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Institute for Environment and Human Security
(UNU-EHS)

UNU-EHS reflects the overall mission of UNU: ‘Advancing Knowledge for Human Security and Development’. UNU-EHS explores threats to human security from environmental degradation, unsustainable land use practices, and from natural and man-made hazards. The Institute spearheads UNU’s research and capacity building activities in the broad interdisciplinary field of ‘risk and vulnerability’.

Within this framework UNU-EHS aims to:

- Foster better understanding of forces and processes of environmental degradations and their influence on hazard magnitude and frequency and subsequent disasters;

- Explore links between different hazard events as well as creeping processes such as climate change, soil erosion and their impact on the inherent risk and vulnerability;

- Contribute to development, testing and verification of vulnerability indicators, and investigate relationships between risks, vulnerability and coping capacity.

Its activities focus on:

- Generating knowledge;

- Building capacity, with focus on young professionals and institutions in developing countries;

- Disseminating knowledge to decision makers.