

Global Webinar Series

Environment and Emergencies in the face of COVID-19

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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has only been the latest, very powerful wake-up call on the links between environment and emergencies. Disasters, crises and the environment are intrinsically interconnected. Therefore, a key element of emergency response is the rapid identification and mitigation of environmental risks. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) have been partners for the past 25 years, supporting countries in strengthening their capacities to respond to the environmental dimensions of disasters and complex emergencies.

Join us for a series of webinars on readiness for and response to the environmental dimensions of emergencies, with a special focus on managing these challenges in the face of COVID-19.

Programme



Environment and emergencies:
What you need to know
in a pandemic context

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Agenda

- Moderator: Anil Kumar Gupta
- Opening remarks: Sebastian Rhodes-Stampa
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- Preparing for and responding to the environmental dimensions of emergencies
Margherita Fanchiotti
- Linkages: environment, emergencies and the current pandemic context:
Lisa Guppy



COVID-19
RESPONSE

Moderator



Anil Kumar Gupta

Professor and Head,
Environment and Disaster Risk Management Division,
National Institute for Disaster Management, India

Anil is a resilience and sustainability strategist, full Professor with India's National Institute of Disaster Management, where he heads the Environment and Disaster Risk Management Division and Centre for Excellence on Climate Resilience. He holds a PhD in Environmental Science from India.

Opening Remarks



Sebastian Rhodes-Stampa

Chief,
OCHA Emergency Response Section

Sebastian is the Chief of OCHA Emergency Response Section, where he manages a variety of response teams, tools and mechanisms in response to both sudden-onset disasters and complex emergencies all over the world. He is a graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and holds a master's degree in Disaster Management from the UK.



Muralee Thummarukudy

Operations Manager,
UNEP Crisis Management Branch

Muralee is the Operations Manager of UNEP Crisis Management Branch, where he manages response and coordinates projects ranging from assessment to capacity building and clean-up all over the world. He holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from India.

Speakers



Margherita Fanchiotti

Focal Point for Response,
UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit

Margherita is the Focal Point for Response at the UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit, where she coordinates the mobilization of international environmental assistance in response to emergencies and leads the UNEP/OCHA joint training portfolio. She holds a PhD in Geography and Environmental Science from the UK.



Lisa Guppy

Regional Coordinator Disasters and Conflicts,
UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Lisa is UNEP Regional Coordinator for Disasters and Conflicts for Asia and the Pacific, where she manages the disasters and conflicts sub-programme and leads its expansion and contextualisation in the region. She holds a PhD in chronic crisis management from the UK.