

10th meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) on Disaster Management

Sub-theme 3: Action for the Post-2015 Framework on DRR – Taking the Consultation Process Forward and Integrating DRR into the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Concept Note

Timing: 26th March 2013, 14.00 – 17.30

Co-organizers: ADPC, Government of Mongolia

Session facilitator: UNISDR

1. Background

The 10th RCC meeting in Ulaan Bator brings together senior government officials and practitioners from 26 countries of Asia and the Pacific Region. One of the sub-themes identified for discussions relates to Post-2015 DRR Framework (the successor of the Hyogo Framework for Action or HFA2) and its linkage with the new global Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA) –*Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters* – adopted in 2005 at the World Conference for Disaster Reduction by 168 United Nations Member States - has proved since to be an inspiration for knowledge, practice, implementation, experience and the science for disaster risk reduction. Today, as the Hyogo Framework for Action is approaching its timeline, it is most important to talk and decide on the format and the substance of the future Disaster Risk Reduction framework to be considered at the Third World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015.

Following the United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/199, requesting UNISDR to facilitate the development of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, a set of consultative meetings have been held since March 2012, including local, national, (sub)-regional and thematic consultations with a multi-stakeholder approach.

These consultations are held with the view that disaster risk reduction is fundamentally a development and governance issue and needs to be seen as a safety net to protect development gains. With disaster losses presenting an increasingly significant challenge to development, disaster risk reduction and resilience therefore require more central consideration in the Post-2015 development agenda if the objectives of sustainable development are to be achieved.

To accelerate and ensure a credible process in the Asia and the Pacific, UNISDR has developed an Engagement Strategy to guide the related interventions in the region.

The most comprehensive HFA2 consultation to date happened at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR on 22-25 October 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Governments in the region, inter-governmental organizations and 10 stakeholder groups representing issues of gender, children, people with disability, stakeholder groups of local government and parliamentarians provided initial inputs to the post-2015 DRR Framework and Development Agenda. The outcomes will form a major part of the contribution from the Asia Pacific region to the deliberations of the HFA2 at the 4th Session of the Global Platform to be held on DRR in May 2013.

Following the 5thAMCDRR, more national consultations were organized and a number of interventions were made in the post-2015 Development Agenda consultation process to ensure that DRR will be considered duly.

It is expected that by the time of the RCC:

- Several thematic papers on issues of importance for DRR such as risk governance, vulnerable groups, land use and the economics of DRR will be available to guide consultations, moving from identifying issues to the question of How to address them
- A Global Thematic Focus Discussion on DRR and the Post 2015 Development Agenda will take place on 18-19 February, which will build on the Yogyakarta outcomes and recommend principles and options for DRR integration
- Several countries in the region will organize HFA2 consultations
- A number of countries that have been selected as part of the UNDG 50 priority countries for national consultations for the post-2015 Development Agenda will also complete their consultations

Accordingly, it is suggested that the Post-2015 DRR and Development Agenda consultation at the RCC aim to build on the above progress and outcomes to date and take a step further in the consultation process to enrich the Asia Pacific contributions at the Global Platform on DRR.

2. Session Objectives

Specific Session objectives are to:

- Provide an update on consultations for the Post-2015 Framework on DRR, the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the integration of DRR into the latter;
- Share the experiences and recommendations from recent national consultations, especially from countries that are involved in both processes (Post HFA and Development Agenda);
- Discuss and identify recommendations for the integration of DRR and CCA into post-2015 Development Agenda.

3. Expected Outcomes:

- Get a consensus of a set of common views that Asia-Pacific countries bring to the 4th Session of the Global Platform;

- Elaborate a set of recommendations to be presented in the follow-up IAP meeting preliminary scheduled for early April 2013.

4. Proposed Methodology

UNISDR proposes the following methodology for the session:

- a) Pilot the next step in consultations for post-2015 DRR Framework and Development Agenda in some countries prior to the RCC

UNISDR will work with selected countries from the list of UNDG priority countries for Post 2015 Development Agenda consultation, who have also conducted HFA2 consultations prior to the RCC meeting to take the national consultations a step forward with discussions on: 1) how to address the DRR issues that have been brought up in consultations to date with relevance to the countries, and 2) how DRR should be integrated into the post-2015 Development Agenda guided by the recommendations from the Global Thematic Focus Discussion (to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in February 2013).

Suggested countries: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Pakistan – to be confirmed based on the countries' participation at the RCC, status of HFA2 and Post-2015 development agenda consultations, and willingness to participate in the session in this capacity

- b) Country presentations on the outcomes of their consultations, recommendations and lessons learned from the process;
- c) Group discussion to work with other countries and agencies taking the 4 presentations as examples and guidance, to identify issues, windows and recommendations pertaining to mainstreaming of DRR into post 2015 DA;
- d) Plenary discussion to identify commonalities, country specificities, challenges and further guidance

5. Outline of the Session

- Presentation on the status of the Post-2015 DRR Framework and Development Agenda consultations (global and in the region) and recap of outcomes of consultations to date – UNISDR (15 min)
- Presentations from the selected 4 countries: 15 minutes presentation, and 30 minutes for discussion at the end of all presentations.
- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR
- Pakistan)

- Group discussion: 45 min (including a tea/coffee break)
- Group reports to plenary (30 min)
- Plenary discussion of recommendations and next steps (30 min)

6. Background reference documents

- Summary Report on the Consultations for Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Development Agenda at the 5th AMCDRR
- Report on the outcomes of consultations for the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia-Pacific Region (as of February 2013)
- Report from Global Thematic Focus Group Workshop on DRR and post-2015 Development Agenda (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Relevant think pieces and thematic papers
- Reports of national consultations by the 4 presenting countries (if available)