

# IDRiM2025 Conference

15th International Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management

Samos, Greece, September 28-October 1, 2025.



## Advancing disaster risk reduction in islands and remote areas

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

The 15th International Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (IDRiM2025), titled “Advancing disaster risk reduction in islands and remote areas”, highlights the distinct risk environments and multifaceted **challenges faced by islands and remote areas**. In this context, the conference places **accessibility** (physical, social, economic, institutional, etc.) at the center, examining its impact on disaster mitigation, emergency response, and disaster recovery in the era of climate crisis and globalization.

Remote areas, such as small islands, peninsulas, forest and rural communities, and mountainous regions, are often characterized by their geographic isolation, limited infrastructure, forced self-reliance, and fragile ecosystems. These regions face **significant challenges in disaster risk reduction and management**, including difficulties in accessing resources and services, and weak connection to emergency management systems. Communication barriers and fragmented governance structures further hinder communication and coordination among stakeholders, and challenge access to critical information. Additionally, the impacts of climate change and globalization exacerbate vulnerabilities, making it essential to develop and implement adaptive, sustainable, and locally tailored solutions to reduce risks and enhance resilience.

Addressing disaster risks in complex and resource-constrained settings often reveals critical implementation gaps. To bridge these gaps, emphasis is placed on the pivotal role of **implementation science**, which integrates **research, policy, and practice** to develop adaptive, collaborative, and participatory solutions for disaster risk management. Implementation science enables the systematic identification of gaps and barriers to effective action and the **development of tailored strategies** to overcome them, ensuring that interventions are context-specific and feasible. Additionally, it fosters **continuous learning** through iterative processes, allowing stakeholders to refine their approaches based on real-time feedback and evolving conditions. Focusing on the **practical aspects** of implementing integrated disaster risk management, the conference invites the scientific community, decision-makers, and practitioners to explore strategies for disaster risk reduction and management in contexts where access to locations, infrastructure, services, resources, funding, information, and knowledge is limited, intermittent, or constrained.

Scheduled over three and a half days, from **September 28th to October 1st, 2025**, IDRiM2025 will foster **dialogue between scientists, practitioners, and decision-makers** to address the multifaceted challenges faced by islands and remote areas in advancing disaster risk reduction and management.



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## Themes and topics of the Conference

### *Understanding disaster risk*

- (Disaster) Risk assessment at a local level considering global flows and trends
- Frameworks to bridge knowledge and practice, fostering collaborative approaches to risk assessment
- Coastal and mountain hazards and risks in the era of climate change
- All-of-society engagement and participation for better risk and disaster data
- Citizen science for disaster risk reduction
- Sharing risk knowledge amongst different geo-administrative levels, sectors, communities, and scientific fields
- Spatial and temporal dimensions of hazard, exposure, vulnerability and disaster risk
- Comparing disaster response and recovery capacities in remote vs. non-remote areas

### *Strengthening disaster risk governance towards reducing and managing disaster risk in islands and remote areas*

- All-of-society disaster risk reduction and management
- Risk awareness, information and communication leaving no one behind
- Capacity-building for participatory and risk-informed decision-making
- Science-policy-practice-community collaboration in disaster reduction and management
- Developing capacities and knowledge towards a resilient future
- Policies for enhancing individual, community and institutional disaster resilience and climate change adaptation
- Risk governance structures that integrate implementation science to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination

### *Investing in disaster risk reduction and resilience in islands and remote areas*

- Sustainable and resilient infrastructure, tools and systems to improve accessibility
- Incentivizing private sector investment and engagement in disaster risk reduction
- Innovative investments and financing mechanisms for islands and remote areas
- Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction towards local development
- Risk informed investment in islands and remote areas, focusing on health, transport and tourism
- Investing in Nature based Solutions for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
- Comparing approaches to infrastructure resilience in remote and non-remote areas

### *Improving disaster preparedness and response – “Build Back Better”*

- Multi-Hazard early warning systems considering local priorities and challenges
- Emergency evacuation and relocation through the lens of sustainable development
- Information and Communication Systems for crisis and disaster management
- Disaster recovery and reconstruction of historic / traditional settlements and areas
- Build Back Better from disaster
- Inclusive preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction
- Leveraging resilience to hazards and sustainability through disaster reconstruction
- Learning from disasters
- Embedding adaptive processes in disaster preparedness and emergency response efforts



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## Venue

The Conference will take place in the **island of Samos (Northern Aegean Sea, Greece)**. An island near international borders is a suitable place for hosting dialogues on challenges in disaster risk reduction and disaster management that islands and remote areas face. The island has learnt from past crises and disasters and is taking steps to reduce disaster risk and to build crisis management capacity. Samos is also well known for its natural beauty, archaeological sites, excellent food and wine, and local hospitality.

### **IDRiM2025 Call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations**

We welcome contributions from around the world, related to disaster risk assessment, reduction and management; risk perception and communication; risk governance; crisis and emergency management; disaster preparedness and response; disaster recovery and reconstruction; climate change adaptation; resilience to hazards and disasters; sustainable development and disaster risk reduction.

All hazards, risks, and disaster types are of concern, including those relating with public health emergencies (e.g., epidemics, biological), technological accidents (e.g., chemical, radiological), environmental and climato-meteorological hazards (e.g., earthquake, landslide, extreme temperature, storm, flood, drought, desertification), climate change, while the emphasis remains on islands and remote areas.

Abstracts up to 400 words should be submitted through IDRiM2025 website: [www.idrim2025.com](http://www.idrim2025.com).

### **Call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations by Young Scientists**

Early career researchers/scientists/practitioners are a unique group within the academic and practice world, as they often introduce innovative ideas and research that can support or even challenge existing ways of thinking about the world around us. However, usually young scientists leave academia within three years of completing their research programs. Consequently, their ideas and research often leave as well, without the exposure they deserve.

The Annual IDRiM conference offers young researchers/scientists/practitioners an opportunity to present their innovative ideas and research to a wider audience. The Young Scientists Session (YSS) is a unique occasion that they have the opportunity to make an oral presentation and/or a poster presentation. Details on eligibility are available at: <https://idrim2025.com/yss-track/>. Abstracts up to 400 words should be submitted through the IDRiM2025 website: [www.idrim2025.com](http://www.idrim2025.com).

As IDRiM does every year, there will be a “Best Young Scientist Award” competition. The top three YSS awardees from IDRiM 2025, will be invited to deliver a full academic-style presentation to a specially arranged session in 2026.

### **Call for Special Session proposals**

Special session proposals including the session rationale, format, duration, names and affiliations of session organizer(s), and the names of potential speakers, should be submitted through the IDRiM2025 website: [www.idrim2025.com](http://www.idrim2025.com).

### **Submission of full papers to be published in the IDRiM Journal**

We invite all presenters, including Young Scientists, to consider submitting full papers based on their work presented at the IDRiM2025 conference, for possible publication in the Journal of Integrated Disaster Risk Management – the official Journal of the IDRiM Society. Full papers should be submitted directly through the IDRiM Journal’s website (<https://www.idrimjournal.com/>), indicating that the paper is for the IDRiM 2025 Conference Special Issue.



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## Important dates

Call for the abstracts and session proposals	February 2025
Deadline for submission of abstracts and session proposals	March 31st, 2025
Announcement of review results	April 28, 2025
Deadline for early bird registration	June 15, 2025
Announcement of Preliminary Conference Program	June 23, 2025
Conference dates	September 28-October 1, 2025

## Conference registration fee

	Early-Bird Fee (euros)	Regular Fee (euros)
Full Delegates (IDRIM member)	260	350
Full Delegates (non-IDRIM member)	340	460
Full Delegates (IDRIM member) – Reduced fees*	120	160
Full Delegates (non-IDRIM member) – Reduced fees*	200	270
Student Delegates (IDRIM member)	80	110
Student Delegates (non-IDRIM member)	120	160
Student Delegates (IDRIM member) – Reduced fees*	50	80
Student Delegates (non-IDRIM member) – Reduced fees*	90	120

\* Reduced fees apply to participants whose country of affiliation (not residence) is one with a Gross National Income per capita (2023) less than 50.000 PPPs – International dollars according to the World Bank list. To find the list please click [here](#).

## Annual IDRiM membership fees

Regular IDRiM members	10,000JPY (~63 euros)
Regular IDRiM Student members	5,000JPY (~31 euros)

To see how to become an IDRiM member, please click [here](#).

## Contact

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