

Distinguished Expert in Disaster Risk Reduction Joins EEI

April 1st, 2017 – Andrew Maskrey, former Chief of the Risk Knowledge Section of the United Nations, joined the Extreme Events Institute (EEI) as Distinguished Expert in Disaster Risk Reduction. He brings to FIU not only a global reputation in risk assessment, disaster risk reduction, and event response, but also more than 15 years of leadership experience with the [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction \(UNISDR\)](#) in Geneva, Switzerland. He will be involved in proposal development and strategic initiatives for EEI and FIU.

Working with governmental, non-governmental, and university partners, the Extreme Events Institute (EEI) carries out research and provides strategic technical assistance in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in more than a dozen countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean. Invited to the May 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Cancun, Mexico, EEI's role as a top authority in multi-hazard education, analysis, and action planning has been recognized by the [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction](#).

About EEI

The FIU Extreme Event Institute's (EEI) mission is multi-hazard research synergy across disciplines to reduce human and economic losses from disasters, and to help sustain FIU's Carnegie "Research 1" status. By their very nature, extreme events cross traditional academic boundaries and require trans-disciplinary research and knowledge application. EEI programs include faculty and researchers from the social and behavioral sciences, engineering, computer science, earth and atmospheric sciences, business, public health, public administration, and management.