

E-conference

on Landslide Risk Reduction

World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Disaster Reduction

Model Policy Frameworks, Standards and Guidelines on
Landslide Disaster Reduction



International E-Conference 2015

Progress Report

Conference Title:	International E-Conference on Landslide Risk Reduction 2015
Major Theme:	Developing Model Policy Frameworks, Standards and Guidelines on Landslide Disaster Reduction
Web site:	http://www.e-conference.crdcecbssl.lk/
Duration:	6 months
Date of Commencement:	24 th March 2015
Date of Completion:	24 th September 2015

Objectives of the Project:

- ♣ Deeply confer the areas that are required to be prioritized to reduce natural hazards in terms of developing humanitarian frameworks, standards and guidelines that are worthwhile to be followed
- ♣ To create a cluster of scientists, researchers, intellectuals and practitioners from institutional or industrial organizations for dissemination of knowledge and exchange of experiences related to disaster resilience
- ♣ The conference could be utilized as a communication media to exchange future activities and action plans on disaster reduction
- ♣ To design novel strategies and mitigatory action plans to minimize the risk in landslide prone areas considering the discussed particulars in the conference.

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Organized By

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Partnerships:

International Consortium on Landslides
International Programme on Landslides
United Nations Development Programme
National Building Research Organization
Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

Summary on progress (24th March to 24th April 2015)

The Centre for Research and Development of Natural Resources Management and Laboratory Services of CECB has taken the initiative of organizing an International E-Conference on Landslide Risk Reduction with the primary objective of Developing a Master Plan for Landslide Risk Mitigation in the world by identifying the critical factors that may directly affect it and Developing a set of Teaching Tools/Guidelines which is more practical and suitable in the *level of understanding* by the individuals who are actually facing such scenarios.

The conference was an amalgamation of more than 300 participants representing almost all the continents in the world and more than 20 keynote experts/facilitators supporting for an effective communication platform throughout the project. The conference was carried out through an official website (<http://e-conference.crdcecb.lk/>) specifically created as an open source media to enable all the viewers to connect simultaneously to share their ideas and comments related to the topic. Three major topics were discussed throughout conference proceedings. Participants have expressed their ideas on technical issues, social and ethical aspects, required recommendations and regulations in the discussion sessions.

A Local Forum was also been carried out in parallel to the International E-conference 2015 in order to deeply confer the pressing matters occurred due to landslides in national significance. A consultation

workshop was conducted to facilitate this initiative and it has undoubtedly made a massive opportunity to identify the local issues from the grass root level.

An open session for comments on uploaded articles/papers was conducted with the active guidance of key experts and facilitators of the respective fields. A Question Session was also instigated in order to clarify all the issues that have been emerged through the conference deliberations utilizing the expertise knowledge in finding the best solution. The experts reviewed the globally available imperative information, identified research needs and gaps in existing recommendations directly relevant to the respective problems. The summary of the key areas discussed is published later in the conference submissions.

As the conference is an online – dialogue, the institution wishes to filter the most imperative facts discussed throughout the conference and publish it in the form of a printed document so as to increase the readability and obtaining the maximum usage of it towards the society. Our target is focused more towards the social aspects such as to enrich the landslide risk awareness among citizens (including school students, workmen and laymen) and ensure the effective transmission of this message among public and enhance the adoptability with the mechanisms involving landslide mitigation and slope protection measures discussed throughout the conference. It is our pleasure to work in partnership with UNDP towards this approach.

It was certainly a fruitful global discussion in supporting to bring the sustainable humanitarian future to fruition.

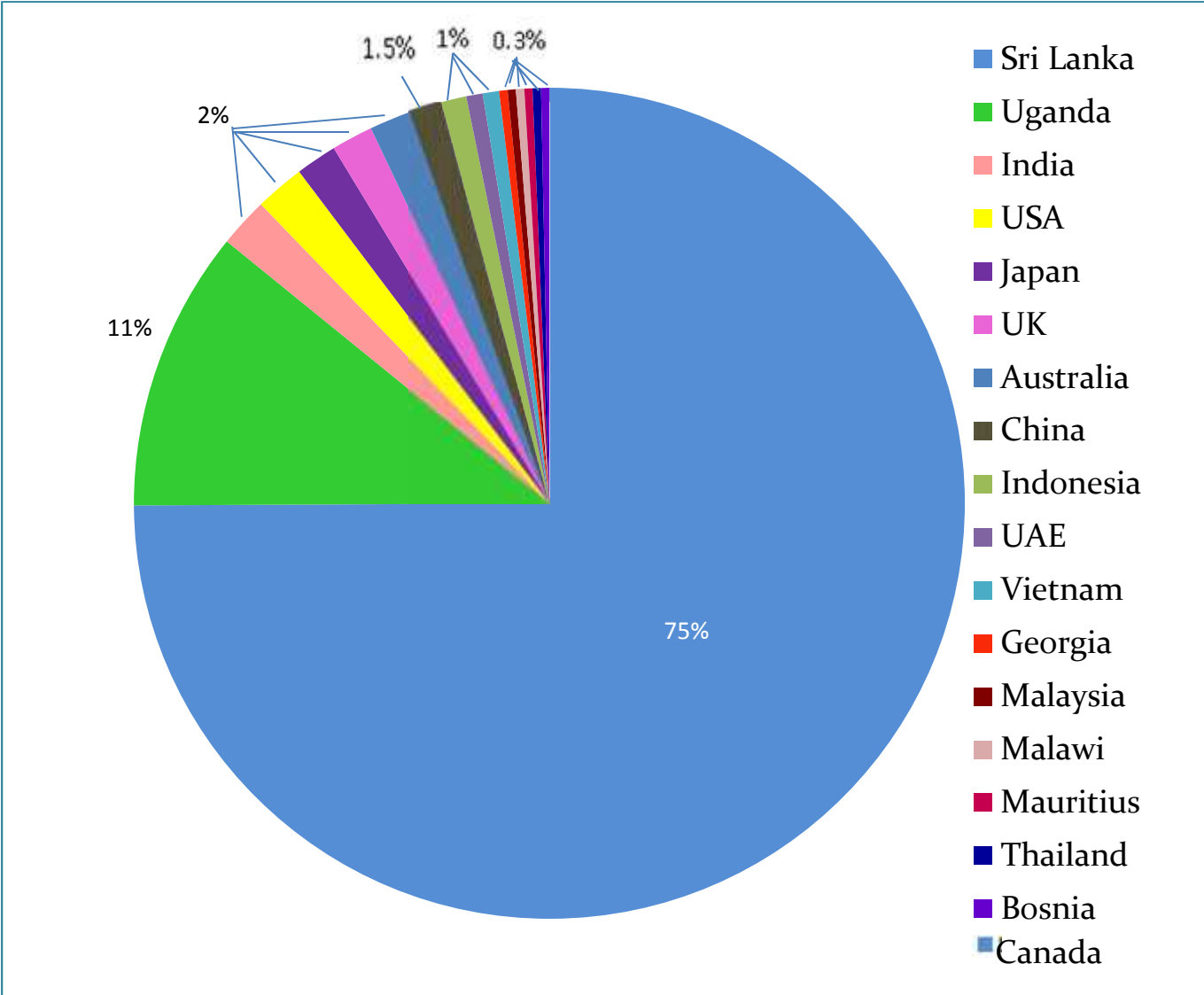
Active Key-Experts

- ❖ Dr. R. K. Bhandari, India
- ❖ Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga, UK
- ❖ Prof. Richard Haigh – UK
- ❖ Eng. Nihal Rupasinghe -SL
- ❖ Dr. A. Karunawardena – SL
- ❖ Eng. Kumari Weerasinghe – SL
- ❖ Dr. Buddhika Hapuarchchi -SL
- ❖ Prof. R. Ratnaweera – SL
- ❖ Mr. R. M. S. Bandara – SL
- ❖ Dr. D. Wickramasinghe –SL
- ❖ Ms. Bindu Urugodawatte - SL

Statistics

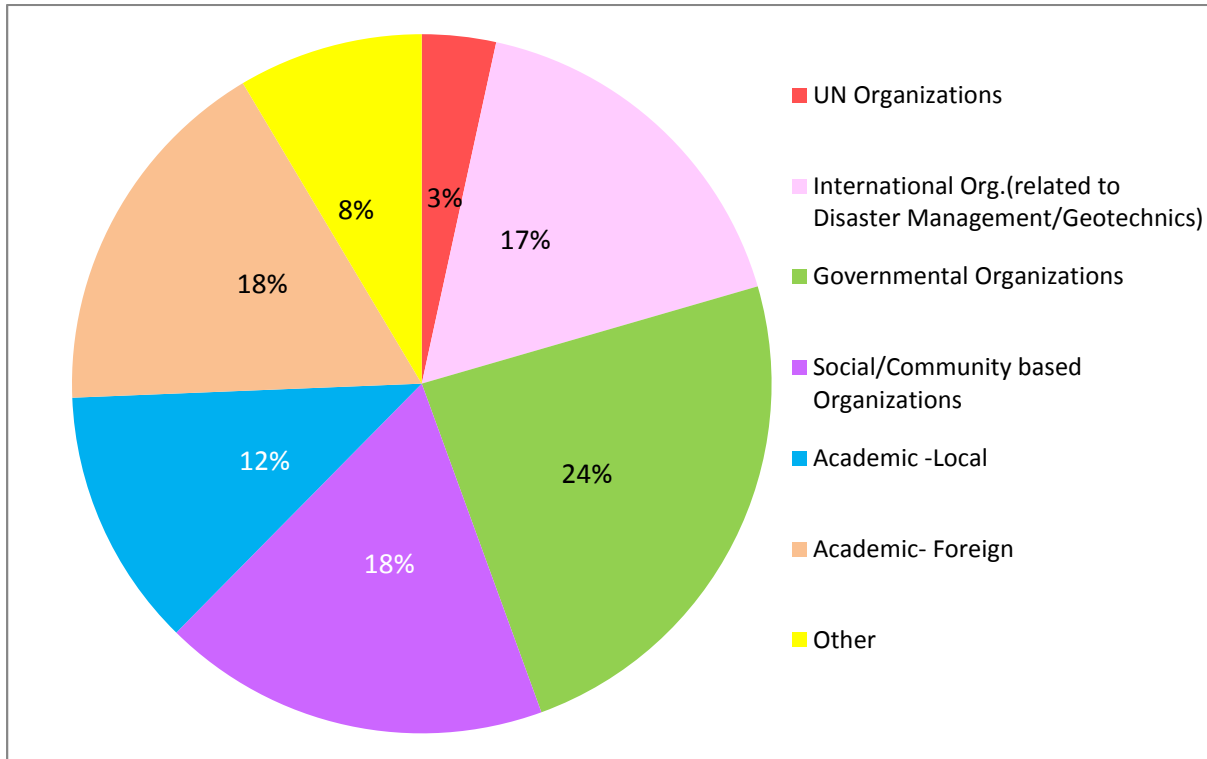
Percentage of participants by country

Number of participants: 313



Number of countries participated: 18

Percentage of participants by affiliation



Percentage of participants by career

