

EMERGING TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Abstract – Practitioner talk.

The COVID-19 Outbreak in 220 countries during 2020 and 2021 has highlighted the need for International Certifications in Emergency Management. Several Universities are conducting graduate level educational programmes in emergency management, climate change and/or conflict studies and peace building. The need for trained and experienced humanitarian assistance practitioners is felt by multilateral and bilateral donors, corporate sector entities, intergovernmental platforms, national and provincial governments and corporate sector entities. The increasing frequency of natural disasters, climate change induced hydro-meteorological disasters, extreme events, conflict, man-made disasters, wild fires, epidemics and transportation accidents makes the international certifications in emergency management extremely relevant. The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has been conducting Certification Programs and has certified 3092 people as Associate Emergency Managers (AEMs) or Certified Emergency Managers (CEMs). The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) has launched TIEMS Qualification Certification (TQC) and TIEMS Qualification Associate Certification (TQAC). This paper looks at the need, relevance and opportunities for international certifications in emergency management and recommends strategies for wider outreach to create a pool of certified professionals in the field of emergency management with multi-disciplinary skillsets.

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