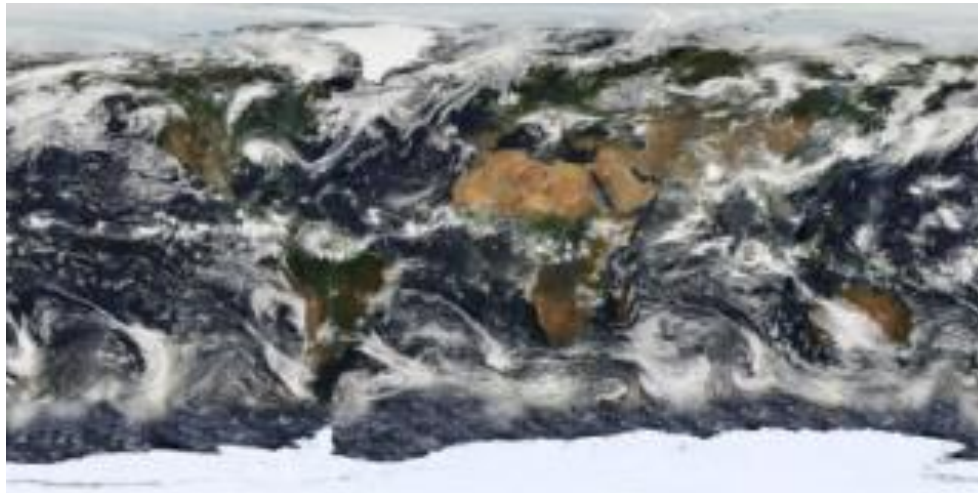
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**Confronting hydrometeorological hazards
exacerbated by climate change: Perspectives from
the Disaster Management Community.**

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Examples of hydrometeorological hazards exacerbated by climate change





Identifying User Needs: the UN-SPIDER approach

- **Via *Technical Advisory Missions* to developing countries, visiting many government agencies and other institutions;**
- **Frequent communications with *National Focal Points*;**
- **During *training activities***
- **During discussion sessions carried out as part of *International Conferences and Expert Meetings*.**





User Needs: findings

- **While disaster management agencies may have specific needs, other ministries and government agencies may have different needs;**
- **User needs vary among national disaster management agencies of different countries depending on the existing institutional capacity to generate or use space-based information;**
- **In some countries, there may be a national space agency that is already supporting the national disaster management agency.**



Responding to climate change

- Climate change is indeed introducing challenges in many countries of the world, but only few *new hazards (sea level rise)* may affect some hazards such as storm surges.
 - Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, severe weather, hurricanes, tropical storms, winter storms, tornadoes, typhoons, cyclones and landslides already exist, but climate change may increase their frequency or magnitude.



User Needs

- **Raising awareness regarding what novel sources of satellite imagery, products or services are available to address the challenges posed by natural hazards and climate change;**
- **Training courses on the use of such satellite imagery, products or services;**
- **Information on type of software that can be used to process specific types of satellite imagery;**
- **Access to specific types of satellite imagery which are not freely available (high resolution for example).**



Responding to user needs

- **Introducing national disaster management agencies to *new products, services and applications* developed by the space community;**
- **Developing solutions such as the *UN-SPIDER Recommended Practices*;**
- **Capacity building efforts, training courses and advisory support.**



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