

The Great East Japan Disaster, Future Earth, and Global Land Project

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The bitter lessons of the Great East Japan Disaster may help consolidation and implementation of Future Earth, or a platform for sustainability science initiated by ICSU, ISSC (International Social Science Council), and Belmont Forum. Due to the increasing frequency and magnitude of disasters and environmental problems related with land use worldwide, GLP (Global Land Project) has a special duty to work with Future Earth closely for the improvement of monitoring systems and of information/research network, and for the betterment of understanding in the problems related with land use/cover and their changes. The paper discusses the roles GLP-Japan can, and should, play for the increment of sustainability of the world which Future Earth aims at.

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