

Launching CABARET

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CABARET (Capacity Building in Asia for Resilience EducaTion) project, which is led by Professor Richard Haigh of University Huddersfield's Global Disaster Resilience Centre, was launched in March 2017 with the organisation of the project kick off meeting in Sri Lanka from 27th to 30th March 2017. The Project Kick-Off Meeting was intended to ensure that all project participants begin the project with a clear and shared understanding of the project and project expectations including: Description of the effort (*What*); What it will entail (*Scope*); Why it is being done (*Value Proposition*); When (*Schedule*) How (*Methods and process*) and How much (*Cost*); and Project team members role and responsibilities.



Photo: CABARET launch participants

Kick off meeting also provided a forum to: Publicly state that the project is beginning; Communicate the shared view of the project; and to Establish a commitment by project partners.



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During the CABARET kick off meeting, project partners managed to get familiar with project plans, output and associated procedures; Discussed the project outputs and associated development time scales; Discussed the importance and ways of engaging the institutions in the project activities; Established and developed mechanisms for regular feedback to these stakeholders and for the relevant authorities; and Discussed dissemination, commencing from the beginning of the project and the importance of including external stakeholders for dissemination events – enterprises, national authorities, NGOs.



Photo: Professor Richard Haigh of University Huddersfield's Global Disaster Resilience Centre Global Disaster Resilience Centre, the Principle Investigator of CABARET introducing CABARET

About CABARET

Professor Richard Haigh of University Huddersfield's Global Disaster Resilience Centre Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield, UK in the Principle Investigator of CABARET with 15 partners from Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, UK, Spain, Bulgaria, Latvia and Malta. Its associate partners include IOC/UNESCO, UNISDR, ADPC and Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities.

CABARET aims to promote international cooperation between Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in Asia and Europe, and among Asian HEIs themselves, to improve multi-hazard early warning and increase resilience among coastal communities. CABARET will strengthen relations between HEIs and the wider economic and social environment through its focus on coastal communities, many of which are under severe pressure resulting from planned and unplanned development, population growth and human induced vulnerability, coastal hazards with increasing frequency and magnitude, and the impacts of global climate change. It will build capacity, foster regional integration and cooperation through joint initiatives, sharing of good practices and cooperation among HEIs in Asia and Europe.

CABARET will empower individuals and organisations with the skills, competencies and credentials needed to promote and sustain regional cooperation within Asia and Europe, and within Asia itself, aimed at reducing the likelihood and impact of disasters in coastal communities. It will enhance the capacities of the partner HEIs in Asia to meet (match) the challenges and specific needs of the wider economic and social environment - strengthening the internationalisation of HEIs and their capacity to network effectively in research, scientific and technological innovation, facilitate the exchange of experience and practice despite of diversity, and increase the ability of partner HEIs in Asia to build relationships with relevant socio-economic actors.

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