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Chair's Summary of the Second Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Highlights

May-June 2009

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (16-19 June, Geneva) ends with call to halve disaster related deaths by 2015

The Global Platform ended with more than 1,800 participants from some 300 regional/national organizations and governments urging political leaders to implement measures to halve the number of deaths from natural hazards by 2015.

In the Chair's Summary, John Holmes, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Chair of the ISDR partnership recognised the way in which the process of DRR was being driven from the local level with the leadership increasingly coming from the global south. In his Summary, he reviewed the findings and recommendations from four days of intense dialogue and debate drawn from plenary and informal plenary sessions, five high-level panels, five round-tables and over 40 special events.

Specific targets were also identified as catalysts for cutting deaths and economic losses brought on by disasters, including:

- By 2010, establishment of clear national and international financial commitments to DRR, for example to allocate a minimum of 10% of all humanitarian and reconstruction funding, at least 1% of development funding, and at least 30% of climate change adaptation funding to DRR.
- By 2011, a global structural evaluation of all schools and hospitals and by 2015 firm action plans for safer schools and hospitals developed and implemented in all disaster prone countries with DRR included in all school curricula by the same year.
- By 2015, all major cities in disaster prone areas to include and enforce DRR measures in their building and land use codes.

For more information on the Global Platform incl. the Chair's Summary, statements, the GP Daily as well as photos and videos: www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2009/

Indonesian scientist Eko Teguh Paripurno wins 2009 UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction

Dr Eko Teguh Paripurno is this year's laureate for the Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. He received the award - valued at US\$ 50,000 - from USG John Holmes for his lifetime contribution and his outstanding commitment to reduce disaster risk and building capacity at the community level in Indonesia, one of the countries most vulnerable to multiple hazards. Additionally, five organizations actively involved in disaster reduction were awarded Certificates.

The recipients of the Certificate of Distinction were Development Workshop France, France and Jeunesse en Mission Entraide et Developpement (JEMED), Niger. The Certificate of Merit went to the Tehran Disaster and Mitigation Management Organization (TDMMO), Iran, Focus Humanitarian Assistance, Pakistan and the International Research Centre on El Niño (CIIFEN), Ecuador.

The UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction is together with the WHO Sasakawa Health Prize and the UNEP Sasakawa Environment Prize one of three prestigious prizes established by the Nippon Foundation in Japan in 1986. The Award Ceremony was held on 16 June during the Second Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

For more information about the Sasakawa Award including the laureate's achievements and a transcript of the interview with Dr Paripurno: www.unisdr.org/eng/sasakawa/sasakawa09-list.html

BBC World Debate ‘Prevent or React’ to be aired in July

As a special media event at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) recorded a one-hour ‘as live’ BBC World Debate titled *Prevent or React*. The airing times of the debate are as follows:

Sat 4th July 07.10 GMT, 15.10 GMT, 19.10 GMT
 Sun 5th July 00.10 GMT, 07.10 GMT, 15.10 GMT

Nik Gowing, a senior BBC World presenter, anchored the event, sparking a lively dialogue between the panellists and the audience.

The panellists were Arjun Katoch, Emergency Services Branch, UN OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), Senator Loren Legarda, Philippine Senator and the ISDR's champion of Disaster Risk Reduction in the Asia Pacific region, Guido Bertolaso, Head of Italy's civil protection agency and Edward Borodzicz, Professor of risk management at Portsmouth Business School; Author of *Risk, Crisis and Security Management*.

Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction ‘Risk and Poverty in a Changing Climate’ launched

A major UN Report was launched on 17 May in the Kingdom of Bahrain – the first time such an event has been held in the Gulf region. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon unveiled the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Risk and Poverty in a Changing Climate at an impressive ceremony in the presence of Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of Bahrain, Abdulrahman Al Attiyah, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Princess Haya bint Al Hussein, together with a range of regional and international dignitaries.



Balancing the risk reduction challenges faced by Governments across the world, the Report provides many solutions to mitigating disaster risk and is replete with examples of good practice where sound disaster risk interventions have changed people's lives for the better. It also proposes a 20-point action plan to reduce risk, focusing on: stepping up efforts to respond to climate change; strengthening the economic resilience of small and vulnerable economies; supporting community initiatives; enhancing national and local governance; encouraging the adoption of high-level development policy frameworks; and, above all, investing in sustainable disaster risk reduction measures.

The global launch in Bahrain was followed by some 15 regional and national launches around the world with Argentina (4 July) and Dushanbe, Tajikistan (7 October) still to come.

For more information: www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/?pid:50

WEB RESOURCES



Disaster Reduction Hyperbase-Asian Application (DRH-Asia)

<http://drh.edm.bosai.go.jp/>

The Disaster Reduction Hyperbase-Asian Application (DRH-Asia) is a facility disseminating disaster reduction technology and knowledge. It has been designed for potential use by policy makers, community leaders, practitioners, and motivated researchers who wish to have access to appropriate technical know-how that can help them establish practical disaster management plans. The DRH offers open and interactive access and participation. Its major components consist of the DRH Database, the DRH Forum and DRH Links. It also provides access to all records of the DRH Project activities.



Pacific Disaster Net

www.pacificdisaster.net

The Pacific Disaster Net is the ‘Virtual Centre of Excellence’ for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in the Pacific Region. It is a live collection and growing DRM information resource for government agencies, regional bodies, non-government organizations and international agencies. It also supports National Action Planning, Decision Making and provides in-country information for distribution within the region. The website offers multiple access entries with a range of retrieval and display options. Inexperienced and expert users can access their information and documents without difficulty and within a range of formats.

Global Assessment Report (GAR) launching event in Tokyo at United Nations University

To mark the launch of the Global Assessment Report on Risk Reduction in Japan, an event was co-organized by the UNISDR Hyogo Office and the United Nations University (UNU) at the UNU in Tokyo on 22nd May.

Opening remarks by a senior representative from the Cabinet Office of Japan were followed by an overview from Andrew Maskrey, the lead author and GAR Coordinator from UNISDR. A panel discussion with high level panellists and eminent experts from Japanese top universities and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) reiterated the prioritisation of disaster risk reduction in the realms of development. This launching event provided an important opportunity to draw attention to the disaster risk reduction agenda in Japan and update a number of stakeholders working in the area of disaster risk reduction on the issues and challenges.

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Indonesia National Platform announced

At a recent meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia's National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was presented to the general public with an invitation to use this body as a forum to promote greater public participation in DRR. Indonesian disaster risk reduction (DRR) stakeholders had declared their commitment to establish a national platform in November 2008. Subsequent to that, several focus-group discussions and public consultations involving the national DRR multi-stakeholders were conducted and permitted to finalise the structure and organizational arrangement of the platform. The public launch was followed by a seminar on indigenous knowledge in DRR drawing from Indonesian experiences. It is expected that the findings and recommendations from the seminar will lead to the development of a strategy for invigorating indigenous knowledge in DRR, particularly with regards to traditional early warning systems and local coping mechanisms in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA).

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REGIONAL NEWS

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Latin America & the Caribbean: www.eird.org

West Asia and North Africa: www.unisdr-wana.org

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A new National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in South Eastern Europe

The Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia has officially communicated the launch of their National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction set by the Government on 21 April 2009. The platform is lead by the National Crisis Management System (CMS) – as coordinating governmental agency (and already HFA focal institution for the country) – and includes:

- A steering committee composed by Ministers for Interior, Health, Transport and Communications, Defence, Foreign Affairs and the Head of the Assessment Group
- The assessment group: a governmental body that performs assessments of national risks and early warnings.
- Other ministries and authorities, inspectorates, local level authorities, the academic community, a centre of excellence in disaster prevention, mitigation and response, a network of NGOs, a network of religious communities and the private sector.

For more information: www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/national/list/v.php?id=171&pid:181

An overview on advances in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) in Europe

UNISDR Europe has released a new publication in partnership with the Council of Europe (European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement, EUR-OPA) and the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV): *Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action in Europe: Advances and Challenges covering the period 2007-2009*. The main objective of this report is to identify key trends in progress made and challenges faced at both national and regional levels through the HFA implementation in Europe between 2007 and 2009. This review includes elements based on reports received from countries and regional organizations that responded to the HFA monitoring requirements by providing national reports and information on regional bodies.

For more information: www.unisdr.org/europe/publications/

PreventionWeb: New section highlights HFA Progress Reports

The new section "HFA Progress Reports" promotes over 76 final national reports on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action published for the reporting period 2007-2009 via the HFA Monitor tool. The tool developed for this reporting timeframe enabled publication of reports by each HFA Priority for Action as well as by each indicator for the first time. Each HFA Priority section also promotes quick links to related thematic areas, guidance documents, and promotes ISDR System support projects.

Explore the HFA Progress Reports section online: www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/progress/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Conferences and Events

July - Mid-August 2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
May		
29 June-09 August	Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Course World Bank Institute	New Delhi, India
29 June-3 August	Community-based Disaster Risk Management Online Course World Bank Institute	Ankara, Turkey
1-3	SAFE 2009 - 3rd International Conference on Safety and Security Engineering, Wessex Institute of Technology	Rome, Italy
6-9	Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters	Brussels, Belgium
6-10	Colloquium: danger, vulnerability and risk assessment to reduce disasters. Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnologia y Medio Ambiente	Havana, Cuba
7-9	Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management, Pacific Forum 2009 Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation	Samoa
9-14	Participatory Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Development Associates	Jessore, Bangladesh
12-16	Disaster and Livelihood: the forward thinking to reduce vulnerability Network for Information Response and Preparedness Activities on Disaster	Dhaka, Bangladesh
13-15	IDRC Chengdu 2009 International Disaster and Risk Conference	Chengdu, China
13-17	IEEE International Geoscience & Remote Sensing Symposium 09 (IGARSS) Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society	South Africa
13-18	AGSE 2009: Second International Summer School and Conference - Applied Geoinformatics for Society and Environment Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences	Stuttgart, Germany
15-18	34th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Application Workshop Natural Hazards Center	Colorado, USA
16-1 Aug	2009 Summer Academy on Social Vulnerability Munich Reinsurance Company	Hohenkammer, Germany
20-31	Regional Training Course on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Asian Disaster Preparedness Center	Bangkok, Thailand
21-24	MMT 09: 6th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology. Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita Filho"	Sao Paulo, Brazil
23-24	2nd Conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks (CESN 2009) University of Massachusetts Boston	Boston, USA
August		
2-15	2009 Summer Institute for Advanced Study of Disaster and Risk (SIASDR), University of Beijing	Beijing, China
4-6	7th Asia Pacific Structural Engineering and Construction Conference (APSEC 2009) & 2nd European Asian Civil Engineering Forum (EACEF 2009) Malaysian University of Technology	Awana Porto Malai, Langkawi, Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia
5-7	3rd Australasian Hazards Management Workshop Series: From warnings to effective response and recovery. University of Canterbury	Melbourne, Australia
9-12	2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness: 'The power of citizen corps' International Association of Emergency Managers	Arlington, VA, USA

For more details, please see www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/trainings-events/events

Library Corner

Making disaster risk reduction gender-sensitive: policy and practical guidelines

www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=9922

This joint publication is a result of a UNISDR-led process in collaboration with IUCN and UNDP. The overarching goal of the publication is to contribute to building the disaster resilience of both women and men, in order to achieve sustainable development. Included in this publication is a policy guideline on gender mainstreaming, and practical guidelines on how to institutionalize gender-sensitive risk assessments, implement gender-sensitive early warning systems, and use gender-sensitive indicators to monitor gender mainstreaming progress.

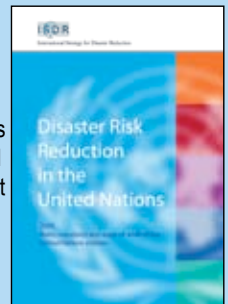


Disaster risk reduction in the United Nations.

2009 Roles, mandates and areas of work of key United Nations entities

www.preventionweb.net/files/9866_w3fulltext.pdf

This compilation shows an impressive portfolio of services and programmes of the United Nations and the World Bank in support of disaster risk reduction. It brings together the core set of ISDR system partners, the Inter-Agency Group, also listing disaster risk reduction networks and national counterparts, responsible for various areas of work at the country level. The detail included in the publication is shown as received from the partners and the content is the responsibility of each organization.



World Disasters Report: Focus on early warning, early action

www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/disasters/wdr2009/WDR2009-full.pdf

Published annually since 1993 by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the World Disasters Report brings together the latest trends, facts and analysis of contemporary crises – whether 'natural' or man-made, quick-onset or chronic. World Disasters Report 2009 focuses on two key aspects of disaster risk reduction: early warning and early action. The decline in injuries, loss of livelihoods and deaths from disasters over the past 30 years is, in part, due to the establishment and improvement of early warning systems.

