



A thousand scientists against landslides
The 6th World Landslide Forum in Florence.
Opening on Tuesday, November 14 at the Palazzo dei Congressi
The event is organized in collaboration with the University of Florence

(Florence, November 9, 2023). A common platform for actions and priorities through the exchange of knowledge, providing the most advanced research and technology for global landslide risk reduction. The 6th World Landslide Forum (WLF6), which opens on Tuesday, November 14 in Florence (Palazzo dei Congressi di Firenze, Piazza Adua 1), aims to achieve this result.

More than 1100 participants from 69 countries will take part in a very intensive programme of work on how to reduce the risk of landslides worldwide through monitoring and early warning, modeling, risk assessment and mitigation techniques, policies, as well as studying the relationship with climate change.

The Forum is jointly organized by the UNESCO Chair on Prevention and Sustainable Management of Geo-hydrological Hazards of the University of Florence and the International Consortium on Landslides under the International Programme on Landslides, with the support of five United Nations organizations (UNESCO, WMO, FAO, UNDRR, UNU) and four international scientific organizations (ISC, WFEO, IUGS and IUGG).

To underline the importance of this event, the 6th World Landslide Forum in Florence has been awarded the Medal of the President of the Italian Republic, in addition to the patronage of five ministries and three departments of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The head of the organizing committee is Nicola Casagli, Professor of Engineering Geology and President of the Center for Civil Protection at the University of Florence. He is supported by Paolo Canuti, holder of the UNESCO Chair, and Veronica Tofani, Professor at the University of Florence and Secretary General of the Forum.

On Tuesday, November 14, work will begin with the opening ceremony (9 a.m.), with institutional greetings and video messages from representatives of the United Nations organizations and the Ministers of the Environment Gilberto Pichetto Fratin and of Civil Protection Nello Musumeci.

This will be followed by a round table discussion with representatives of the FAO, UNESCO, UNDRR (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction) and international scientific organizations. Italy will be represented by Fabrizio Curcio, Head of the Department of Civil Protection, and Stefano Laporta, President of the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA).

At the end of the morning, the Forum will adopt the Florence Declaration on Landslide Risk Reduction. "It is a document of intent that sets out an important direction of work." - explains Nicola Casagli, who is also President of the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL), one of the promoting bodies of the Forum – "The declaration calls on institutions and stakeholders worldwide to adhere to the Kyoto 2020 Commitment under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. But it also includes a call for all those working on landslides as scientists or technicians to contribute to a series of open access publications to spread knowledge and promote collaboration between governments, civil society and scientific communities to reduce the risks associated with landslide disasters.

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NOTE:

Prof. Nicola Casagli will be available to journalists at 10.30 am at the Forum venue (Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazza Adua, 1).

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