



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction Summary



28 countries  
(25 countries in 2011  
27 countries in 2012)

67 participants  
(50 participants in 2011  
60 participants in 2012)

25 National Platforms; 39  
countries with HFA Focal point



**Monday 23 September 2013**

## Opening



**Pål Martin Sand, Deputy-Minister of Justice and Public Security of Norway,**  
 "We need to be better prepared for such events and smart in the way we plan and build infrastructure, for instance. We also need to coordinate within regions and across borders using a holistic approach. Indeed, international cooperation is of the essence".

**Margareta Wahlstrom,** Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR: "We have received valuable input through the first phase of the consultations and I wanted to mention a few of the main elements that have emerged which are also being addressed by the EFDRR working groups, specifically; stronger governance and accountability, climate change and an HFA 2 for local governments."



## Damir Čemerin Award of Local Change



### Award Ceremony:

- Jadran Perinić, Director General of the National Protection and Rescue Directorate, expressed his gratitude towards the EFDRR for recognizing Damir's work as a key contributor to the EFDRR and a strong supporter of building resilience to disasters from the local to the international level and congratulates Dr. Kelman's for his work on the local level.
- Dr Ilan Kelman is being honoured as a Champion of the Damir Čemerin Award for Local Change for his time and effort to raise awareness on climate change and disaster risk reduction at the local level, both in Norway and in other regions of the world



## Damir Čemerin Award of Local Change



*"Leadership is about facilitating others to do what they do best, using their strengths in the best way possible, encouraging them act in their own interests. It is not about beating nature, but working with nature. Similarly, it is not about beating each other, but working with each other."*



## National Platform Review



**Outcome:** Acknowledgement on the recommendation coming out of the National Platform Review.

**Recommendations:**

- UNISDR to give more visibility to National Platforms
- National Platform to strengthen the work on DRR at local level
- Strengthen the mutual learning among National Platforms



**Experience shared from:**

- Local Solution for Local Problems (Spain)
- Relevance of legislation to create the ground for national platform work (The Netherlands)
- Important role of National Platform at regional and local level (Austria)

## HFA2 Consultations – at national and Local Level



**Outcome:** Increased knowledge on HFA2 consultations at national level.

- How you are engaging with stakeholders and local level
- How the National Platform has been used as a catalyst for the HFA2 consultations;
- How to get the dialogue going at the local level

**Recommendations:**

- Importance of contribution of national HFA2 consultation
- Importance of discussing HFA2 at National Platform's meetings

**Experience shared from:**

- Experience of National Focal Point (France, Sweden, Switzerland)



## Post-2015 Process



**Outcome:** Briefing of EDRR Post-2015 process. UNISDR outlined the process from the Global Platform leading to the Preparation Committee to the World conference.

The HFA2 needs a comprehensive approach to risk and not just to focus on a hazards approach. DRR should be considered as an humanitarian issue but as well a development issue.

**Recommendations:**

Request for the European Commission on information on their preparation towards the World Conference



## HFA2 – Drill Down CCA/DRR



### Outcome:

- Relevance of long term strategies for DRR to ensure alignment with Climate Change Adaptation
- Importance to ensure Loss Damages impact as a mean to proof relevance in addressing Climate Change Adaptation
- Climate Change is one of the key risks in Europe; the term “risk” should be the binding word between DRR & CCA
- Need to work towards institutionalization of common approaches

### Recommendation:

UNISDR to refer to the document “How does Europe link DRR and CCA” prepared by the Working Group (Germany, France, Norway, Poland, Council of Europe, EC - DG Climate Action, UNISDR) and endorsed by the EFDRR members.



## HFA2 – Drill Down “Local Level”



### Outcome:

- What has proven successful:
  - a) strong local level legislation on land use planning and civil protection;
  - b) exchanges of experiences among local municipalities
  - c) Develop local level projects with multi-stakeholder contribution
- What is challenging:
  - a) Lack of financial support
  - b) Lack of knowledge on the added value of DRR

### Recommendation:

- Develop guidelines on “how to” perform risk assessment at the local level, simplifying the “risk” language;
- focus on risk perception based on simple risk language
- show with concrete examples the added value of DRR (ex: industrial plant location vs. flood risk)
- develop policies and mechanisms to assist the local level by national authority
- EFDRR will share with UNISDR as a contribution to the HFA2 consultation the document produced by the working group on local level and DRR (Austria, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Council of Europe, EC-DG ECHO, UNISDR)

## HFA2 – Drill Down “Governance and Accountability”



### Outcome:

- In view of the complexity of the topic, need for prioritization.
- Identification of Index, Standards and Benchmarking;
- Usefulness of Peer Reviews as a mean of measuring targets

### Recommendation:

- Relevance of develop data losses collection to measure economic losses and investments in DRR allowing comparability of data.
- Increase responsibility at the local level
- UNISDR should be the one monitoring the targets
- EFDRR to share outcomes of Working Group on Governance and Accountability as inputs to the HFA2 consultations

## Reception hosted by Mr. Stang, Mayor of Oslo



**Outcome:** City of Oslo joining the Resilient Cities Campaign

The Mayor of Oslo, Mr. Fabian Stang, announced that the Norwegian capital has joined UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient Campaign and linked it to the tragic events of July 2011 when 77 people were murdered in bombings and a mass shooting. The tragedy was one factor that had prompted Oslo to strengthen its planning for all types of risk, including those associated with natural hazards.



**Tuesday 24 September 2013**

**Working Group on “Climate Change Adaptation and  
Disaster Risk Reduction”**

**Outcome:**

- Acknowledgement of the EFDRR document on “How does Europe link DRR and CCA” highlighting as overall challenges the different spatial, temporal, and functional scales in addressing CCA and DRR
- Agreed for WG to continue contribution towards the HFA2 consultations
- Overview on COP 19 preparation and EFDRR members indicated that data loss collection is one of the topics to be discussed

**Recommendation:**

- For UNISDR to acknowledge the report as contribution to the HFA2 consultations and references to what the HFA2 should include to reflect DRR and CCA.
- For EFDRR members to use the outcome of the EFDRR document as part of their HFA2 consultations and national discussions on “how to” link CCA and DRR
- Consider in the preparation of DRR and CCA programs the spatial dimension (CCA analyzed on global scale/ DRR on regional and local level)
- Work towards the alignment of programmatic time frame (Temporal dimension: CCA addresses long term perspective/ DRR addresses existing risks)
- Work towards the availability of social economic data (Functional dimension)
- Ensure regional organization engagement towards the CCA and DRR agenda

**Experience shared from:**

- Germany, France, Norway, Poland,  
DG Climate Action, Council of Europe, UNISDR



## Working Group on “Local Level Implementation of HFA “



### Outcomes:

- Portugal is the new chair of the working group
- Agreed for WG to call on area of focus for the 2013/2014 work activities
- Agreed for the WG to continue the contribution towards the HFA2 consultations.
- Italy to host a Local level consultation on HFA2 in 2014 inviting the municipalities that joined the resilient cities campaign in Europe

### Recommendations

- Need to enhance the DRR at local level through an appropriate legal framework and financial support
- promote the networking among municipalities through twinning activities, local level consultation events and exchange of information in order to share and exchange experiences and best practices
- promote public - private partnership and stimulate the academic arena support (Swedish experience)
- land use and urban planning needs to be part of a participatory process including civil society towards the integration of DRR consideration and evaluation (City of Van experience)
- further explore the model of the union of small municipalities to share services and costs even those ones related to DRR activities (Italian experiences)

## Working Group on “Local Level Implementation of HFA “



### Recommendations (cont.):

- need to work towards modeling particular for mega cities requirements
- provide the local level stakeholders with concrete examples of best practices on DRR
- Continue the working group survey (widening the number of the responding countries or more details from those who have already responded)
- Acknowledge the role of NGO's and volunteers in promoting DRR policies at local level
- Further promote the LGSAT tool
- National Platform and HFA Focal Points should provide and promote exchanges of experiences at the local level

### Experience shared from:

EFDRR Survey Results (19 countries), Italy, Sweden, City of Van, UNISDR



## Field Trip: Transformation of former Oslo Forenbu Airport: Water management in newly developed areas

An innovative Norwegian development is successfully addressing the most challenging priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action: reducing underlying factors that drive urban disaster risk. A mixed development on the site of the former Oslo airport is transforming a polluted post-industrial wasteland into eco-friendly parkland, residences and offices that are flood-resilient.



**Wednesday 25 September 2013**

## Briefing on Outcomes of the Global Platform for DRR



### Outcome:

- ✓ Overview of GPDRR recommended area of focus and links with the on-going EFDRR members work.
- ✓ Municipality of Roman, Rumania, is joining the Resilient Cities Campaign;
- ✓ Several Countries will hold a local level HFA2 consultations;
- ✓ Several Multi-Stakeholder consultations will take place by end of 2013 and in 2014 (e.g. NGO, Private Sector, Ministerial Session)

### Recommendations:

- EFDRR members to use the HFA2 consultations questions as a reference in organizing their planned HFA2 consultations and national platform meetings
- EFDRR members to share outcomes on their HFA2 consultations and call on National Platform Meetings to be posted on the UNISDR HFA2 consultation website
- UNISDR to share information on developments in preparation of HFA2 Ministerial Session (EFDRR line ministers) and NGO consultation (VOICE) and private sector

### Experience shared from:

- Outcome of the Global Platform for DRR and examples on implementing GP outcomes by Albania, Croatia, Finland, Italy, Serbia, Turkey, UK already moving forward on the recommendation

## Summary of EFDRR outcomes following the last EFDRR annual meeting's recommendations



### Outcome:

State of Art on implementation by EFDRR members on the identified recommendation for action as per EFDRR 2012 Annual Meeting

### Experience shared from 14 countries (Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Turkey, The United Kingdom) on addressing the below recommendations:

1. Promote high-level engagement in building resilience to disasters at national level by using the outcome of Rio+20 and the specific language related to DRR.
2. Encouraged National Platform and HFA Focal Points to continue their work with their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure DRR reflection in their on-going sustainable processes.
3. Recommended for National Platforms to hold national discussions on Post-2015, Post-MDGs, Rio+20 outcomes and ensure that national stakeholders dealing with the different processes participate.
4. Encouraged EFDRR members to participate at the EU Exchange of Experts Programme.
5. Recommended the need to integrate cultural heritage protection into multi-risk assessment.
6. Recommended the need to integrate the scientific partners at local level acting as a glue between the public and private sector.
7. More European Countries to initiate the development of a national disaster loss database.

View PPT presentation with highlighted success in moving forward the topics at:

[http://www.preventionweb.net/files/32998\\_13efdr25sep2013norwayefdr2012outc.pdf](http://www.preventionweb.net/files/32998_13efdr25sep2013norwayefdr2012outc.pdf)

### Update from Regional/Sub-Regional Organizations



Strong Engagement from regional/sub-regional organizations in supporting DRR with upcoming full agendas:

- **Council of Europe (EUR-OPA):**
  - ✓ Three pillars of work coming to an end (1) Using Information to Save Lives and Help Victims; (2) Using Knowledge to Reduce Vulnerability (3) Placing People at the Heart of Disaster Risk Reduction
  - ✓ PEDRR to undertake a HFA2 consultation
  - ✓ Council of Europe to conduct a 22-23 October workshop on Disabilities and DRR
- **EC:**
  - ✓ Promotion of multi-hazard risk assessment; Good Practice Guidelines - >400 ex. of good practices from 37 countries
  - ✓ Mainstreaming Prevention: (EU Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (April 2013), Cohesion funds (2014-2020); Horizon 2020; Green Paper on insurance and disasters (April 2013); Integration of DRR in EU policies
  - ✓ International Cooperation (Communication on Resilience; SDGs, MDGs, HFA2 – adoption of policy paper)

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- **EC-Matrix:**
  - ✓ The interactions raised the awareness of multi-risk among NP
  - ✓ NP provided useful advise to MATRIX
  - ✓ Cooperation in research projects
  - ✓ Currently not applying multi-risk in practice
  - ✓ Integrating real test cases into IT framework
  - ✓ Vision paper
- **DPPI SEE:**
  - ✓ Capacity Development Projects 2009-2012
  - ✓ Continuation of Training Programmes in SEE
  - ✓ Development of several proposals for future projects to improve DRR training courses

## EFDRR fit for purpose after 2015



### Outcome:

- ✓ Establishment of an ad-hoc working group on viewing EFDRR Fit for purpose for 2015 and beyond
- ✓ Renewed recognition of EFDRR added value as important forum to assist embracing DRR at National Level
- ✓ Renewed importance of HFA Focal Points/NPs coordinators to voice HFA2 considerations (EFDRR, National Consultations) to UNISDR in the context of the HFA2 consultations.

### Recommendations:

- ✓ Include standing item on all future EFDRR agenda towards the structuring of multistakolder attendance to the EFDRR.
- ✓ Review the added value of MOFA presence in the NP;
- ✓ Report back on HFA2 recommendations from Europe;
- ✓ UNISDR to share information on developments in preparation of Ministerial Session (EFDRR line ministers)
- ✓ Relevance of National Platforms and HFA Focal Points in discussing the modality of further multi-stakeholder representation
- ✓ EFDRR to look at how to develop cooperation on DRR in Europe into and through the HFA2

### Experience shared from:

- Good Practices of the EFDRR; Regional Platform from Asia and Pacific
- Discussion among EFDRR members on Added value of MOFA



## Announcement of the Armenian Conference

**Outcome:** Public Awareness as a Cornerstone for DRR - Conference for officials, international organizations, information responsible and journalists for resilient planet Earth, *3-4. 12.2013, Yerevan, ARMENIA*

**Recommendation:** EFDRR members to share the Announcement of meeting with their respective Communication focal points and view their possible participation to the meeting

## Global Assessment Report & Working Group on “Governance and Accountability of DRR ”



### Outcome:

- The Working Group will focus on National Strategies and Economics of disasters
- Agreed on the inclusion of Short Term and Long Term Objectives
- European Commission joined the Working Group formed by Turkey (Chair), Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, The Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, and UNISDR

### Recommendations:

- Working group to contribute to the HFA2 consultations
- EFDRR to support in the developments of the ToR and develop first input to the Short Term Objectives by April 2014
- Identify what made a DRR Strategy successful and how to obtain financing of the strategy

### Experience shared from:

- The Global Assessment Report 2013
- Experience from Turkey & Initial comments from the Working Group Members (Turkey (Chair), Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, The Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, and UNISDR)



## Selection of Co-Chair 2014

France – Co-Chair 2014 & Chair 2015

Nomination for Co-Chair in upcoming years:

- Finland (2015)

Request of nomination for Co-Chair in 2016  
will take place in 2014



**Thank you very much  
for all your support!**

