

Under the umbrella of the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit of the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO, the [UNESCO Chair on Intersectoral Safety for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience of the University of Udine \(Italy\)](#) is convening the

**Global Webinar**  
of UNESCO Chairs focused on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

# Resilience Catalysts:

## The Interplay of Education, Science and Culture in Transforming Governance for Building Resilience to Disasters.

*Insights from UNESCO Chairs.*

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
11:00 – 13:00 CEST Time

[Link to join the meeting](#)

### Webinar Agenda

Time (CEST)	Webinar item	Institution
11:00 – 11:20	Opening and welcome remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soichiro Yasukawa from UNESCO DRR Unit</li> <li>• Inga Nychanian from UNESCO UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme</li> <li>• Stefano Grimaz, Chairholder of the hosting UNESCO Chair (Udine, Italy)</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:55	1 <sup>st</sup> series of presentations from Chairs (5 minutes each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Water, Energy and Disaster Management for Sustainable Development; Kyoto University (Japan)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Cultural Heritage and Risk Management; Ritsumeikan University (Japan)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability; University of Pannonia; The Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation (ISES) (Hungary)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Urban Resilience; University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Gender, Vulnerability and Well-being in Disaster Risk Reduction Support; Kobe University (Japan)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair in Societal Climate Change Research and Resilience; Universität Hamburg (Germany)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Engineering; University College London (United Kingdom)</li> </ul>
11:55 – 12:05	Q&A on the 1 <sup>st</sup> series	Facilitated by the host
12:05 – 12:40	2 <sup>nd</sup> series of presentations from Chairs (5 minutes each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Intersectoral Safety for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience; University of Udine (Italy)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Solid Earth Physics and Geohazards Risk Reduction; Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on the Prevention and Sustainable Management of Geo-hydrological Hazards; University of Florence (Italy)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction; University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair in Informatics and Multi-hazard Risk Reduction; Loughborough University (United Kingdom)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair for Science, Technology and Engineering Education; AGH University of Sciences and Technology (Poland)</li> <li>• UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies, Story-telling and Anticipation: Living Traditions, Transitions, and Resilience; University of Makeni (Sierra Leone)</li> </ul>
12:40 – 12:50	Q&A on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> series	Facilitated by the host
12:50 – 13:00	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soichiro Yasukawa from UNESCO DRR unit</li> </ul>

## Objective:

The webinar aims to begin exploring the role of UNESCO Chairs focused on disaster risk reduction and resilience, in the complex interplay between Education, Science, and Culture, to enhancing resilience and mitigating disasters.

The webinar will feature presentations from representatives of a selected group of UNESCO Chairs. Each Chair will outline their **"position" within the broader UNESCO field(s)**, highlighting their specific activities and contributions towards disaster risk reduction and building resilience. The predefined positioning criteria have been conceived in consultation with the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit of UNESCO.

Additionally, Chairs will be asked to present case studies, projects or initiatives that highlight the **role of the Chair as a catalyst for resilience**, promoting the communities' capacity to prepare for, absorb, and adapt to shocks from natural hazards and climate impacts.

Finally, the webinar also aims to start **fostering** ongoing dialogue and collaboration among participating UNESCO Chairs.

## Expected outcomes:

Participants are provided with an **overview of the activities and initiatives** of the involved disaster risk reduction and resilience-focused UNESCO Chairs. The meeting aims to encourage increased **inter-sectoral collaborations** toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UNESCO Chairs and their resilience-related activities are **mapped** and will be **compiled** in a concise report to be disseminated with the participants and the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit of UNESCO.

## CONTACT

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