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# Regional Coordination of Science & Technology on Water

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# **Global Context**





> Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030









## **Current UNESCO Water Actions**

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International
 Hydrological
 Programme

#### UNESCO's Intergovernmental Scientific Cooperative Programme in Hydrology and Water Resources since 1975

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME EIGHT PHASE (2014-2021) UNESCO-IHP-VIII: "WATER SECURITY Responses to Local, Regional, and Global Challenges"



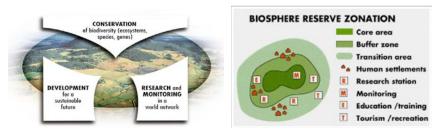
- Risk management as adaptation to global changes
- Understanding coupled human and natural processes
- Benefiting from global and local earth observation systems
- Addressing uncertainty and improving its communication
- Improving the scientific basis to extreme hydrological events



### Fostering Synergies Between UNESCO Natural Sciences Programmes

- Man and Biosphere programme:
  - Biosphere Reserves





International Geoparks and Geosciences Programme:

Geopark : territorial entity focusing on

• Natural Resources

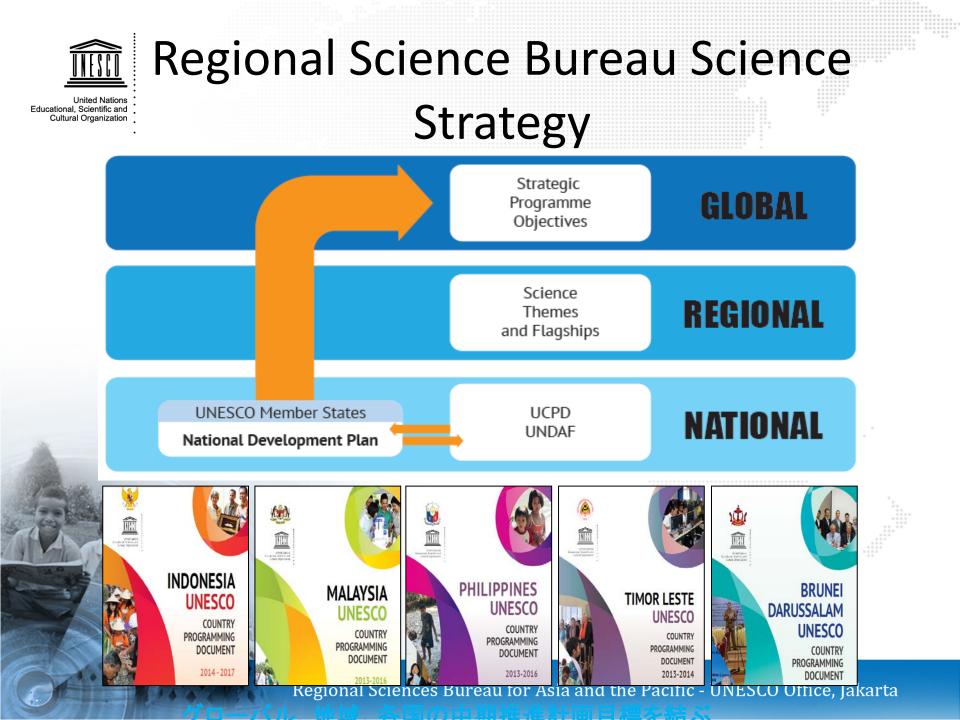
**Geological Hazards** 

- UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Climate Change
- Education
- Science
- Culture
- Women
- Sustainable Development
- Local and indigenous Knowledge
- Geoconservation





# **Fostering Regional Cooperation**





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# Framework Agreement for Cooperation between UNESCO and ASEAN

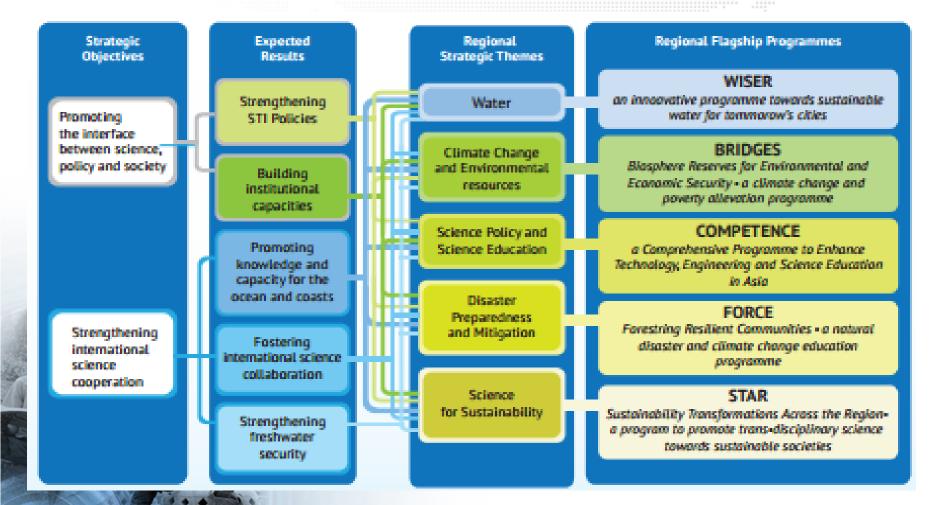
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#### **Priority areas**

- •Education,
- Science technology and innovation;
- Disaster risk education;
- •Environmental sustainability (*Climate change and its*
- impacts, water security);
- Social and human sciences;
- •Culture;
- Communication and information.

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#### Regional workshop of UNESCO Natural Sciences Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific

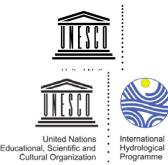
 Mapping and Networking of UNESCO's Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centers and Chairs to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda in Asia and the Pacific



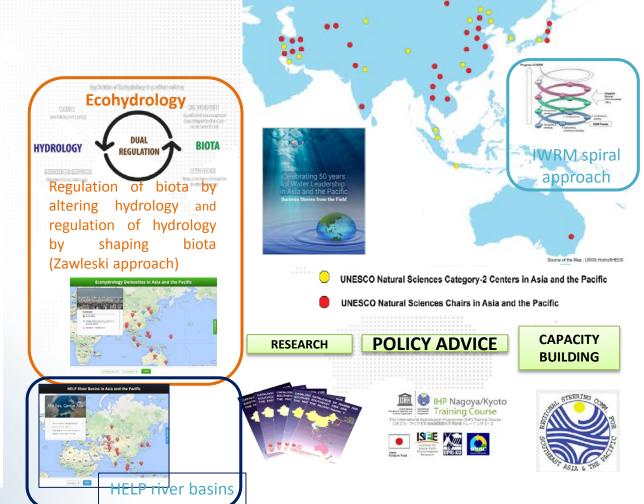
#### 28 Natural Sciences Chairs 15 Natural Sciences Category 2 Centers

UNESCO Natural Sciences Category-3 Centers in Asia and the Pacific

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#### **UNESCO-IHP** in the Asia Pacific Region



- 17 IHP National Committees
- 6 UNESCO Water Centres among 15 Science Centres
- 6 UNESCO Water Chairs among 28 Science Chairs in the Asia Pacific Region.
- Regional Steering Committee for Southeast Asia and the Pacific.
- International Flood Initiative Secretariat
- International Drought Initiative Secretariat





# SDGs Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all





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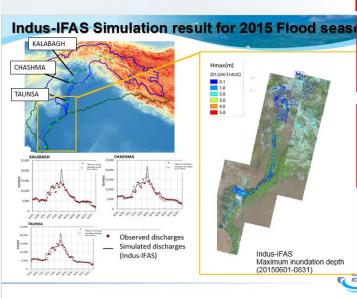
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Ongoing JICA funded project Strategic Strengthening of Flood Warning and Management Capacity of Pakistan- Phase 2



Introduction of Mr Aziz Aimaq, director ANDMA and Mr Farhad Nayyer, Modeller MEW Afghanistan to Mr Riaz, Chief Meteorologist, FFD in presence of ICHARM (Mr Iwami, Dr Tsuda), 22 April 2016

A. Establishment of the technical foundation for sustainable capacity development on the flood management, forecasting, early warning and flood hazard analysis in Pakistan agencies



http://alevelrivers. weebly.com/

> B. Technical studies to promote strengthening of cooperation with Indus river basin countries for transboundary flood management and transboundary data sharing

C. Capacity building and education to community on flood management for proper utilization of flood hazard information and tools



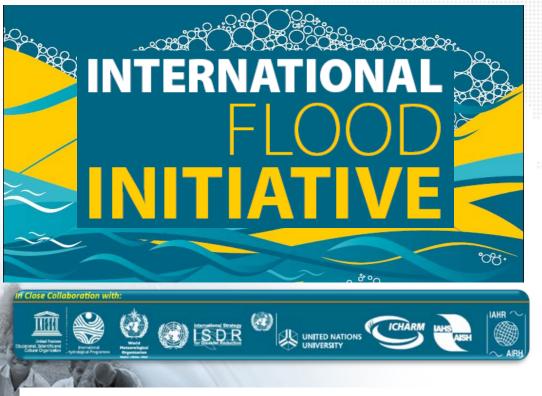




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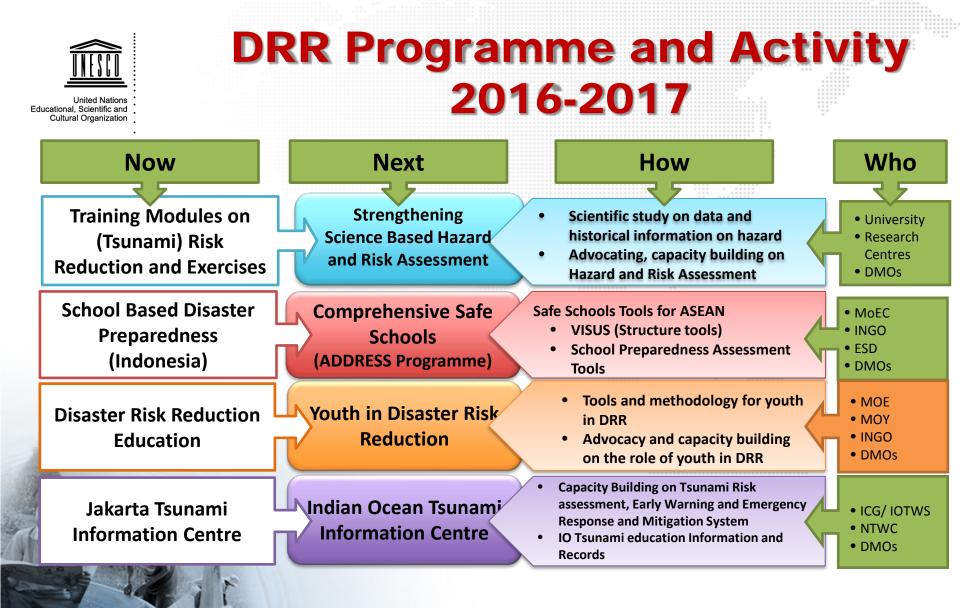
## Water related disasters Initiatives



UNESCO office Jakarta to contribute case studies in Asia and the Pacific region.

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