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#### **Abstract**

Disaster Management has over the past couple of years experienced a major paradigm shift from hazard assessment that causes disasters once they have occurred to mitigating the effects of hazards by means of disaster risk assessment. Geo-information science particularly earth observation-based information plays an important role in all phases of Disaster Management. To become sustainable, however, Disaster Management requires a) a proper institutional setting, b) appropriate geoinfor-mation and communication technology and c) comprehen-sive capacity building component constituting three interlinked cornerstones. The School for Disaster Geo-Information Management at ITC implements such a com-prehensive capacity building programme in the frame-work of a joint United Nations University - ITC effort, comprising education and training, research and advisory services © 2006 IEEE.

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