

KEY EVENTS

A list of international conferences, workshops and meetings is provided below to highlight those events which might provide an appropriate platform for promotion of Respond.

Priority

- 1 RESPOND attending
- 2 RESPOND members attending (mention RESPOND)
- 3 RESPOND monitor / network (mention RESPOND if opportunity)
- 4 Speculative User link

Priority	DATE	EVENT / LOCATION	NOTES / REMARKS
2007			
1	17 th March	2nd UK GMES Forum "Making GMES work for users" BERR Conference Centre (former DTI Conference Centre)	The annual UK GMES Forum (GF) offers an opportunity for the UK stakeholder community to be engaged and informed of progress made toward GMES. The UKGF also facilitates discussion on the best way forward for UK GMES and interaction between the UK GMES community and representatives of the main GMES Programme. For further information, contact: Kesia Trench, Defra – Earth Observation Team ukgmes.forum@defra.gov.uk Tel: 020 7238 6562
1	19 th March	Is GMES an opportunity for the service industry? European Commission – Building Charlemagne (Room Gasperi (on level 2), Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Bruxelles. In collaboration with EC-GMES Bureau and ESA	The EARSC Workshop organised around these topics with participations from small and large industries as well as from European and national institutions and users More information contact secretariat@earsc.org
1	27 th March	"Working Meeting: United Nations Initiatives in the Area of Risk and Disaster Management and Emergency Response and Space-based Solutions and Information" in Geneva, Switzerland,	This meeting is being organized by ITU, UNOOSA and GEO. Further information can be obtained from Mr. David Stevens (david.stevens@unoosa.org).
4	March 31 - April 4	2007 National Hurricane Conference.	The primary goal of the National Hurricane Conference is to improve hurricane preparedness, response,

		Orlando, FL	recovery, and mitigation in order to save lives and property in the United States and the tropical islands of the Caribbean and Pacific. In addition, the conference serves as a national forum for federal, state, and local officials to exchange ideas and recommend new policies to improve emergency management. For more information, visit: http://www.hurricanemeeting.com
4	APRIL 13-18	European Geosciences Union General Assembly. Organizer: European Geosciences Union Vienna, Austria	The EGU General Assembly will bring together geoscientists from all over Europe and the rest of the world into one meeting covering all disciplines of the earth, planetary and space sciences. Especially for young scientists, the EGU provides a forum to present work and discuss ideas with experts in all fields of geosciences. For more information, visit: http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2007
4	APRIL 15-19	2008 Meeting of the AAG. Organizer: Association of American Geographers (AAG). Boston, Massachusetts	This annual meeting attracts over 5,000 geographers and related professionals from the United States, Canada, and abroad and stimulates discussion about research, education, accomplishments, and developments in geography. To learn more, contact the AAG; (202) 234-1450; meeting@aag.org ; http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2008/index.htm
21	JUNE 11-20	51st Session of UN-COPUOS (Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space) Vienna, Austria	UN-COPUOS has 69 member states and there are specific agenda and work programme items on disaster management, including SPIDER. Respond has been formally presented at COPUOS before. COPUOS was set up to review the scope of international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space, to devise programmes in this field to be undertaken under United Nations auspices, to encourage continued research and the dissemination of information on

			outer space matters, and to study legal problems arising from the exploration of outer space.
3	JUNE 15-18	18th World Conference in Disasters and Emergency Management. Organizer: Canadian centre for emergency preparedness Toronto, Canada	WCDM is the premier annual event that addresses issues common to all aspects of disaster management. The 2008 Conference theme will be: "Resiliency - Individual, Community and Business" To learn more visit http://www.wcdm.org/
2	JUNE 17-19	15th Annual Conference of the International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) Prague, Czech Republic	TIEMS is a nonprofit society dedicated to developing modern emergency management tools and bringing their benefits to society. This conference, "Global Cooperation in Emergency and Disaster Management," will address numerous issues and developments in emergency management, including GIS , terrorism, the media, health emergencies, business continuity, and more. For more information, visit www.tiems.org .
1	8 to 11 July 2008	United Nations Regional UN-SPIDER Workshop: Building Upon Regional Space-based Solutions for Disaster Management and Emergency Response for the Caribbean" in Barbados	Information Note and Application Form (coming soon) Further information can be obtained from Mr. Georg Magerl (georg.magerl@unoosa.org).
3	August 04-06	Joint ISCRAM-CHINA and Gi4DM Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Management Organizer: Harbin Engineering University Harbin, China	The joint Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Management combines the programs offered by the 3rd International China Workshop on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM-CHINA) and the 4th International Symposium on Geo-Information for Disaster Management (Gi4DM). More information: http://www.iscram.org/
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		Pacific region"	
2	Sept 11-12	"Remote Sensing for Disaster Management Applications", Pavia, Italy	<p>This workshop follows the 5th edition in Washington D.C. this year and allows researchers and professionals in the field to exchange results about the use of imagery and data from remote sensors to achieve information in all phases of disaster management, from preparation to damage assessment to reconstruction.</p> <p>General enquiries: Paolo Gamba Dip. di Elettronica, Univ. di Pavia, Via A. Ferrata, 1, 27100 Pavia, Italy, Email: paolo.gamba@unipv.it</p>
1	16-18 September	GMES conference "The operational phase" Lille, France,	
	22-26 September	ESA MERIS and (A)ATSR Workshop ESA ESRIN, Frascati, Italy	<p>The workshop is intended to address the utilisation of MERIS and (A)ATSR data for remote sensing of open oceans, coastal waters, land surfaces and atmospheric processes. The workshop is open to researchers, scientists and students working in either public or private sector organisations active in the field of remote sensing with (A)ATSR and MERIS data and to representatives from national, European and International space agencies.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 March 2008.</p> <p>More information can be found at http://earth.esa.int/meris_aatsr_2008</p>
2	13 to 15 October	Second United Nations International UN-SPIDER Bonn Workshop: "Disaster Management and Space Technology - Bridging the Gap" in Bonn, Germany	Further information can be obtained from Mr. Joerg Szarzynski (joerg.szarzynski@unoosa.org)
1	16 to 17	"5th UN-wide Meeting on	This meeting is planned back-to-

	October 2008	the Use of Space Technologies for Emergency Response and Humanitarian Assistance" in Bonn, Germany.	back with the Second United Nations International UN-SPIDER Bonn Workshop (see above). Further information can be obtained from Mr. David Stevens (david.stevens@unoosa.org).
2	tbd	"United Nations International UN-SPIDER Workshop: Promoting the Use of Space-based Solutions for Disaster Management and Emergency Response in Africa" in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Information Note and Application Form Further information can be obtained from Mr. Georg Magerl (georg.magerl@unoosa.org)
2	27th-31 st October	7th International Conference of the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE)-2008	Participants shall discuss the role of Earth Observation technologies and Geoinformation Sciences in production of affordable geospatial data sets for good governance driven development and environmental sustainability More information contact: AARSE 2008 Conference Secretariat Conference Director: ed@cersgis.org