
Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme (IRDR)

Science Committee Membership

Call for Nominations

ANNOUNCEMENT

Introduction

IRDR is a decade-long research programme, co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and UNISDR (United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction).

It is a global, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral initiative addressing challenges and risks brought on by natural and human-induced hazards in an integrated fashion.

IRDR aims to connect and advance different and new forms of scientific and other knowledge, and wishes to contribute to mitigating the impacts of disasters, also by helping to improve disaster-related policy-making mechanisms.

The main objectives of IRDR are (1) characterising natural and human-induced hazards, vulnerabilities and risks; (2) understanding decision-making in complex and changing risk contexts; and (3) reducing risk and curbing losses through knowledge-based actions.

For more information, please visit: www.irdrinternational.org

The IRDR programme is governed by a 15-Member Scientific Committee (SC) appointed jointly by the co-sponsoring organisations. The SC is composed of experts from around the world working in the field of disaster and risk reduction. Members are chosen on the basis of their scientific specialty in a way that ensures an acceptable geographical and demographical balance within the SC. The IRDR SC represents a broad spectrum of disciplines in the natural, social and engineering sciences, as well as diverse professional backgrounds and nationalities.

For these nominations, expertise from all areas of disaster risk reduction research and associated fields will be welcome. We expect nominations to also include agronomists / food security experts, atmospheric sciences, economists, health experts / epidemiologists, psychologists, volcanologists, as well as disaster risk practitioners. Nominations of female candidates are especially encouraged.

Responsibilities of IRDR SC Members:

- To define, develop and prioritise the plans of IRDR.
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of the Programme's activities.
- To publicise and promote the IRDR findings.
- To assure and facilitate co-operation and integration with relevant national, regional and international programmes, organisations and institutions actively involved in disaster risk science and disaster risk reduction and management.
- To adopt and apply guidance for IRDR initiatives at national or regional levels, such as IRDR National Committees and IRDR International Centres of Excellence.
- To assist in mobilising funds for the implementation of IRDR and the related activities.

More specifically, IRDR SC Members are expected to:

- Attend the SC meetings twice a year.
- Represent IRDR at relevant meetings around the world.
- Guide and convene IRDR projects and appropriate work plans.
- Maintain, encourage, and enlarge existing multidisciplinary networks related to IRDR.
- Assist in mobilising financial and human resources for IRDR.

The full Terms of Reference for the SC, as adopted by the IRDR co-sponsors can be found on the IRDR website: <http://www.irdrinternational.org/about/structure/>.

Appointment Procedure

SC members will be appointed by the IRDR co-sponsors, following an Open Call for Nominations.

International organisations, academies and scientific unions/associations, research institutes and Higher Education Institutions, organisations devoted to the reduction of disaster risk and disaster management, members of the scientific and more generally of the DRR communities, members and networks of IRDR co-sponsors and partners are invited to nominate candidates. Self-nominations are also possible. The nomination, selection and appointment process will follow these steps:

1. Nominations must use the completed IRDR SC Nomination Form, attach the candidate's current CV and be submitted to nominations@irdrinternational.org by **30 June 2015**.

Self-nominations should include a 1-page statement, in which the candidate should outline her/his vision for IRDR and potential contributions to the development of the programme.

2. The IRDR SC Executive Group will submit all materials to ICSU's Committee on Scientific Planning and Review for review and will draw up an annotated short list.
3. The ICSU Executive Board and the other IRDR Co-Sponsor will decide on the appointments electronically.
4. The ICSU Executive Director will contact the selected nominees inviting them on behalf of the co-sponsors to join the SC. Their 3-year term as new IRDR SC Member will commence as of 1 July 2015.

For additional information, contact and submissions: nominations@irdrinternational.org