What is UN-SPIDER?

UN-SPIDER is a programme created by the United Nations in 2006 and implemented by the Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). We promote, facilitate and support the use of space-based information (such as earth observation, navigation and telecommunication) for disaster risk management and emergency response, particularly in developing countries. Our target groups include the disaster and disaster risk management communities as well as the space community.

What are UN-SPIDER’s topics?

UN-SPIDER is committed to supporting the efforts of developing countries towards sustainable development through the generation and use of relevant geo-spatial information. While disaster response remains an important topic for us, we are also increasingly looking at the use of space-based information in disaster risk reduction, preparedness including early warning and climate change.

What makes UN-SPIDER a strong partner?

• UN-SPIDER can draw on many years of experience in capacity building activities in developing countries
• UN-SPIDER’s Knowledge Portal is the main knowledge management tool providing a wide array of relevant documents, guides, events and contacts
• UN-SPIDER has strong links to its communities via the Knowledge Portal (12,000 monthly visits), the Mailing List (17,000 contacts) and Social Media channels (9,500 followers/fans).

Who are UN-SPIDER’s partners?

UN-SPIDER works with a variety of national, regional and international organizations around the world to strengthen institutional capacities with particular focus on developing countries. Our Regional Support Offices are spread over all continents contributing their regional and local expertise. Our National Focal Points enable us to quickly identify relevant contacts in over 45 countries.

Where can I learn more about UN-SPIDER?

If you wish to learn more about UN-SPIDER and its services, kindly visit our Knowledge Portal (www.un-spider.org) or contact us: un-spider@unooosa.org