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Overview

This panel will focus on the vulnerability to catastrophic events of human populations in Asia. It will follow up on a MetaCentre conference held in May 2005 in Phuket with the title "Defining a Research Agenda for Population - Environment Interactions in Coastal Areas of Asia after the Tsunami". It will go beyond that meeting in trying to discuss determinants of future vulnerability. A broad spectrum of possibly vulnerability determinants will be considered ranging from education/human capital formation to changes in the birth rate to indigenous cultural traditions and coastal resource management. It has been designed as a highly interdisciplinary panel which should make progress toward a comprehensive analysis of what combination of factors could contribute to reducing vulnerability in the future.