In 1989 the United Nations General Assembly called for a day to promote a culture of risk awareness, disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness across the globe. On 13 October each year, the International Day for Disaster Reduction highlights how at risk communities are reducing their exposure to disasters.

Each year, the theme is based on the Sendai Seven Campaign – 7 Targets, 7 Years. This year the theme focuses on Target C of the Sendai Framework, which is to “Reduce direct disaster economic loss in relation to global gross domestic product by 2030”. The Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC is the national coordinator for the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk in Australia.

The Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) is hosting a public forum on the latest research, policies and practices targeted at reducing the number of people affected by natural disasters around the world. Speakers will explore Australia’s contribution to reducing impacts from a range of natural disasters.

• What are the economic challenges we face in preparing and responding to natural disasters and how can they be addressed?
• What can we do today to reduce costs tomorrow?

The Adelaide event will feature a range of speakers, including practitioners and researchers, discussing how their work is helping build disaster resilient communities across Australia.

Speakers

Alan March
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Frank Crisci
SA POWER NETWORKS

Jillian Edwards
RESILIENCE TASKFORCE, DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

Malcolm Jackman
SAFECOM

Peta O’Donohue
COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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