

Developing a coordinated research framework for Humanitarian Decision-Makers Information Needs in Sudden Onset Disasters

[ISCRAM2015](#) Workshop on May 28th, 2015, at the University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

This workshop will focus on consolidating current Humanitarian Research, and map it against the most urgent field problems to establish a roadmap for the future.

The proposed outcomes, to be discussed at the workshop include:

- 1. Establish a standby research task force for real time evaluation and analysis**
- 2. Establish a global expert network for disaster response**
- 3. Establish an Education, training and learning network**

Timing

Optional: Dinner on Wednesday, May 27th (to be announced)
Workshop: Thursday, May 28th, 9 am - 4.30 pm
(latest flight to Geneva leaves at 6:15 pm)

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Introduction and Welcome
Presentation of motivation, aims and expected outcomes of the meeting

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

2. Research Challenges, Gaps and Open Questions
 - Real time evaluation, analysis and adaptation
 - Addressing issues *during* the response
 - Unbiased recording of lessons learned for addressing in the future
 - Lessons... forgotten? Creating a Learning Environment
 - From Data to Decisions
 - Standardised testing methodology for new tools and testing in simulations
3. Mapping of methods, approaches, and tools to the identified Challenges
4. Towards a Humanitarian Research Network
 - Task Force
 - Global Expert Network
 - Education, training and learning

Interactive Sessions

- Mapping current research projects to operational/field projects and research needs, so as to facilitate field implementation of research outputs.

Outputs to include:

- How to proceed with **light real-time evaluation** of information product use from deep field through to HQ: combine remote analyses with onsite feedback and monitoring data
 - How to identify in real-time **information gaps, and bottlenecks** in information processing and analyses
 - Recommendations for future joint projects to address currently unmet research/innovation needs.
 - Develop ideas on how to involve students and early-career researchers to build capacity and enable research training in the field
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- Brainstorm how to foster a learning environment that brings lessons learned from disaster response into open discussions leading to innovation.
Outputs to include:
 - Recommendations on how to establish two-way links between field based practitioners and researchers to address lessons learned in an ongoing fashion
 - Co-develop simulation exercises and trainings
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- Propose how a research team could be established to contribute to the Task Force recommended in the Report from the Marketplace of Ideas:
Information Analysis: Sharing the load in the first 72 hours.
The main output will be a decision on if and how to proceed with the Proposal on establishing the SRTF, GEC and ETLN.