

i-Rec 6th International Conference on Sustainable Post-disaster Reconstruction from Recovery to Risk Reduction



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Conference themes

Linking reconstruction with disaster risk reduction

This conference theme brings together experts on technical, institutional, socio-economic and cultural factors affecting the outcome of different reconstruction strategies, and forges links between the analysis of approaches to post-disaster reconstruction and disaster risk reduction.

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Post-disaster reconstruction in urban areas

This conference theme consolidates knowledge and experience on reconstruction in urban areas and aims at triggering a debate on salient concerns that are related to vulnerability and risks, notably concerning the challenges facing housing and reconstruction in urban areas.

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Sustainable housing designs and building technologies

This conference theme aims at stimulating a debate about sustainable reconstruction technologies and at contributing to conceptual and methodological advances in assessing the environmental and social impacts of housing designs and building technologies.

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Long-term impact of reconstruction

This conference theme focuses on the impact of post-disaster reconstruction on the livelihoods of the affected communities and their resilience to future disasters particularly in terms of the long-term impact of disaster responses.

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Conference themes

Bridging the gap between theory and practice

Towards a needs-based research agenda. This conference theme emphasizes the importance of closing the gap between theory and practice by making scientific research more relevant to decision makers and agencies involved in post-disaster reconstruction and risk reduction. Through a moderated panel debate the conference aims at building bridges between policy makers, reconstruction professionals, and academics.

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Conference features

- Keynote presentations
- Research papers and case studies
- Workshops
- Panel discussions
- Poster exhibition
- Award for the best paper
- Student Competition
- Award for the best student project



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Conference Organizers



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i-Rec - Information and Research for Reconstruction

i-Rec is a web-based international network that was founded to focus on the study of reconstruction after disasters. i-Rec creates links between scholars and professional in the field of post-disaster reconstruction, particularly in the areas of architecture, social sciences, engineering and construction, humanitarian aid, and international development. i-Rec deals with information exchange between its members in order to contribute with knowledge related to building activities in situations of crisis, particularly disasters in developing countries.

Learn more about i-Rec: www.grif.umontreal.ca/i-Rec.htm

World Habitat Research Centre

The WHRC of the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland is a centre of competence specialized in interdisciplinary research on environmental, socio-economic, technical and cultural dimensions of the built environment. Post-disaster reconstruction is one of the key competences of the WHRC that is pursued through research, policy advocacy, education, and consultancies, in partnerships with academic institutions, NGOs, public and private agencies and community organizations in low-, middle-, and high-income countries.

Learn more about the WHRC:

www.worldhabitat.supsi.ch/

The Centro Stefano Franscini (CSF)

The Centro Stefano Franscini (CSF) is the international conference centre of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, situated in the south of Switzerland (Canton Ticino) at Monte Verità. It is located on the fascinating hill called “Hill of Truth”, overlooking the town of Ascona and Lake Maggiore with its Brissago Islands. The unique microclimatic characteristics in this sunny southern part of Switzerland generate an exuberant and evergreen vegetation which creates a typically Mediterranean and particularly restful atmosphere.

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