



# NASA Remote Sensing Applications for Flood Monitoring and Management Workshop

**April 18 to 20**  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 18**

## Session 1A: Precipitation from Remote Sensing Measurements

8:30-9:00	<b>Introduction</b>	Presentation	Mike Walsh
9:00-9:30	<b>Applied Sciences Program on Disaster Management</b>	Presentation	John Murray
9:30-9:45	<b>About ARSET, Training Outline</b>	Presentation	Amita Mehta
9:45-10:30	<b>Remote Sensing of Precipitation</b> Overview of TRMM and GPM Data and Applications; Demonstration of Data Access and Analysis Tools	Presentation	Amita Mehta
10:30-10:45	<b>Break</b>	Break	—
10:45-12:30	<b>Install and Test QGIS</b> Precipitation Data Access & Analysis in QGIS	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
12:30-1:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Break	—

## Session 1B: Digital Elevation Data from Remote Sensing

1:30-2:00	<b>Overview of DEM from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission and ASTER</b>	Presentation	Amita Mehta
2:00-2:15	<b>Data Access Tools</b> GDEX CGIAR	Demonstration	Amita Mehta
2:15-3:00	<b>Install/Test Python</b> Extract Precipitation Data Using Python Script	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
3:00-3:15	<b>Break</b> (Potential cushion for running late)	Break	—
3:15-3:45	<b>Potential Topics:</b> i) Type of Work and Flood Management Activities, ii) Data Currently Used, and iii) Data Needs	End-User Presentation or Open Discussion	Catherine Bohn

3:45-5:00	<b>Terrain and Slope Data</b> Access and Analysis in QGIS; Extract Precipitation and DEM Data	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
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## Wednesday, April 19

### Session 2A: Overview of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Data for Flood Detection

8:30-9:15	<b>Introduction to Synthetic Aperture Radar</b> Introduction to SAR	Presentation	Erika Podest
9:15-10:00	<b>Applications of SAR</b>	Presentation	Erika Podest
10:00-10:15	<b>Break</b>	Break	—
10:15-12:30	<b>Title</b> Where to Download SAR data; Downloading Open Access SAR Processing and Analysis Software; SAR Pre-Processing; Detecting Inundation with SAR	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
12:30-1:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Break	—

### Session 2B: Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP)

1:30-2:30	<b>Overview of the Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) Satellite Mission</b> Objectives, Algorithms, Products, cal/val	Presentation	Erika Podest
2:30-3:00	<b>Overview of SMAP Applications</b>	Presentation	Erika Podest
3:00-3:15	<b>Break</b> (Potential cushion for running late)	Break	—
3:15-4:30	<b>Accessing SMAP Data and a Case Study</b> Where to Access SMAP Data; Opening and Visualizing SMAP Data; SMAP Data Analysis	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
4:30-5:00	<b>Group Presentations</b>	Presentations	Participants

## Thursday, April 20

### Session 3A: Flood Management and Monitoring Tools

8:30-9:15	<b>Overview of Flood Monitoring Tools</b> GFMS, MODIS-NRT, DFO, GDACS, ERDS	Presentation	Amita Mehta
9:15-10:00	<b>Overview and Access of Socioeconomic GIS Data</b>	Presentation	Amita Mehta
10:00-10:15	<b>Break</b>	Break	—
10:15-12:30	<b>Assessment for a Flood Case Study</b> <b>Pre-Flood Phase:</b> Monitoring Precipitation and Streamflow using GFMS, Soil Moisture Using SMAP <b>Flood Monitoring:</b> Flood Depth (GFMS), Surface Inundation (SAR, MODIS-NRT, GDACS) <b>Identifying Flood Impacts:</b> QGIS-Based Analysis of DEM/Slope, Population, Infrastructure	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
12:30-1:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Break	—

### Session 3B: Flood Monitoring and Management Case Study

1:30-2:30	<b>Post-Flood Relief Planning</b> MODIS NRT, SAR, GDACS, DFO	Presentation	Amita Mehta & Erika Podest
2:30-3:00	<b>Flood Case Study</b> Participants form groups and select a flood case study	Exercise	Participants
3:00-3:15	<b>Break</b> (Potential cushion for running late)	Break	—
3:15-4:15	<b>Conduct a Case Study Independently</b> Groups Conduct Precipitation Monitoring, Flood Monitoring, and Emergency and Relief Planning	Exercise	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants
4:15-4:45	<b>Group Presentations</b>	Presentations	Participants
4:45-5:00	<b>Training Summary</b> Summarize Training, Participants Take Survey	Presentation	Amita Mehta, Erika Podest & Participants