



United Nations
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Towards a “Local Government Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction”

“2nd Consultative Meeting

Final Agenda

Chengdu, China, 12-14 November 2008

Context

Local-level implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action remains one of the major challenges to achieve, requiring the active participation and involvement of local government actors, at different levels. From the regional to the municipal level, local governments have a key role to play in reducing disaster risks and vulnerabilities.

Today, a broad consensus has been reached among different stakeholders on the need to establish a mechanism that brings together local governments to address DRR issues in a more coherent and inclusive manner, and bridges the existing gap between the local, national and global levels.

This meeting, jointly organised by UNISDR, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and the International Training Centre of the ILO, will serve as a learning opportunity and a brainstorming session to further advance the development of the LGA/DRR.

Objectives of the Meeting

Based on the outcomes of the 1st Consultative Meeting of the LGA/DRR held in Barcelona on 22-23 May 2008 (<http://www.unisdr.org/lgadrr>), this meeting will aim to gather additional inputs from local and regional authorities on how to address DRR issues at the sub-national level, and will stimulate a constructive debate around a number of issues. Overall, the meeting is expected to reach the following objectives:

- To provide an opportunity for local and regional authorities to learn from the Sichuan Earthquake response and recovery experience through participation in the plenary session of the “Global Dialogue” on 12th November.
- To review major decisions made in Barcelona, assess progress made up to the Chengdu Meeting, and agree on the way forward.
- To review the draft ToRs for the LGA/DRR and the Alliance “Advisory Group”.
- To share lessons learned and discuss opportunities for collaboration within the framework of UNISDR’s World Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Expected Outcomes

As a result of this meeting, it is expected that substantive comments and observations on the draft ToRs for the LGA/DRR and Advisory Group will be put forward, and that a greater understanding of and commitment to the Alliance will be reached. Opportunities for joint work and collaboration will be discussed, as well as next steps and follow-up actions leading to the key events scheduled in 2009.

Preparatory Requirements

Each participant is required to review the draft ToRs for the LGA/DRR and the Alliance Advisory Group, a copy of which will be circulated in due course. This will allow for efficient use of time, and will contribute to stimulating lively and productive discussions.

Venue and Logistics

Date and Venue: The Consultative Meeting will take place on 12-14 November 2008 in Chengdu, China at

Wang Jiang Hotel

Address: No.42 Xiashahepu Street, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province, China

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<http://www.wangjianghotel.com>

Language: The Meeting will be held in English only.

Travel Expenses: The organisers will be sponsoring a limited number of participants in the Meeting. Priority will be given to participants from developing countries.

Travel Booking: Sponsored participants will be requested to book their flight tickets through the designated UN travel agent in their country. For more information on how to proceed with the booking please contact Mr. Michele Cocchiglia at: cocchiglia@un.org or +41 (0)22 917 8840.

Visa application: You are encouraged to start your visa application as soon as possible by contacting the Chinese embassy in your country. You will be receiving an official invitation letter to facilitate your visa application in due course.

Accommodation and Airport Transfer: Accommodation has been arranged for all participants at the Wang Jiang Hotel. Airport transfer will also be provided by the meeting organisers upon arrival in Chengdu on 11 November.

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Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, 12 November 2008		
All-day	Participation in the official sessions of the “ <i>Global Dialogue on Wenchuan Earthquake Response: Challenges and Governance</i> ”, organised by the Chinese authorities to review good practices and lessons learned six months after the Sichuan Earthquake.	<i>Please refer to the “Global Dialogue” Agenda for more information</i>

Thursday, 13 November 2008		
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introduction.	<i>Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director, UNISDR secretariat</i>

9.45 – 10.15	Review outcomes of Barcelona Meeting, assess progress made up to Chengdu.	<i>Mr. Richard Davies, Head of Risk and Emergency Planning, Audit and Risk Division, Leeds City Council, UK</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Opportunities for collaboration and launch of the LGA/DRR in Incheon, Korea, 24-26 August 2009.	<i>Mr. Park Jung Jin and Mr. Noh Eon Joo, Incheon City Hall and International Cooperation Division - Incheon Metropolitan City, Korea</i>
<i>10.45 – 11.00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	-
11.00 – 11.30	From Chengdu to Incheon - The way forward...	<i>Open discussion</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Review and discuss latest draft ToRs for the Alliance and LGA/DRR "Advisory Group".	<i>Open discussion</i>
<i>12.30 – 13.30</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	-
13.30 – 14.00	2008-2009 World DRR Campaign " <i>Hospitals Safe from Disasters</i> " – Purpose and objectives.	<i>Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, UNISDR secretariat</i>
14.00 – 14.30	Lessons learned from the Sichuan Earthquake.	<i>Prof. Xiulang Zhang, Wenchuan Earthquake Taskforce and Beijing Normal University</i>
14.30 – 15.00	How can we bridge the gaps?	<i>Open discussion</i>
<i>15.00 – 15.30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	-
15.30 – 16.00	2006-2007 World DRR Campaign " <i>Disaster Risk Reduction Begins at School</i> " – Activities and outcomes.	<i>Ms. Feng Min Kan, UNISDR secretariat</i>
16.30 – 17.00	Lessons learned from the Sichuan Earthquake	<i>Representative from Sichuan Local Authority</i>
17.00 – 17.30	How can we bridge the gaps?	<i>Open discussion</i>
17.30 – 18.00	Wrap up and summary of discussions.	-

Friday, 14 November 2008

All-day	Participation in the "ITC/ILO Expert Meeting on Training and Capacity Building for DRR and Sustainable Local Development".	<i>Please refer to the ITC/ILO Expert Meeting Agenda for more information</i>
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