



## **KOBE REPORT draft**

### **Regional Meeting: Asia**

#### **Summary of the session's presentations and discussions**

- The co chair, Dr. Chung Rae Kwon, UN/ESCAP, introduced the session as focusing on recent regional efforts in disaster reduction and the role of regional action in implementing the outcomes of WCDR.
- The presentations on cases of good practices in regional cooperation highlighted the following challenges:
  - Advocacy for shift in national policy thrust from post disaster response to pre-disaster prevention and risk reduction (West Asia)
  - Ensuring that disaster risk reduction is made a national and local priority with strong institutional basis for implementation (Central Asia)
  - Strengthening existing platforms and mechanisms for regional cooperation (Southeast Asia)
  - Establishment of regional mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of the WCDR plan of action (Northeast Asia)
- The comments of IAP members cited the following challenges and expectations on regional institutions:
  - promoting information exchange as key role of regional organizations (ADRC)
  - advocacy for disaster risk reduction at all levels involving all stakeholders (ADRC)
  - national capacity building, including the corporate sector (ADRC)
  - sustaining ongoing cooperation and partnerships in disaster risk reduction and focusing on mainstreaming disaster reduction into development, enhancing effectiveness of existing mechanisms and promoting new mechanisms like the RCC (ADPC)
  - Sharing experiences, lessons learned and good practice on policy, legal and institutional arrangements , and planning for disaster reduction ( ADPC)
  - mobilizing resources in the region for disaster risk reduction initiatives (UN/OCHA)
  - developing platforms for cooperation in sharing of knowledge and experiences (UN/OCHA)
  - integrating risk reduction into development planning and practice (ISDR)

- review of framework for strengthening capacities at the regional and local levels (ISDR)
- designation of regional disaster risk reduction advisers in Asia (UNDP)
- facilitating rapid deployment of experts for recovery planning (UNDP)
- defining targets for regional efforts towards attainment of millennium development goals (UN/ESCAP)
- role and consistency of training in regional cooperation (UNDP)
- strengthening existing national and intergovernmental mechanisms for cooperation and coordination (ASEAN)
- an organizational commitment to support input of WCDR outcomes at regional and national levels and work closely with intergovernmental regional institutions (ADPC)

#### **4. Primary issues**

The session conveyed the following key elements for successful implementation of regional cooperation efforts in Asia:

- strengthening existing platforms and mechanisms for regional and multilateral cooperation
- involvement of national disaster coordinating bodies and national planning agencies as focal points for policy advocacy and implementation of WCDR program of action at national and sub-regional levels
- framework for regional and sub-regional cooperation in the implementation of WCDR program of action

#### **5. a) Suggested targets and indicators to measure accomplishments**

- framework for regional and sub-regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction in Asia
- plan of action for the implementation of the WCDR program of action in Asia
- acceptance of roles and responsibilities of advancing national action by regional organizations and coordinated work through existing mechanisms including the ISDR Asia Partnership

#### **b) Existing indicators with reference**

- regional mechanism and platform for cooperation in disaster risk reduction (ISDR Asia Partnership)

- regular conferences and meetings on disaster risk reduction (RCC, Program Framework for Mainstreaming DRM into development planning, and implementation ( ADPC ), Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ADRC), series of meetings of regional organizations and regional offices of UN and other agencies)
- multilateral activities and cooperation programs (ASEAN/ACDM, ADPC)

## **6. Partnerships**

- ISDR Asian Partnership (ADPC, ADRC, UNDP/BCPR, UNESCAP, UN/ISDR, OCHA)
- ASEAN/ACDM: INSARAG, ADPC, RCC, ADRC, ICIMOD, Duryog Nivaran, IFRC RDMC, MRC, TC/TCP, ADRRN, ARF-ISMDR, ASOEN-HTTF, SAARC

## **7. Any other relevant and brief comments**

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