



Disaster law

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In the sixty-sixth session in 2014, the UN International Law Commission (ILC) adopted the Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the event of Disasters on first reading and transmitted the Draft Articles to Governments, international organisations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for comments and observations.

The Asia-Pacific is the most disaster-prone region in the world and Australia is certainly no exception given the scale and the number of disasters that hit the nation, and to which Australia responds in the Asia-Pacific Region.

In the event of disasters, the underlying security issues tend to be exacerbated, posing challenges to disaster relief and recovery operations including the deployment of foreign troops to assist humanitarian aid. These challenges raise a complex set of legal questions cutting across different areas of law, which need to be addressed for any effective protection of persons affected by the disasters.

With the 1 January 2016 deadline for comments and observations on the Draft Articles fast approaching, this public seminar will bring together government officials and academic experts working in this field to discuss the ILC's work and the legal, practical and sociological impacts of the Draft Articles for future disaster management.

Presentations

Chester Brown The role of ILC in the codification of rules on disaster
Luke Brown Improving regional disaster management arrangements—cooperation and coordination or a legal approach?
Helen James Potential impacts of the ILC Draft Articles in the Asia-Pacific
Michael Eburn Select legal issues concerning the ILC Draft Articles

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