

Research into Coastal Urban Agglomeration Policy

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GDRC's Professors Richard Haigh and Dilanthi Amaratunga have been recently successful with a research proposal entitled: 'Mainstreaming Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption Strategies into Coastal Urban Agglomeration Policy'

Value of the grant is £120,000 for 18 months and it is funded by the Newton Fund Institutional Links Programme.

Professor Haigh is the GDRC lead where as Dr Harkunti P. Rahayu at Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia is leading the project from Indonesia.



Photo: Professor Haigh and Dr Rahayu

Associate partners are: National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB); Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysical Agency (BMKG); Ministry of Agrarian and Spatial Planning; and University of Andalas, all from Indonesia and UNESCO ICG/IOTWMS based in Perth, Australia.

This collaboration and research project will develop researcher capacity and novel, integrated DRR and CCA strategies that can protect centres of economic growth and development outcomes in coastal urban agglomerations. Through documented Indonesia case studies and international good practices, and a stakeholder map of DRR and CCA actors at the city level, the project will develop a multi stakeholder transition pathway and a clear policy statement on mainstreaming DRR and CCA in Indonesia's coastal urban agglomeration development plan.

The project will reduce disaster risk, including human and economic losses, and create more resilient, connected communities. It will foster multi-stakeholder involvement in development processes and equal participation of groups who are often excluded, such as women, children and youth, and people with disabilities. It will directly contribute to Indonesia's efforts in working towards the targets set out in the global agreements on disaster risk reduction (Sendai Framework), Climate Change (COP21) and Sustainable Development Goals.

Research activities of this exciting project will commence in April 2017 and further details can be obtained from Professor Richard Haigh: r.haigh@hud.ac.uk (mailto:r.haigh@hud.ac.uk)

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