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### **Invitation to Thesis Defense**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013, by due permission of the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University, I defend my thesis titled *Exploring Disaster Recovery Coordination: Stakeholder Interfaces, Goals and Interdependencies*.

You are most welcome to attend.

Disaster risk management has seen the importance of coordination at various levels of planning and implementation, ranging from preparedness to disaster response, and in planning for long term recovery and sustainable development. This thesis aims to develop a deeper and analytical understanding of stakeholder coordination for disaster recovery. The thesis is built on case studies from the mega –disaster of the Indian Ocean tsunami that affected India in 2004 and one case-study from repeated flooding in the Western Cape in South Africa. The key question addressed in this thesis is related to the factors affecting coordination for sustainable disaster recovery. The thesis presents the factors affecting coordination drawn from empirical data and its analysis. Finally, this thesis is an attempt to set the stage for more research to address recovery coordination as a governance issue.

The thesis will be publicly defended at 10:15 a.m in lecture hall K:F, Kemicentrum, Getingevägen 60, Lund. Faculty opponent is Prof. David Alexander from University College London.

You are also invited to a light lunch after the defense, approximately at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Bruhn (phone 046-222 73 60 or mail to [ann.bruhn@brand.lth.se](mailto:ann.bruhn@brand.lth.se)) no later than Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December if you are planning to join for lunch. No prior notice is required to attend only the thesis defense.

Sincerely,  
Emmanuel Raju