

# COMPLIMENTS

Dear Partner,

The publication of the Eclipse started at the beginning of this year to address the need for a knowledge pool on the concept of disaster risk reduction and fill the communication gap between experts on disaster risk reduction, those who carry out relevant activities and communities vulnerable to disasters. In addition, the Eclipse started with a focus of building a network of stakeholders (representatives of communities inclusive), who can contribute to reducing the risk of African communities to disasters in Africa by jointly discovering, developing and sharing solutions.

It has been a very eventful year and your encouragement, support and contributions have been overwhelming. You have made this year a successful one for all of us at the Eclipse. We hope you will continue with us as we strive to contribute to the immense work being done in communities across Africa.

Our focus for the coming year is to provide first hand information and intellectual resources on disaster risk reduction in Africa to those in relevant offices or carrying out relevant activities. We will work with journalists, members of the academia, research students, medical doctors, insurance brokers, NGOs officials, government officials, religious and community leaders etc.

We believe that there are various fields and skills needed to achieve the goals of disaster risk reduction. We can not do this without the support of our network members. We specifically ask for information and intellectual resources which you and your organizations are willing to share with network members.

Finally we wish you a fulfilling year ahead, one that is filled with successes in your endeavors and positive impact in the communities in which you work. We also wish the world a disaster free year.

Best regards,

**Aramide Adebola**