



Against the danger of landslides, scientists from all over the world at a conference in Florence
The World Landslide Forum takes place from 14 to 17 November

Develop collaborative strategies to reduce the risk of landslides worldwide. With this goal in mind, experts from around the world will meet in Florence from Tuesday, November 14 to Friday, November 17 for the 6th World Landslide Forum - WLF6 (Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazza Adua 1, Firenze).

During the Forum, the most important aspects related to landslide research will be addressed following six thematic areas: monitoring and early warning, modelling, hazard and risk assessment, mitigation techniques, triggering mechanisms, and climate change.

The congress will be attended by academic and research institutes, representatives of national and international political institutions, experts in the field of civil protection and disaster relief, and private companies involved in the development of technologies and solutions in the field of landslide risk reduction.

The Chair of the organizing committee of the sixth edition of the congress - entitled "Landslide Science for Sustainable Development" - is Nicola Casagli, professor of engineering geology and president of the Civil Protection Centre at the University of Florence. He is assisted by Paolo Canuti, holder of the UNESCO Chair in "Prevention and Sustainable Management of Geo-hydrological Hazards", and by Veronica Tofani, professor at the University of Florence, who serves as secretary general of the congress.

"The Forum sees the participation of over a thousand researchers from all over the world and constitutes a contribution to the Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020, in the framework of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 for the global promotion of understanding and reducing disaster risk from landslide" explains Casagli, who is also president of the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL), the organizer of WLF6 together with the University of Florence.

"Several scientific, technological and social factors come into play in reducing the risk of landslide disasters." - he continues - "Not only it is important to understand triggers, cascading effects, situations of vulnerability and exposure to risk, but also to raise awareness among citizens and local governments. This goes hand in hand with the development of new capabilities and the dissemination of available teaching tools to facilitate collaboration among governments, civil society, and scientific communities to reduce the risks associated with landslides."

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