



United Nations
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
Secretariat, Geneva



International Training Centre



Training and Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Local Development

ITC/ILO Expert Meeting

at the LGA/DRR 2nd Consultative Meeting

Agenda

Chengdu, China, 14 November 2008

1. Context and rationale

The Delnet Project *Disaster Risk Reduction within the framework of Sustainable Local Development* of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO) was conceived within the framework of the **United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)** in response to increasing concern about the magnitude of disasters and their impact on local communities worldwide. Being part of the capacity-building component of the International Recovery Platform (IRP), run in conjunction with the ILO Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, it also looks at post-disaster reconstruction, and identifies recovery as one of the key opportunities for reducing disaster risk.

Experience has shown that most disasters are at least partly predictable and that most human and material impacts could be significantly reduced through the locally targeted implementation of relatively simple vulnerability reduction measures, at an affordable cost when institutional, political, social, economic and environmental conditions exist for local development. Until such basic development conditions are met at local level, the Hyogo Framework for Action cannot be efficiently implemented. On the other hand, the impact of disasters on territories seriously threatens the fulfillment of the ILO's goal of decent work for all –which is a key ingredient for sustainable development.

The ITC/ILO DRR project has been conceived to set up an **integrated capacity building programme** to strengthen local actors and institutions based in disaster-prone areas to achieve more sustainable reconstruction and to integrate risk reduction practices fully into their development processes.

Training, one of the key components of this programme, is held both at distance and with face-to-face activities and builds on the 40-years consolidated experience at ITC/ILO. Technical assistance, institutional strengthening and networking activities are other key activities.

The core training course is currently implemented in cooperation with the ISDR secretariat and the Regional Unit *The Americas* in Spanish language and it targets policy-makers and key players in local development management and disaster risk reduction processes.

In the light of the positive experience held in Latin America and based on concrete requests received and needs detected, the ITC/ILO has planned and approved for 2009 the implementation of a pilot training activity in English language, targeting mainly the Asian context but also potentially other interested regions of the world.

The LGA/DRR 2nd Consultative Meeting offers an opportunity to discuss and evaluate the potential replication of the existing ITC/ILO training offer by targeting English speaking local actors at an inter-regional level and to identify the key steps for a proper adaptation according to the selected target audience.

2. Objective

Overall objective of the ITC/ILO training and capacity building programme

- To contribute to the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015) at the local level

by promoting sustainable local development policies and practices through training and capacity building processes.

Specific objectives of the Chengdu Expert Meeting

- Evaluate the on-going training activity implemented in Latin America and its potential transferability to other regions of the world;
- Define the selected target audience in terms of needs, expectations and potential role in the promotion of DRR policies and practices in their territories and countries;
- Validate the strategic lines for contents adaptation and training implementation as well as the potential connections between the ITC/ILO project and the LGA/DRR future developments.

3. Participants

All participants in the LGA/DRR 2nd Consultative meeting are invited to take part in the ITC/ILO Expert Meeting.

4. Methodology

The Expert Meeting will be moderated by the ITC/ILO in collaboration with UN/ISDR and UNDP/SU/SSC and it will alternate group works on specific tasks with plenary sessions and open exchange of information and opinions.

5. Key topics for discussion¹

- Disasters and their impact on development / Development patterns and their impact on increasing vulnerabilities.
 - What is sustainable local development and how can it increase or reduce disaster risk?
 - Which factors affect the sustainability of local development and the reduction of risks?
 - The global institutional framework: which mechanisms and resources are available for local actors and practitioners?
- What are the root-causes of disaster risk and why do disasters happen? How to identify them, prevent and reduce their consequences.
 - Local risk management and reduction. Understanding the problem;
 - Risk analysis and evaluation.
- Strategic planning at the local level with a risk reduction approach: concepts and basic manuals
 - Strategic planning for sustainable local development;
 - Tools for risk management planning and the rational use of local resources: geographic information systems.
- Project design with a risk reduction approach
 - Setting objectives, results and activities. Priorities and feasible strategies.
 - Project cycle and design and implementation with a DRR approach.

¹ Please refer also to the background materials (point 6)

- What is preparedness? How a community should get ready to cope with the disaster risk. How vulnerabilities can be turned into capacities.
- How to transform post-disaster reconstruction into an opportunity for establishing the conditions for sustainable development in a territory.

6. Background materials

- **Training Course Flyer** – Brief description of the on-going training activity for the Americas (*Annex 1 delivered by email*)
- **Disaster risk reduction: a call to action** – Article published in the Delnet Journal @local.glob in July 2006 (*Annex 2 delivered by email*)
- **Training Course Theoretical Framework** – Brief presentation of Delnet training contents and conceptual approach (*Annex 3 to be delivered on 12 November in Chengdu*)

7. Proposed agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and introduction	Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, UN/ISDR secretariat
9.15 – 9.30	Objectives and Methodology of the Expert Meeting	Ms. Alice Vozza, ITC/ILO
9.30 – 10.00	The ITC/ILO Training Experience in DRR and Sustainable Local Development	
10.00 – 10.45	Group work 1 - Target audience identification and definition	
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.00	Group work 2 – Analysis of target audience training needs	
12.00 – 12.30	Plenary session – Groups reporting on activities 1 and 2	
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 14.00	Open debate – Training objectives and expected results	
14.00 – 15.00	Group work 3 – Review of theoretical framework and training contents	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.30	Group work 3 – Review of theoretical framework and training contents (cont.)	
16.30 – 17.30	Open debate – Training methodology and additional tools/strategies for practitioners	
17.30 – 18.00	Conclusions and commitments	