

WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER REDUCTION

Thematic Panel 1

Governance: Institutional and Policy Frameworks for Risk Reduction

Key Points From the Discussion
Paper



GOVERNANCE

The exercise of authority by society to manage its affairs in the economic, political and social spheres. It comprises the values, policies, institutions and mechanisms through which citizens and groups articulate their interests, mediate their differences and exercise their legal rights and obligations.



ISSUES FROM YOKOHAMA

- Political commitment and elevating disaster risk reduction as a policy priority
- Legal and regulatory frameworks
- Institutional frameworks and structures
- Multi-stakeholder participation
- Capacities for disaster risk reduction
- Financial resources for disaster risk reduction



VOLUNTARY TARGETS

Political commitment and policy priority

- Global agreements consider disaster risk issues and make appropriate recommendations
- Each country plans follow up to WSSD and every LDC has included DRR in its Plan of Action on Climate Change
- Every country and region adopts policies and plans for DRM and integrates it into mainstream policies and programmes



VOLUNTARY TARGETS

Legal and regulatory frameworks

- Each country has updated DRM legislation
- Relevant codes and standards updated and published, with systems of compliance
- Incorporate citizen's fundamental right to highest standards of security and protection against hazards into legal frameworks



VOLUNTARY TARGETS

Institutional frameworks and structures

- Each country reviews and updates institutional frameworks for DRR to incorporate all stakeholders at all levels with roles, etc, clearly defined and allocated
- Formal systems for monitoring and evaluating effectiveness of institutions in place, with public accountability



VOLUNTARY TARGETS

Multi-stakeholder participation

- Rights of all societal groups to participate in decision making are recognised in institutional frameworks
- Right to information set out in policy together with systems for public access
- Each country with an independent, multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral national platform supported by government



VOLUNTARY TARGETS

Capacities for disaster risk reduction

- Hazard/vulnerability/risk analysis included in formal government planning
- Independent evaluation of all DRR initiatives
- All project and programme reporting to include assessment of capacities in DRR
- Achievements in DRR are reported in national MDG reports

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Financial resources for DRR

- All stakeholders identify resources they provide for DRR in budgets, in both development and humanitarian sectors and report on their use
- All donor assistance and lending programmes, including PRSPs, include full analysis of disaster risks and make provision for their mitigation

