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# **Building a “Local Government Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction”**

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## **Consultative Meeting**

### Final Agenda

Barcelona, 22-23 May 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. Indeed, from the regional to the municipal level, local governments have a key role to play in reducing disaster risks and vulnerabilities. It is at the local level that development planning is expected to first take place, and the integration between Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and development is supposed to be realized.

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. In view of the above, and based on the understanding that this process can no longer be delayed, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP/SU-SSC), UNOSAT and the UN/ISDR secretariat have forged a strategic partnership to build a “Local Government Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction” (LGA/DRR), which will complement other existing capacities.

This meeting, jointly organised by the UN/ISDR secretariat and the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS), attached to the Vice-Presidential Department of the Catalan Government, will serve as a brainstorming session to obtain preliminary feedback on the current proposal to develop the LGA/DRR.

## Objectives of the Meeting

Based on the draft Concept Note prepared by the UN/ISDR secretariat in consultation with UNDP/SU-SSC and UNOSAT (see Preparatory Requirements), and building on the diverse experience acquired by participants in addressing DRR issues at the local level, the meeting will aim to stimulate a constructive debate around the following questions:

- Why do we need a “Local Government Alliance for DRR”?
- What should be the purpose and added value of the LGA/DRR?
- What should be its objectives and activities?
- What should be the incentives for participation and involvement?
- What mechanisms should be developed to sustain the “Alliance” in the medium and long term?

## Expected Outcomes

As a result of this meeting, it is expected that substantive comments and observations on the LGA/DRR concept will be put forward, and that a shared understanding of and commitment to the Alliance will be reached. Next steps and follow-up actions will also be discussed and agreed upon.

## Preparatory Requirements

Each participant is required to review the draft Concept Note on the “Local Government Alliance for DRR”, 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 22-23 May 2008 in Barcelona, Spain. The meeting will be held in ‘*Sala Ramon y Cajal*’, Edifici Històric UB, in *Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, Barcelona*.

Language: The Meeting will be held in English only.

Travel Expenses: The organisers will be sponsoring a limited number of participants in the Consultative Meeting. Priority will be given to participants from developing countries. Sponsorships will cover the cost of a return air ticket to Barcelona, accommodation, as well as 50% per diem for the duration of the meeting.

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](mailto:cocchiglia@un.org) or +41 (0)22 917 8840.

Accommodation: Accommodation will be arranged for all participants at Hotel Regina, C/ Bergara, 4, Barcelona, Spain. For more information on how to reach the hotel you can visit: [www.reginahotel.com](http://www.reginahotel.com).

### How to Reach the Venue:

#### *From the Airport:*

The easiest way to reach the venue from the Airport is by Taxi: approximate driving time is 25-30 minutes (fare: 20-25 Euros).

Alternatively, you can take the “Aerobus” shuttle service from the Airport (in front of the “Arrivals” area) and stop at “Plaça Universitat” (fare: 3,90 euros - approximate time: 30-35 minutes).

#### *From the Hotel:*

The Venue is located within a 5-10 minutes walking distance from Hotel Regina, down Carrer de Bergara and Carrer de Pelai.

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## Agenda

Thursday, 22 May 2008		
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome and introduction	<i>Mr. Salvano Briceño, Director, UN/ISDR secretariat</i>
9.40 – 9.50	Signing of MoU between UN/ISDR and CADS	<i>Mr. Salvano Briceño and Mr. Ramon Arribas, Director of CADS</i>
9.50 – 10.00	Review and adoption of the agenda	<i>Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, UN/ISDR secretariat</i>
10.00 – 10.20	Presentation by Civil Protection Office, Government of Catalonia, Spain	<i>Ms. Nuria Gasulla, Civil Protection Office, Government of Catalonia and Mr. Joan Manuel Vilaplana, University of Barcelona (RiskCat Project)</i>
10.20 – 10.40	Presentation by Overstrand Municipality, Western Cape Province, South-Africa	<i>Mr. Stephen Muller, Infrastructure and Planning, Overstrand Municipality</i>
10.40 – 11.00	Presentation by Albay Public Safety & Emergency Management Office, Provincial Disaster Operation Center, Philippines	<i>Mr. Cedric Daep, Albay Public Safety &amp; Emergency Management Office</i>
11.00 – 11.10	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.10 – 11.30	Partnerships between regions and the United Nations	<i>Mr. Christophe Nuttall, UNDP Geneva - Hub for Innovative Partnerships</i>
11.30 – 11.50	Space technology as a tool to facilitate sustainable development planning	<i>Mr. Alain Retière, UNOSAT</i>
11.50 – 12.10	Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action at the local level	<i>Ms. Alice Vozza, ILO/Delnet</i>
12.10 – 12.30	The Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction	<i>Mr. Ian O'Donnell, ProVention Consortium</i>
12.30 – 13.00	Collaboration between central and local governments on DRR	<i>Mr. Santosh Kumar, National Institute of Disaster Management, India and Ms. Rajlaxmi Bhosale, Pune Municipal Corporation, India</i>
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.00 – 14.20	Lessons learned from the development of previous government networks/alliances	<i>Ms. Zenaida Willison, UNDP/SU-SSC</i>
14.20 – 14.40	Background and rationale for building a “Local Government Alliance for DRR”	<i>Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, UN/ISDR secretariat</i>

14.40 – 15.40	Open discussion on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we need a Local Government Alliance for DRR?</li> <li>▪ What should be the purpose, objectives and added value of the LGA/DRR?</li> </ul>	<i>Working groups (see Annex 1)</i>
15.40 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.00 – 17.00	Continuation of previous session	<i>Working groups</i>
17.00 – 17.20	Rapporteurs report back to plenary	<i>Rapporteurs</i>
17.20 – 18.00	Open discussion	<i>Plenary</i>
18.30 – 20.00	<i>Reception at Civil Protection Office, Government of Catalonia, Spain</i>	<i>All participants invited</i>

<b>Friday, 23 May 2008</b>		
9.00 – 9.45	Presentation and review of main points emerged from discussion on day 1	-
9.45 – 10.45	Further discussion on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What mechanisms should be developed to sustain the Alliance in the medium and long term?</li> <li>▪ What should be the incentives for participation and involvement?</li> </ul>	<i>Working groups</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00 – 12.00	Continuation of previous session	<i>Working groups</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Rapporteurs report back to plenary	<i>Rapporteurs</i>
12.30 – 13.30	Open discussion	<i>Plenary</i>
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.30 – 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What should be the major focus activities of the LGA/DRR, leading to next session of the GP/DRR in June 2009?</li> <li>▪ How can we move forward and advance the development of the LGA/DRR?</li> </ul>	<i>Working groups</i>
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.30 – 17.30	Wrap up and summary of discussions	<i>Plenary</i>

## ANNEX I

### **Working Group 1**

- 1. Mr. Santosh Kumar (Facilitator)**
2. Ms. Rajlaxmi Bhosale
3. Mr. Khang Byung Jin
4. Mr. Sam Ebukali
5. Mr. Stephen Muller
6. Mr. Jaime Arauz
7. Ms. Jolanda Trijselaar
8. Ms. Blanca Payàs
9. Mr. Alain Retière
10. Ms. Alice Vozza

### **Working Group 2**

- 1. Ms. Zenaida Willison (Facilitator)**
2. Mr. Cedric Daep
3. Mr. Wook Kim
4. Mr. Nestor Alphonse
5. Ms. Pamela L'Heureux
6. Mr. Richard Davies
7. Ms. Nuria Gasulla
8. Mr. Joan Manuel Vilaplana
9. Mr. Christohpe Nuttall
10. Mr. Ian O'Donnell