Introduction to **Group 7**

How Can Space Technology Contribute to Improving the Accuracy of Prediction for Natural Disasters?

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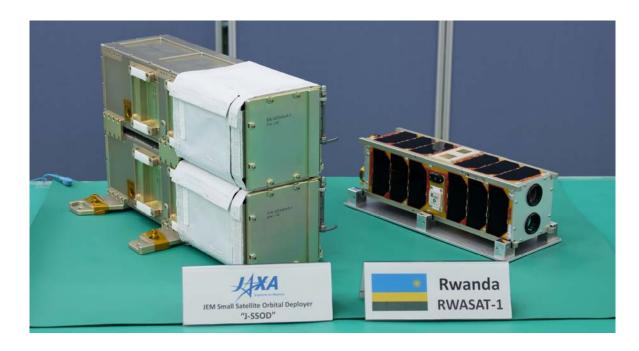
Personal introduction – Quentin Verspieren

- □ PhD Candidate, Graduate School of Public Policy
- **☐** Researcher, Intelligent Space Systems Laboratory
- ☐ Consultant for government, NGOs and private sector



Expertise: Space policy in developing countries; Space Traffic Management & Space Situational Awareness; Small satellites (astrodynamics); Space security, military uses of space





Group discussion topic introduction

Consequences of disasters in Asia-Pacific

Human impact of 1,625 disasters in Asia and the Pacific, total 2005-2014		
Disaster type	Lives lost	People affected (millions)
Earthquakes and Tsunamis	199,418	74
Storms	166,762	321
Floods	43,800	771
Others	73,772	199
Total	483,752	1,366

Direct economic damages worth **US\$523 billions**!

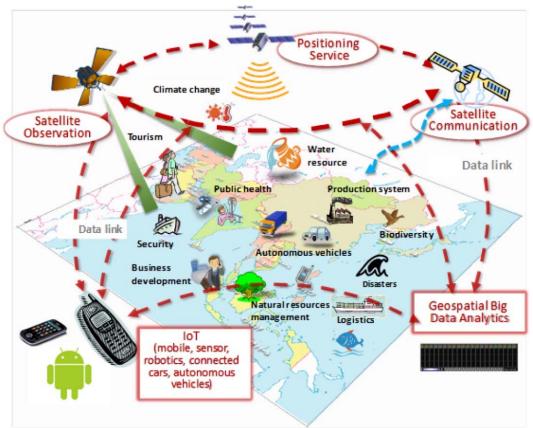
Source: UNESCAP Disaster Report 2015

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Experts for natural disaster prediction such as drought, flood, and earthquake are invited to make a short presentation on the mechanism of prediction and possible ways to improve the accuracy for mitigation of the disasters. Also, experts of micro/nano satellites and companies that provide satellite data (SAR and optical) are invited to explain what they can provide to

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Group discussion schedule

- Self introduction
- Experts' presentations on natural disaster prediction
 - Yohei Sawada: Drought prediction
 - Kei Yoshimura: Flood prediction
 - Masahi Kamogawa: Earthquake prediction
- ☐ Inputs from companies How can their technology help to mitigate natural disasters?
 - Shiori Kimura, Synspective
 - Alice Pellegrino, Canon Electronic, Inc.
- ☐ Inputs from small satellite expert
 - Shinichi Nakasuka