

UNU Book Launch & Panel Discussion:

Coping with Global Environmental Change, Disasters and Security – Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks

**1:15pm to 2:30pm | Wednesday, 23 March 2011
Conference Room 8, UN Headquarters**

Proposed AGENDA

- 1:15pm – 1:20pm Introduction by **Jean-Marc Coicaud**, Director of the United Nations University, Office at the United Nations in New York (UNU-ONY)
- 1:20pm – 2:00pm (8 minutes each) **H.E. Ambassador Professor Dr. Joy Ogwu**, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, author of a foreword
H.E. Ambassador Dr. Peter Wittig, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Delegate to the Second Committee, representing the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
Hans Günter Brauch, Adj. Professor, Free University of Berlin; senior CASA fellow, UNU-EHS (Bonn); chairman of AFES-PRESS, Germany; co-editor, author
Úrsula Oswald Spring, Professor, Centro Regional de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (CRIM-UNAM, Cuernavaca, Mexico); first MR Chair on Social Vulnerability, UNU-EHS; co-editor, author
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm Q&A moderated by Jean-Marc Coicaud, UNU-ONY

This event is organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations in New York (UNU-ONY)

	<p>This policy-focused <i>Global Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene</i> (GEHSHA) addresses new security threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks posed by global environmental change and disasters. In 5 forewords, 5 preface essays 95 peer reviewed chapters, 164 authors from 48 countries analyse in 10 parts concepts of military and political hard security and economic, social, environmental soft security with a regional focus on the Near East, North and Sub-Sahara Africa and Asia and on hazards in urban centres. The major focus is on coping with global environmental change: climate change, desertification, water, food and health and with hazards and strategies on social vulnerability and resilience building and scientific, international, regional and national political strategies, policies and measures including early warning of conflicts and hazards. The book proposes a political geo-ecology and discusses a 'Fourth Green Revolution'.</p>
<p>Forewords by Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP; Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU; Jean-Francois Bureau, Assistant Secretary General, NATO; Amb. Joy Ogwu, former Foreign Minister of Nigeria; His Royal Highness, Prince Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan.</p>	
<p>Prefaces by Prof. Dr. Paul C. Crutzen, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry; Amb. Jayantha Dha-napala, President, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, 5; Prof. Dr. Ulrich Beck, University of Munich; Dr. Hania Zlotnik, Director, UN Populations Division, United Nations, NY; Prof. Dr. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director, Potsdam Institute of Climate Impact Research.</p>	

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