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INVITATION

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the Norwegian Embassy and the Austrian Red Cross cordially invite you to the presentation of the 2015 edition of the *World Disasters Report - Focus on local actors, the key to humanitarian effectiveness*

**Vienna International Centre (VIC)
M-Building, Room M2**

**Monday 5th of October 2015
from 14.00 – 16.00**



Coffee and cake will be served at 15.30 pm outside the Conference Room



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This year's World Disasters Report focuses on local actors and their role at the centre of effective humanitarian action. The report aims at addressing some problematic questions and exploring current experience and future trends in the roles of local actors in humanitarian work. It tracks humanitarian financing and why local organizations receive so little. It examines the challenges of partnerships with local actors and delivering aid in insecure and inaccessible environments. The report also looks at gaps in the laws and norms concerning humanitarian relief and disaster risk management, and the fact that the current approach to humanitarian response rarely considers a crisis's specific nature and context or the capacity of national actors.

Speakers

Welcome by Prof. Dr. Gerald Schöpfer, President, Austrian Red Cross

Moderation by Bente Angell-Hansen, Ambassador, Norwegian Embassy

- Mo Hamza Editor of the World Disasters Report 2015 and Professor of Disaster Risk Management, University of Copenhagen, Senior Associate, Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP)
- Werner Kerschbaum Secretary General, Austrian Red Cross
- Simonetta Di Pippo Director, Office for Outer Space Affairs, UNOOSA
- Ursula Werther-Pietsch Minister, Deputy Director Department VII.4, Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration & Foreign Affairs

Registration

The registration will be opened until Thursday 1st October. Non-holders of the VIC passes, please submit your name and organisation by e-mail to Mr. Kamran Memon (kamran.memon@unoosa.org), and present this invitation, together with an appropriate identification document at the entrance of the Vienna International Centre. Participation in the event is free of charge. The Event will be webcasted live at <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/events/wsw/IFRClaunch.html>

Practical information

Please note that the event will be held in English only and no translation will be provided. For more information on the *World Disasters Report*, please visit www.ifrc.org/wdr. On 24th of September 2015 and onwards, please visit www.ifrc.org/wdr2015.



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