

## **Disaster risk reduction and sustainable development – An Editorial**

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**Summary:** Health agencies at all levels should have a role in shaping strategies for integrating DRR into sustainable development policies, for planning, developing and strengthening institutions, mechanisms and capacities to build resilience, and for maintaining effective disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capacities.[9] We can no longer justify the common view that disasters are inevitable, and equally we need to act on the growing recognition for coordination of climate change adaptation plans with DRR measures. Risks are ever-present, and better informed decisions and participation at individual, community and national levels will increase the potential for the best possible outcomes as a result of systematically addressing the underlying determinants and building capacity for resiliency.