With a focus on vulnerable populations, and in partnership with grassroots, community-based organizations and other stakeholders, the University of Massachusetts Boston’s Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters (CRSCAD) is dedicated to finding the most effective interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable post-disaster reconstruction.

We provide expertise for sustainable reconstruction after disasters
CRSCAD is the only institution of its kind dedicated to raising awareness and offering expertise in the following areas: all hazards emergency response and protection; risk communication; continuity of operations planning; emergency management; urban planning and architectural design; environmental justice; and community resilience, to name but a few.

We promote human dignity and social justice
CRSCAD jointly develops comprehensive short-, medium-, and long-term responses to post-disaster conditions with the survivors, their governments, grassroots organizations, and other relevant agencies and stakeholders.

We promote capacity building
CRSCAD offers distinctive graduate and professional development certificate programs through the College of Advancing and Professional Studies. These programs address the security threats to vulnerable populations after disasters: economic, water, food, health, environmental, personal, community, and political.

CRSCAD is affiliated with the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

A Letter from
Professor Adenrele Awotona
Director, CRSCAD

Established in 2008, CRSCAD has earned a reputation as a leading force in a field that is gaining momentum. In our inaugural year, we hosted a workshop for the U.S. Department of State with participants from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, and Paraguay. Since then, CRSCAD has organized conferences on China, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, and Japan.

CRSCAD promotes collaborations, education, and knowledge sharing that enhance global post-disaster reconstruction through teaching, consultancy, community outreach, service activities, multidisciplinary and multisectoral research-based information generation, book publications, and national/international conference presentations—including one, in 2013, at the invitation of the U.S. National Council for Science and the Environment: “Disasters and the Environment: Science, Preparedness, and Resilience.”

I invite you to learn more about the work that CRSCAD does by visiting our website at www.umb.edu/crscad, or by emailing us at crscad@umb.edu.

I thank you.

Adenrele Awotona