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DR. ELIZABETH ENGLISH'S WORK RECOGNIZED AS A BEST CLIMATE PRACTICE

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As the world today recognizes International Day for Disaster Reduction, Waterloo architecture professor Dr. Elizabeth English's work with amphibious housing as a means to provide innovative, sustainable and low-cost flood mitigation strategies is being honoured as a Best Climate Practice by the Initiative on Climate Change Policy and Governance (ICCG). Three winning projects out of a field of more than 200 entries will be celebrated at a special awards ceremony to be held on November 8, 2017, at COP23 in Bonn, Germany. COP23 is the informal name for the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The project ranked first place in the assessment of the international jury convened to judge the entries. Jury members agreed it deserved recognition for the "innovative application of technological strategies to enhance resilience in flood-prone areas". The 2017 edition of this competition showcases and promotes "actionable ideas and concrete projects to support communities in preparing and responding to climate disasters".

"It highlights the projects that we are currently working on here in Canada and around the world," says English. "This work combines my expertise in both architecture and engineering. My goal is to develop this technology so that it is available to the poorest of the poor in the most vulnerable, underserved parts of the world."

English is currently working with the National Research Council Canada on a project to reduce flood vulnerability in First Nations communities in anticipation of increased flood risk due to climate change, as well as with the international Global Resilience Partnership on a similar concept to increase the flood resilience of rice farmers in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

To learn more about Dr. English's work we welcome you to visit www.buoyantfoundation.org.

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