



WSIS2025

UN World Summit of the Information Society

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Call for Interest in Session Submission

Information Society in Times of Risk

This session is devoted to the special demands that Information Society faces in times of Risk, comprising local, regional, national, cross-border and global situations of Crises as well as Natural, Technical and Humanitarian Disasters, with special attention on highlighting demands, deficits and potentials, of actors and organizations.

The UN “all-of-society” principle has a background from the AGENDA21 (1992)¹ on the Data Revolution activities that started in 2014^{2,3} and from that time became a general principle

The UN Sendai Framework 2015-2030⁴ specifies the expectations to cooperate broadly with “stakeholders, including women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, poor people, migrants, indigenous peoples, volunteers, the community of practitioners and older persons in the design and implementation of policies, plans and standards. There is a need for the public and private sectors and civil society organizations, as well as academia and scientific and research institutions, to work more closely together and to create opportunities for collaboration, and for businesses to integrate disaster risk into their management practices”.

Contributions taking into account the special circumstances of Information Management in times of Risk and the consequences for Risk Management (policies, anticipation, preparation, decision, action) in all phases of crises and all types of disasters⁵ are welcome to cover (but are not limited to)

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| 1 Complexity of Stakeholders and professions (local, regional, national, cross-border, global) ⁶ | 13 FAIR Principles ¹¹ |
| 2 Caregivers’ Perspectives | 14 Participation Best Practices |
| 3 Children at Risk | 15 Processes and Standards |
| 4 Existing and permanently operable Pillars of Societal Resilience ⁷ | 16 Indigenous people Information, including aspects of Ownership |
| 5 Disaster induced community disruptions ⁸ | 17 Safeguarding personal and societal, economic and political human rights |
| 6 Civil-Military cooperation | 18 Social justice and social cohesion in knowledge society |
| 7 Foresighting | 19 Humanitarian Aid and Supply Chain disruption |
| 8 The Role of Media, Broadcasting and Journalists ⁹ | 20 Saving lives and protecting people on the move ¹² |
| 9 Information Technology in times of Risk ¹⁰ | 21 Societal Safety ¹³ |
| 10 Expectations and Challenges of implementing “just-in-time” information availability | 22 Reports and Documentations, reflecting on interventions /investigations, highlighting demands, deficits and potentials, of actors and organizations |
| 11 Impact of climate change on human health | 23 other |
| 12 “all-of-Society” Platforms, Strategies, Action Plans, and Implementations | |

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Abstracts can be submitted by email to info@RIMMA.org until Feb. 15, 2025 of max. 2 pages A4 (including selected references)

download template <https://tinyurl.com/20250215-Abstract-Template>

Acceptance for **oral presentation** at WSIS2025 in Geneva (max. 6 presentations of max. 10 min. / 6 slides each) will be according to UN requirements of considering authors region, diversity, age, vulnerable group as far as possible.

Priority of **acceptance for oral presentation** is given to those authors that attend WSIS2025 physically (a virtual presentation will be exceptional).

Abstracts can be submitted to be included in a **book of abstracts** to be compiled and published until WSIS2025.

The rapidly growing importance of the main topic of this call to society at large also may lead towards considering a post-WSIS2025 compilation of a **book titled "Information Society in Times of Risk"**.

For all questions contact the convener

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<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/Agenda21.pdf#page=28>
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- ³ A World That Counts: Mobilising The Data Revolution for Sustainable Development. Report prepared at the request of the United Nations Secretary-General, by the Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development. 32 p., Nov. 2014 <https://www.undatarevolution.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/A-World-That-Counts.pdf>
- ⁴ UN Sendai Framework 2015-2030 par. 7, <https://www.undrr.org/media/16176/download>
- ⁵ 2023 Progress Report Implementation of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience and the 2030 Recommendations of the UN SLG <https://www.undrr.org/media/103580/download?startDownload=20250111>
- ⁶ Risk information is everybody's business. Here is why it is a whole-of-society effort <https://www.undrr.org/news/risk-information-everybodys-business-here-why-it-whole-society-effort>
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- ¹² Saving lives and protecting people on the move. UN Migration IOM, <https://www.iom.int/saving-lives-and-protecting-people-move>
- ¹³ Seiji Abe, Mamoru Ozawa, Yoshiaki Kawata (Editors) : Science of Societal Safety - Living at Times of Risks and Disasters. Open Access <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-13-2775-9>