RISK IDENTIFICATION,
ASSESSMENT,
MONITORING
AND EARLY WARNING

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Organisation for Implementation

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Observations on key topics from Outcome Document and Discussion Paper

POLICY
INTEGRATION OF APPROACHES
DECENTRALISATION
DATA MANAGEMENT

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ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY

Under-rated but extremely important.

This will:

➢ Provide the framework for implementation and guidance for operational agencies

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Establishment of Policy Contd.

- Ensure continuity of approaches
- Guide setting of targets and achievement of goals over time
- Promote integrated approaches
INTEGRATED APPROACHES – across sectors, disciplines, communities, countries

Implementation of Risk Reduction/Emergency Management measures very uneven across the globe
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INTEGRATED APPROACHES – across sectors, disciplines, communities, countries

Deaths which can be prevented are being caused by lack of application of available knowledge/technology

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INTEGRATED APPROACHES –
Needed:
Global standards for, at minimum, warning and preparedness.
Seek to prevent economics being the major factor in decision-making
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DECENTRALISATION OF CAPACITY

Links into objective of strengthening disaster preparedness and community involvement

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DECENTRALISATION OF CAPACITY

Possible hiccups:
Maintaining capacity

National level mobilisation

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DECENTRALISATION OF CAPACITY

Many examples of communities – in our experience easier in rural areas

Challenge: How to effectively mobilise entire countries

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DATA AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Thematic discussion paper points to continuous monitoring of risk and vulnerability.

At present, data collection skewed towards national level and “scientific data”, but communities if trained can collect and provide valuable data (volunteer gauge readers),

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Question - how do we modify present institutional structures in order to allow capture of community – collected data and information into national data-bases?
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OPEN DISCUSSION

Big changes in thinking:

Thinking of vulnerability/ risk as static
Big changes in thinking:

Need to move to forecasting vulnerability/risk and basing programmes/plans on those forecasts
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Advances in next 5 – 10 years:

All vulnerable countries to have access to data, knowledge on hazards

Global standards for basic systems and approaches

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Main challenges and actions for national and local governments:

Challenge

Achieving desirable balance among hazards, environment, development to ensure sustainable development
Main challenges and actions for national and local governments:

Actions

Reduction of societal vulnerability
Securing commitment:

 Entire society must have

**Knowledge, acceptance, of risk/vulnerability**

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Securing commitment:

Confidence that we can reduce risk

Belief that everyone’s contribution is important and will make a difference

(Risk reduction not just Government responsibility)