



Disaster Preparedness and Response: The Global View

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Thursday 29 October 2020 from 3:00pm – RBWH Education Centre, Auditorium or Virtual attendance via CrowdCast

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Presented by Dr Ian Norton - Director, Respond Global Australia

Dr Ian Norton is a Specialist Emergency Physician with post graduate qualifications in Surgery, International Health and Tropical Medicine. Ian headed the World Health Organization Emergency Medical Team (EMT) Initiative program in HQ Geneva from 2014 until January 2020. Ian's work with WHO assisted organizations and member states to build capacity and strengthen health systems by coordinating the deployment of quality assured medical teams in emergencies and outbreaks in over 130 countries across the globe. Ian is the lead author of the current WHO Global Classification and Standards for EMT deployments to disasters.

With WHO Ian deployed for over 5 months to West Africa as part of the Ebola outbreak response in 2014/15 and led the coordination of 58 EMTs in three countries. He also led the coordination of 132 EMTs in Nepal during the earthquakes of April and May 2015. In 2016 he established the EMT trauma pathway as part of the Mosul response in Northern Iraq.

Ian led the creation of disaster response teams in Australia and became the Director of Disaster Preparedness and Response at the National Critical Care & Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC), located in Darwin. Ian was instrumental in creating the Australian Governments disaster response cache and the training of 700 volunteers who now make up the Australian Government Emergency Medical Team (AusMAT).

Disaster Management at QUT

Presented by Professor Dr Joanne Durham

Lecturer and Coordinator in Emergency and Disaster Management, QUT.

Dr Jo Durham has undertaken consultancy work with the World Bank, The Asian Development Bank, UNICEF, UN Development Programme and UN Mine Action Services. She is on the research advisory panel for Inspectorate General Emergency Management and is part of the UN Global Protection Cluster (Area of Responsibility Mine Action) and is on UNDP's Rapid Response Roster.

