

IRDR/ICSU SPONSORED CAR II Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

Second International Conference on

Cities at Risk: Building Adaptive Capacities for Managing Climate Change Risks in Asian Coastal Cities (*CAR II*)

Taipei, Taiwan
April 11-13, 2011

Asian coastal cities are increasingly vulnerable to flooding disasters resulting from the combined effects of climate change (sea level rise, intensified storms, and storm surges), land subsidence, and rapid urban growth. As a part of the ongoing multi-year effort titled “*Cities at Risk*” (*CAR*), which aims to reduce risks and vulnerabilities of Asian coastal cities brought on by climate change and urban growth, a series of international conferences were envisaged. The first such conference, *CAR I*, was held in Bangkok in February 2009 with support from APN, ICSU and Ibaraki University (Japan). Since then a number of priority activities have taken place, including formation of active city teams working on vulnerability assessment issues and establishment of the IRDR International Center of Excellence at Academia Sinica in Taipei. Other cities throughout Asia are also establishing national centers for disaster risk management. Hence, a second international conference – *CAR II* – is now being organized with support from Academia Sinica and other partners to assess progress, to consolidate a network of researchers, decision-makers and institutions in the region and to identify priorities for the next several years.

Conference themes include:

- Institutional and governance arrangements in support of adaptation
- Improving and expanding the information and knowledge base to support urban adaptation to climate change
- Advances in and examples of assessing risk and vulnerability in Asian cities
- Communicating risk and vulnerability
- Strategies and methodologies for integrating risk reduction into urban development planning
- Experiences with and lessons learned in adaptation
- Capacity building to support urban adaptation

Conference organizers are now accepting abstracts for paper presentations. Abstracts must be 250 words or less and should be submitted to Clark Seipt at cseipt@start.org **no later than February 17, 2011**. For further information about the conference or this call, also contact Clark Seipt at cseipt@start.org.

CAR II is sponsored by the IRDR International Center of Excellence and hosted by the Academia Sinica, Taipei. The conference is co-organized by START, the East-West Center and CCaR (Canada). Support or partial support for travel and accommodations may be available for selected participants. Additional information on the conference and opportunities for travel support is forthcoming.

