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Six Monthly Progress Report January – June 2013

Progress

Work Plan	Result 1.1
<p>UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section</p>	<p>The session of legislators and governance for disaster risk reduction was jointly organized by Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNISDR. We have gathered 31 parliamentarians from 27 countries and four regional parliamentary assemblies. The discussion focussed on governance for disaster risk reduction and obtaining the commitment of parliamentarians to the HFA2. Parliamentarians shared their views and experiences and agreed that parliamentarians should be recognized as important stakeholders. Parliamentarians play a critical role in consultations and implementation of the HFA. Parliamentarians agreed on the key elements of a successful governance of DRR: institutional frameworks, regulatory frameworks, legislation, oversight, transparency and accountability, and empowerment and inclusion. Participation in the advisory group provided an impetus for several actions on the part of parliamentarians:</p> <p>Awareness was raised on DRR among members of the parliament of Uganda, the MP from the UK has wrote to the Secretary of State for International Development on the role of the UK in the development of the successor to the Hyogo Framework for Action. The MP also asked the Secretary of State how the cabinet office's leadership on this process connects to DFID's role on HFA2, and also asked for details on the strategic links between development of the HFA2 and the post MDG process. Furthermore, details on the envisaged timetable for providing funding to civil society for resilience initiatives were requested. It was suggested that the Public Accounts Committee could assess how prepared the government is to deal with disasters and carry out a survey of resilience-increasing steps taken so far. He also had a meeting with the British Group of the International Parliamentary Union regarding the possibility of creating a Database of Best Practices for DRR. Additionally, Members of parliament substantively contributed to the Regional Platform meetings in Africa, Asia and the Americas.</p> <p>Global Platform: Online Systems and Website: The online registration system designed and developed by the Information Management Unit facilitated 5,639 applications and registration of 3,500 participants. This updated system ensured that all person profile information was captured in the UNISDR Contact Directory, contributing to our internal knowledge management. Additionally, a field trip registration system supported the Swiss in planning and organizing three field visits. The Global Platform Statement Management system was updated to improve efficiency in scheduling and communicating official oral statement delivery by National Delegates, selected stakeholder groups, and written statements of partners. 140 official statements were made. A corresponding video statement delivery platform automatically informed and delivered broadcast-ready statements to all in-country media contacts and disaster risk reduction organizations. The videos were also published on the UNISDR YouTube channel, with over 3500 views by the end of the Global Platform week. Many country statements had already been watched over 100 times. In total, videos were viewed over 19,000 times by the end of the end of June. The Global Platform website and corresponding social media channels (YouTube and Twitter) were updated before, during and after the event. 32,499 unique visitors viewed over 325,000 Global Platform website pages. e-Library: The Global Platform was again an occasion to call upon partners to update their disaster risk reduction profiles via PreventionWeb for inclusion in the 2013 e-Library. 1,000 organizations answered the call</p>

compared with approximately 300 during the previous platform. The 2013 e-library was developed by IMU including 5,000 organization profiles on their DRR activities, all 500 UNISDR documents, all 2007-2013 HFA reports (as of the Platform), all DRR related UN resolutions and reports 1962-2013, and the full 2009, 2011 and 2013 Global Assessment Reports. 3,200 USB keys were distributed, which saved 8,400 trees in printing and avoided 41,295 tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Market Place, IGNITE and UNISDR Booth management: The DRR Market Place, IGNITE stage and UNISDR booths were managed and developed by IMU to showcase current and emerging trends in disaster risk reduction and served as key information and knowledge dissemination hubs. The 2013 Market Place was visited by each of the 3,500 participants at least once and featured 37 booths, many of them thematic and co-managed in partnership for the first time. The IGNITE stage featured 74 presentations, each reaching an audience of 30-50 participants. The UNISDR booth made all key UNISDR publications available to participants and demonstrated its websites (UNISDR.org, PreventionWeb and Making Cities Resilient), the GAR Tangible Earth display and 2013 e-Library. Regional platform websites and a corresponding regional registration system were designed and developed by IMU to help support promotion and participation in Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction. This conference website and registration system was designed, developed and launched as a scalable system for the first Arab conference on disaster risk reduction. The same model was requested and implemented for the fourth meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR).

<p>UNISDR Americas</p>	<p><u>Addressing HFA priorities in Action Plans.</u></p> <p>ROAM has continued supporting the preparation of regional plans to advance in the implementation of the HFA priorities. ROAM contributed with comments to the preparation of the inter-agency document “Towards Sustainable Development: Latin America and the Caribbean in the post-2015 agenda” under the leadership of ECLAC. The document served as a regional input prepared as a basis for the inter-governmental discussions on the post 2015 SDG that took place in Bogota 5-9 March and explicitly addressed DRR as key component to be considered in a post 2015 SDG (http://www.eclac.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/prensa/noticias/comunicados/8/49338/P49338.xml&amp;xsl=/prensa/tpl/p6f.xsl&amp;base=/rio20/tpl/top-bottom.xsl).</p> <p>In the Caribbean in a dialogue with the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), ROAM supported the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction considerations in the outcome document of the “5th summit of heads of state and/or government of the association of Caribbean states “revitalizing the vision of the association of Caribbean states for a stronger and more united greater Caribbean”. As a result, the declaration of Petion- Ville signed by 25 presidents and 4 associate states (see article 23 in http://www.acs-aec.org/index.php?q=es/centro-de-prensa/comunicados/2013/declaracion-de-petion-ville) , explicitly incorporated DRR as a key priority for a joint strategy of the Caribbean nations and established an action plan for furthering its advancement in the Caribbean region. At the request of the ACS, ROAM also supported the subsequent design of the corresponding Action Plan (see point 4 of http://www.acs-aec.org/index.php?q=press-center/releases/2013/plan-of-action-of-petion-ville) which establishes specific actions at the regional level to advance in DRR .</p> <p>In South America ROAM supported a high-level meeting of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) member states in April, in which high-level representatives proposed the creation of a High-Level Working Group on Integrated Disaster Risk Management (see attachment).</p> <p>In Central America, through a Grant agreement with the Central American Coordination Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters (CEPRENAC) , UNISDR contributed to advancing the implementation of the Central American Policy on Integral Disaster Management (PCGIR) in the field of education and climate change adaptation. As a result,</p>
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the Ministers of Education of Central America approved DRR lines of action for the Education Sector 2012-2015 in the framework of the PCGIR. Furthermore, DRR and CCA have been incorporated within the Central American Regional Strategy of Climate Change. In addition, through a new Grant Agreement with CEPREDENAC signed in April 2013, CEPREDENAC carried out the II Consultative Forum of the PCGIR, with more than 250 representatives of national organizations of disaster risk management, technical institutions, international organizations, donors and civil society from 6 countries of Central America. As a result of this forum, the final declaration explicitly addressed the commitment of the member states to review and align the PCGIR with the post HFA in 2015 (see attachment-Foro Consultivo paragraph 4). ROAM promoted through letters addressed to national DRR authorities and CDEMA the inclusion of DRR aspects in the outcome document of the SIDS regional preparatory meeting for the Caribbean, 2-4 July 2013 in Jamaica, which was the region's input for the 2014 International SIDS Conference.

ROAM has continued supporting the National Platforms in the preparation of national plans to advance in the implementation of the HFA priorities. In Central America UNISDR in association with the International recovery Platform (IRP) and UNDP, ROAM provided technical support in the preparation of national recovery plans in the 6 countries of the region.

The countries in Central America have expressed their commitment for the approval of these plans once finalized and its further integration into the national plans for DRR. In South America, at the request of the Government of Chile, ROAM reviewed and prepared comments to the Civil Protection Law being discussed by the Chilean Congress. ROAM has also supported the preparation of the draft of the "Policy for Disaster Risk Reduction" being also discussed in the parliament. UN coordination for DRR. UNDAF At the request of the UNDG-LAC Peer Support Group, the ROAM has made an analysis of the current integration of DRR in the UNDAF in the Americas (see attachment) in order to prioritize the support to be provided to UNCTs in Roll-Out Countries in 2013. In 2013, ROAM as part of the United Nations Peer Support Group, supported the revision of the new UNDAF for Mexico, Nicaragua, the roadmap for Ecuador and participated in the UNDAF support training to the UNCT in Venezuela jointly with UNEP to integrate DRR in the UNDAF as per UNDG guidelines.

UN Action Plan for Resilience a. Within the UNDG LAC, UNISDR has supported the creation of a working group on resilience for the implementation of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience with the aim at supporting the roll-out and monitoring of the Plan of Action. During the incoming semester 013, UNISDR will continue with the identification of specific activities and commitments by UN Agencies in the Region through the working group.

3. Global Flagship events

ROAM promoted the region's participation at the GP13 and facilitated the organization of a Meeting of the Americas in the context of the GP. A guideline for representatives from the Americas was prepared to provide information on the main sessions, logistics, and overall orientation so that delegations can make the most out of it. The main results for the Americas region were: The number of participants from the Americas in the GP (more than 400) was higher than that of the last GP in 2011. It included government officials,

	<p>parliamentarians, mayors, NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and private sector representatives. The biggest official national delegation was that of Brazil (47 delegates). The consultation meeting of the Americas held on 20 May in the context of the GP gathered more than 120 participants. The Guide for Participants from the Americas prepared for the GPDRR13 was presented during this meeting and welcomed by all delegates (see attachment). In the context of the GP three sub-regional consultation meetings were carried-out successfully (CAPRADE, CDEMA, CEPREDENAC) that discussed on the post HFA agenda and furthered the decision among IGO's in the region to carry sub regional consultations on the post HFA for the second semester of 2013. In addition, the ROAM facilitated and accompanied bilateral meetings between representatives of the Americas with Haitian representatives for furthering collaboration in DRR (Brazil, Chile, and Mexico).</p> <p>In 2013, ROAM has begun the organization of the fourth session of the Regional Platform. UNISDR obtained the agreement of the Government of Ecuador and the support from OFDA to host the meeting of the Americas from 27-29 May 2014 in Guayaquil, Ecuador.</p>
UNISDR Arab States	<p>Arab position on HHFA2 was developed and adopted at the 1st Session of the Arab Regional Platform. The recommendations of the region towards 2015 new DRR framework builds on progress on HFA implementation reported through national and local governments and challenges faced in advancing DRR in the region. An increasing number of Arab countries report on HFA implementation with improved recognition of HFA as a road map to enhance resilience at national and local level. In 2013, 11 countries reported on HFA and 8 cities reported on LGSAT.</p>
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p><u>Implementation of national and sub-regional action plans to address HFA priorities</u></p> <p>The 2011-2013 HFA Monitor reports from 36 countries in Asia and the Pacific region indicate that most of countries have developed National Action Plans for DRR and are implementing them. About 7 countries indicated the development of national action plans for DRR during the biennium reporting cycle.</p> <p>Based on the 2011-2013 HFA progress reviews, Country Implementation Plans that integrate DRM and CCA were developed with technical support from the UNISDR Pacific Office for Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu whilst eight other countries were done by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC Division). The EDF-10 funds, implemented through SPC (SOPAC) for the Pacific region with technical support from UNISDR Pacific Office were provided to countries for implementation of the Country Implementation Plans (bigger island countries were given €1,350,000 and smaller ones received €600,000). The development and implementation of Country Implementation Plans lead to the consensus on the development of the Pacific Integrated Strategy for DRR and CCA, the first of its kind in the world.</p> <p>ASEAN continues its implementation of two important regional roadmaps on Disaster Risk Assessment and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (DRFI). Regional Disaster Risk Assessment Forum and training organized for all 10 ASEAN Member States, academia and other ASEAN bodies. The ASEAN Cross-Sectoral Coordination Committee on DRFI has been established by the ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting in April 2013 composed of ACDM together with the ASEAN Committee for Finance and Central Bank Deputies and Insurance Regulators as the implementation mechanism of the DRFI roadmap. Priorities for AADMER Work Programme 2013-2015 have been identified, emphasizing DRR. Agreement has been</p>

reached with ASEAN Secretariat and the World Bank on a new five-year cooperation and work is going on to identify specific areas of collaboration, drawing on a review of the ASEAN-UN Strategic Partnership and ASEAN-UN Strategic Plan for DRM

SAARC Member Countries continued to strengthen information exchange and knowledge sharing for DRR and CCA. A study on DRR- CCA integration in the SAARC region was completed as part of the action plan for implementation of the 'Thimphu Statement on Climate Change'. A Road map for GLOF risk mitigation in the SAARC region drafted for finalization in August 2013. SAARC consolidated sub regional report on HFA implementations progress for 2011-13 and identified of priority sub regional issues for HFA2

UNCTs and UNDAF that address DRR

Thailand: The first review of UNPAF 2012-2016 of Thailand reached agreement to develop strategy for UN agencies engagement in DRR in Thailand, also in support of Thailand hosting the 6thAMCDRR. The development of strategic interventions is in progress

Nepal: a video about the UNRC was produced, highlighting the importance of UN leadership in DRR

Afghanistan: SRSR mission resulted in agreement for UN-coordinated approach to support the Government of Afghanistan in developing a Short-term Action Plan to implement the Istanbul process

02 UNRCs from the region participated in the GPDRR13

Nauru: The draft Nauru UNDAF (2013-17) specifically addresses climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction as an objective. This draft will be discussed in-country with the Government of Nauru in Mid-August 2013.

The Pacific Sub-Regional UNDAF (2013-17) - a five-year strategic programme framework - includes DRR and CCA as a specific output. The UNDAF outlines the collective response of the UN system to development challenges and national priorities in 14 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), namely Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu for the period.

Regional Platforms – Preparation for 6AMCDRR

For the first time, the *Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform on DRM and Climate Change Roundtable* was successfully organized in Fiji in July 2013 with UNISDR strong technical support. 260 people registered to attend from 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) including the Caribbean and African countries. This represents a potential increase in participants by almost 70 people, with 190 participants of the Pacific Regional Platform on DRM in 2012. Pacific Platform technical sessions are being prepared by UNISDR raised the awareness of the role the private sector plays in making communities more resilient; and contributing to HFA2 consultations with the region.

The 1st IAP meeting of the year 2013 was attended by 140 participants from governments, international organizations, UN, academia and private sector. The meeting resulted in: 1) follow up on the 5th AMC DRR outcomes including monitoring of the delivery of commitments made by governments and stakeholder groups; 2) preparation for the 6th AMCDRR with provisions of inputs to the theme and sub-themes and required background studies 3) review of the regional synthesis of the 2011-2013 HFA monitor and reports and HFA2 consultations and 4) Asia Pacific approach and preparation for contribution to the 4th Session of the Global Platform on DRR; in addition to updates and sharing of knowledge and experiences on DRR.

For the first time, a public broadcast company Thai PBS attended the meeting and committed to play a big part in the next AMC meeting. 16 media organizations also signed for the first time an Annex media declaration committing to cover disaster risk reduction

issues. 15 representatives from the private sector also joined a side event meeting and made concrete commitments that enabled UNISDR to organize the Asia regional GAR launch with key partners from the tourism industry on 3rd June 2013.

Agreement has been reached with the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department (DDPM), the lead agency of the Government of Thailand to prepare for 6AMCDRR through a meeting with the Director General of DDPM on the possible theme and sub-themes for 6AMCDRR to be submitted to the National Steering Committee for 6AMCDRR. The concept note for 6AMCDRR is being finalized, highlighting regional inputs to HFA2 and the 3rd World Conference on DRR (3WCDRR) in 2015 as overarching goal of the conference.

Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013

Asia Pacific region played a prominent role at the 4th Session of the Global Platform on DRR (GPDRR). 599 delegates from the region participated in the GPDRR, an increase by 66% compared to the 3rd Session of GP in 2011. 10 out of 42 delegations included non-governmental people. However, only 23% of the Government delegates are female – lower than the average of 29% globally. 12 Ministers from the region attended the GPDRR and contributed to the High Level Communiqué. Parliamentarians, mayors and President and CEO from AP were speakers at the Plenary and other sessions. Children from Tohoku Region in Japan who experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami 2011 participated in GP and actively shared their views as DRR actors.

IGOs, National Platforms, national and local governments and stakeholder groups from Asia Pacific led or actively participated in the global consultations on HFA2, sharing the regional progress in implementing the HFA and views on a new global framework. All IGOs from the region organized briefing and discussions of Member States for coherent views and proposals.

14 bi-lateral meetings between delegations and delegates from Asia Pacific with SRSG and Sr. Managers of UNISDR as well as other partners were held at the GPDRR. A meeting was also held between Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kazakhstan delegates to take forward the implementation of the Istanbul Process Confidence Building Measures. Fiji indicated their desire to establish a National Platform for DRR, which would be the first in the Pacific region. New Zealand has also committed to preparing a paper on their experiences from the Christchurch earthquake of 2011 for other countries to take lessons from.

Inputs from Asia Pacific provided for a number of global publications. In addition, several reports/publications prepared by UNISDR AP Office served the discussions at GPDRR: Asia Pacific Regional Synthesis of HFA Progress Review 2011-2013, Asia Pacific Synthesis of HFA2 Consultations, Report on follow up to GP2011 Chair's Summary with observations from Japan on advancing several issues such as strengthened engagement in DRR by local government, women, children, as well as private sector in Japan. UNISDR AP also provided inputs to a number of partners' publications such as JICA Handbook for mainstreaming DRR through Kobe office.

World Conference on DRR 2015

UNISDR Kobe office coordinated the discussions with the Government of Japan (MOFA and CAO) toward 3WCDRR in March 2015 including a number of SRSG and high level UNISDR missions in the reporting period. On 14 May, the decision was made officially by the Government of Japan to hold WCDRR 2015 in Sendai city in March 2015 and the venue city was announced at the closing of the GP13. Continued discussions held between UNISDR and the Government of Japan (MOFA, CAO and Permanent Mission of Japan) to build common understanding with the host country regarding the possible dates for the conference, modality of the conference including a number of preparatory meeting/s and the timing/s and funding arrangement for the organization of the conference.

The Chair Summary of Global Platform 2013 highlights the need for multi-stakeholder commitments at the Global Platform and 3WCDRR for HFA2 implementation. Work has begun in the region to strengthen the stakeholder groups, established at 5AMCDRR

	<p>including dialogues between the groups and facilitation of stakeholder groups partnership with national and local governments.</p> <p>The communication AP office is a focal point for the conference and is already actively working on a communication plan.</p> <p>Supported and facilitated the continuous commitment from the Government of Japan to the international agenda on DRR and UNISDR which led to the Japan's offer to host the 3rd UN World Conference on DRR in early 2015. (GA Resolution 2012 decided to organize UN WCDRR in early 2015 in Japan). - New major partners from Japan including private sector from Japan were facilitated to join in and contribute to the initiatives through UNISDR (GP, Regional Platform and GAR), including Kokusai Kogyo, Development Bank of Japan, and Save the Children Japan (including children participations in Regional Platform) etc. They participated in GP, Asia Regional Platform, GAR and other important events by UNISDR. - Through facilitation, Japan has submitted the HFA National Progress Report 2011-2013 (interim version) by the deadline.</p>
UNISDR Bonn Office	<p>Strengthened engagement of UN agencies based in Bonn reflected in contribution to the development and promotion of the UN Action Plan on DRR for Resilience. Further discussions with UNCCD in Bonn led to ensuring collaboration on the Drought High Level Forum held in Geneva and in March 2013 to reflect DRR and risk management in national drought management plans. Discussions and guidance to UNV led to development of a UNV proposal (with funding from Japan) to strengthen support to UN RC offices in targeted countries for the implementation of HFA and the UN Action Plan on DRR. The project is expected to be approved in 2013 for implementation in 2014. UN Bonn participation at the GP2013 in Bonn was further enhanced from previous sessions including in side events organizations and contributions to GP events.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	<p>3. 43 delegates of Central Asia and South Caucasus took part in the Global Platform for DRR in 2013. 22 representatives of the region took part in the Asian Ministerial Conference in Indonesia in October 2012. The Regional DRR Consultations in Almaty in March 2013 gathered 64 representatives of eight countries of Central Asia and Caucasus, Russian Federation, regional organizations. UNISDR/CAC supported the participation of the HFA Focal Point from Armenia in the 2012 European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (October 2012, Croatia) of which Armenia is currently a member. UNISDR/CAC supported participation of the inter-state TV company MIR in Global Platform 2013. The representatives of governments, non-government organizations, private sector, and mass media promote DRR in their respective countries and sectors.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	<p>The Fourth Session of the Global Platform was delivered with 3,500 participants from 172 countries, including 168 official government delegations. Over 47 high-level participants, including 34 Ministers, attended the High-Level Dialogue. The Global Platform attracted many stakeholders from national and local governments, inter-governmental organizations, non-government organizations, mayors, parliamentarians, communities, the business community, academia and science, children and youth. Two-thirds of the participants attended for the first time, highlighting UNISDR's outreach taken so far. New focus groups emerged on that occasion, in particular persons with disabilities, the military community as well as partners involved in migration, resilient heritage and pandemics.</p> <p>The twenty substantive sessions organized at the Global Platform (including Plenaries, Informal Plenaries and Featured Events) provided a wealth of technical expertise and innovative ideas that brought a high sense of satisfaction and appreciation among panellists and participants. All sessions brought most renowned experts on the subject and ensured an equitable geographical and gender distribution so to ensure the highest quality discussions, the most fruitful exchange of experience and concrete substantive outcome. Overall 200 discussions took place throughout the Global Platform (including 27 side events and 44 preparatory events) focusing on practical solutions, new tools and methodologies to promote the understanding of and investment in disaster risk reduction, leading to an unprecedented cross-regional sharing of expertise and experiences and promises for the forging of new partnerships and alliances towards HFA2. The fourth session of the Global</p>

Platform represented a significant milestone in building up to HFA2 and benefited from intense on-site multi-stakeholder consultations and a Synthesis Report summarizing HFA2 consultations recommendations and priorities up to the Global Platform. The Global Platform came out with three major outcome documents, including a Chair’s summary and a High-Level Communiqué from the High-Level Dialogue, that provide clear guidance and concrete recommendations for action towards post-2015 and beyond, including to deliver on commitments to risk reduction, particularly at the local level. A Synthesis Report on HFA2 was also produced that provides an overview and background of the issues emerging from the consultations and the priorities identified for the development of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2). Draft proceedings were developed and will be finalized by the end of the summer. The business community was heavily represented at and actively contributed to the Global Platform with the organization of one plenary session, a preparatory event, a simulation exercise and a strong private sector component and representation in four Featured Events and four side-events. A significant increase in the number of business delegates participating at the Global Platform, from approximately 30 in 2011 to 175 in 2013. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) was reinstated at the end of 2012. The group produced a STAG 2013 report and facilitated the organisation of two science related events at the 2013 Global Platform, thereby placing science and technology at the forefront of Global Platform discussions. The Chair Summary of GP13 has also acknowledged the role of science and technology in the public policy and practice of DRR. A STAG webpage has also been developed during the reporting period. The Global Platform built on the Regional Platforms discussions during which the DRR Section facilitated special sessions on HFA2 and the National Platforms Review for their information and contribution. The private sector organized a special roundtable for the business community at the Regional platform in Africa whilst three regional and international multinationals with significant business operations in Africa discussed the regional business case for DRR (<http://www.unisdr.org/archive/31267>). A draft guidance note on Regional Platforms promotes a standardized approach to Regional Platforms discussions was revised and shall be finalized by the end of the summer. A Regional Compendium was produced, providing the full text of 2012-13 Regional Platforms / Ministerial Conferences declarations / Agreements with a detailed analysis and key recommendations towards HFA2. The document was circulated to the entire DRR constituency and served as a basis for discussion at the IGOs consultation held on 20 May 2013 in the context of the 4th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (19-23 May 2013, Geneva) to help define a coherent and standardized approach to DRR implementation at the regional level (whilst preserving regional specificities). On the UN front, 29 UN agencies, programmes and funds demonstrated they share common parameters for implementing disaster risk reduction in their country programmes and monitoring the impact of the work.

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EFDRR: Europe Office hosted the EFDRR Friends of the Chair (formed by Norway (Chair), Spain (Co-Chair), Croatia, Germany, Italy, Council of Europe, DG ECHO and UNISDR). The meeting discussed the preparation of the next EFDRR meeting taking place 23-25 September 2013 in Oslo, Norway. During the 2013 EFDRR event, similar to the last one, 1 full day will be dedicated to the HFA2 discussion. Furthermore, it is envisioned to establish a new working group on reviewing National DRR Plans and possibly develop general guidelines on basic elements to be part of National DRR Plans. EFDRR Working Group on “Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction” is composed of Germany (new Chair since 2013), Norway (previous-Chair), France, Poland, EC DG Climate Action, Council of Europe and UNISDR. During a meeting in January 2013, the work plan for 2013 has been agreed upon. The working group has finalized the first draft of report on the survey on how European Countries include in their climate change adaptation plans/strategy issues related to disaster risk reduction. This survey was conducted by the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB) on behalf of Working Group in 2012. 24 European countries have completed the survey and during 2013, the WG will develop a report based on the survey findings and the inputs from the Group members.

In 2013, EFDRR Working Group “Local level implementation of the HFA” joined by Italy (Chair), Austria, Sweden, Council of Europe, DG ECHO and UNISDR held several

teleconferences during the first 6 months of 2013 (25 February, 14 May, 16 May). During the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Working Group launched a survey assessing local DRR measures undertaken in EFDRR member countries. The results will be presented at the 4th Annual meeting of the EFDRR in September 2013. During the meeting, a representative from the City of Strumica will give a presentation on local level DRR measures. In addition, Sweden will give a presentation on "Swedish initiatives to promote research on DRR and implementation of research findings at the local level".

National Platforms: The Serbian Government has proclaimed the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction on 24 January 2013. The National Platform plans to hold three to four regular sessions annually with a provision for more frequent sessions should emergency situations arise. The activities of the National Platform are financed through the federal budget and the resources of the authorities that are members of the National Platform. In February 2013, Belarus announced its National Platform to UNISDR Europe. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has launched of its National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction through a regional event organized on 25-26 March 2013, to better reduce the vulnerability to disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The establishment of Bosnia and Herzegovina's National Platform will further strengthen existing coordination on domestic disaster risk reduction initiatives and at the same time strengthen cross border cooperation on building resilience to disasters. During the launch, neighbouring countries with already functioning National Platforms have been invited to share their good practices and propose how respective National Platforms can work together in the future. On 11 April 2013: Vienna, Austria: i) Head of Office briefed National Representatives (line Ministers and representatives from local and regional level) on National Platforms and for viewing the engagement of Austria for the establishment of a National Platform. The event had over 100 participants from all line Ministers and local level administrations. Austria indicated that they are interested in moving ahead with the development of the NP; ii) Met with Dr. Michael Staudinger (HFA Focal Point and Director of the Hydromet Institute Austria). Dr. Staudinger indicated that Austria has expressed a strong will to move ahead with the development of the NP and expects for the process to be completed before the end of the year. Mr. Staudinger confirmed the participation of Austria to the GP (HFA Focal Point) and the EFDRR (HFA Focal Point + possible other attendance from Minister of Interior). Mr. Staudinger extended gratitude to UNISDR for their support and facilitation in having the participation from Norway, Sweden and Germany in the NP discussion whose participation was very beneficial. PLANAT will visit Austria next month to further discuss the functioning of their NP and common hazards; iii) The MOFA representative at the meeting indicated the wish from Austria to become more active in the collaboration with UNISDR building on the opportunity of the NP development and the relevance of the Austria contribution to DRR.

During the Global Platform of Disaster Risk Reduction (19-23 May: Geneva, Switzerland), 40 European VIPs have participated (1 President (Switzerland); 1 former President (Finland); 3 Ministers; 3 Deputy Ministers; 4 Parliamentarians; 20 Ambassadors; 10 City Officials; 5 Director General (Civil Protection); and 1 European Commissioner). UNISDR Europe Office organized the consultative meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction where the HFA Regional Monitoring Report for Europe 2011-2013 and the UNISDR Europe Annual Report 2012 were launched. Furthermore, UNISDR Europe co-organized the consultative meeting on Peer Review Process. On 21 May, a Letter of Cooperation was signed between the Italian Civil Protection and UNISDR. On the same day an Open debate on "Disaster Risk Reduction measures in South Eastern Europe" took place where also 2 Mayors signed up to the Campaign. The publication "Heritage and Resilience – Issues and Opportunities for Reducing Disaster Risks" was launched during the featured event on "Heritage and Resilience" on 22 May. Eight bilateral meetings were held between HFA FP and UNISDR Europe Office including Austria, France, Greece, Hungary, Portugal, Russian Federation, Turkey, Switzerland, and Council of Europe. In relation to the Campaign: possible city-to-city exchanges between Montenegro and Portugal, Italy and Gaza and/or Egypt, Portugal and Sweden, Italy and Sweden were discussed. UNISDR Europe Office is part of the European Commission FP 7 funded "Enhance-project". UNISDR is responsible for

	<p>dissemination and communication of project results. The project aims at developing and analysing new ways to enhance society's resilience to catastrophic natural hazard impacts. The project will develop new multi-sector partnerships (MSP's) between public and private sector, with a role for the financial sector (e.g. insurers). The consortium consists of 24 partners from 11 countries and will last for four years and started in 2012. Europe Office shared the project brochure and information on the project through the monthly e-bulletin, at the Global Platform during the Enhance presentation at the IGNITE-stage and furthermore through the EC Commissions information booth at the GP. Europe office also contributed to the Enhance communication plan. Europe Office participated in the Enhance Kick-off meeting in January 2013.</p> <p>Under the implementation of the UNISDR-WMO project "Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey": Increased DRR institutional capacities and coordination mechanisms through: ü The recruitment of an international expert who designed the survey and interviews' structure for the case analysis of an exchange programme among EU and IPA countries. The interim result is the development of an action plan for the exchange in which specific CCA and DRR topics for each beneficiary were identified through a participatory approach. The topics identified in relation to the national DRR agendas defined per HFA priorities. ü Between January and June 2013, the (National Protection and Rescue Directorate (NPRD) exchanged with the United Kingdom (Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS) and Montenegro (Sector for Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior) exchanged with Portugal (National Authority for Civil Protection). Reports and assessment of the exchanges have been performed and will be included in the final report of the exchange programme. The participants were awarded by UNISDR a certificate attesting their participation in this on-the-job capacity building activity.</p>
UNISDR Korea Office	<p>Mainstreaming Adaptation and Disaster Reduction into Development (MADRID) programme: Three cumulative Leadership Development Forums (LDF's) convened in 2012 brought together multi-stakeholder teams of professionals from government institutions responsible for DRR, CCA, Development and sectorial planning and training- in total more than 140 high level government officials and parliamentarians from 14 countries and 10 International Organizations. Participants were involved in both the design and delivery of training material which built on national and international expertise in mainstreaming from around the world. Through the MADRID programme, participating countries representatives developed capacities for mainstreaming and enhanced the high-level DRR advocacy nationally and regionally and developed concrete action plans with commitments to follow-up in their home countries. Many countries have already have included MADRID programme in their 2013 work plan and started to reach out regionally with MADRID modules.</p> <p>Following examples illustrates the impact of the programme in participating partner countries: 1) In Armenia, MADRID material has been used as the basis for national training through the government run State Academy for Disaster management; 2) In The Gambia, MADRID Material was used to brief Permanent Secretaries from key government ministries resulting in new commitments for coordination in country; 3) In Lao PDR, MADRID discussions informed briefings of the national parliament and contributed to a focus on DRR in a joint dialogue held between Asian and European parliamentarians in Vientiane; 4) In Cambodia, MADRID dialogues informed the National coordinating committee for Climate change and the national planning process for 2014; 5) In Mongolia, Mongolian NEMA and the UNCT have cooperated to foster coordination between related ministries and institutions. Fresh Perspectives for the Future of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation: A consultative meeting on Cultural Heritage and Resilience (CHAR) was held on 29-30 August 2012 with about 20 specialists from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and its International Committee on Risk Preparedness (ICORP), UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UNESCO China, IUCN- the World Conservation Organization, the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and the Association of Korean Cultural and Historical Geographers, UNISDR and other participants. 1) At the meeting Participants examined the</p>

	<p>value of cultural heritage and agreed that at its core, cultural heritage is essential to sustainable development. In addition to the clear economic values associated with tourism and traditional livelihoods, heritage is a source of social cohesion with symbolic significance that promotes shared identity. Historical knowledge is a source of both inspiration and innovation in facing future challenges. The group considered the important connection between cultural heritage and natural heritage; 2) Discussions laid the foundation for further elaboration of a wider framework that establishes the protection of diversity as an essential feature of resilience.</p>
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	<p>- NYLO office supported the organization of the Global Platform by promoting the event in NY beforehand and by supporting the participation of the Deputy Secretary-General, including organization of the Ministerial level dialogue, the Featured event on SIDS as well as the UN Breakfast meeting.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of initiatives to increase the coherent and collective actions for implementation the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <p>a) led HLCP-related activities, including the organization of a Senior Managers Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (SMGDRR) meeting in February 2013, which led to the finalization of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction that was endorsed by the HLCP in March 2013, as well as greater commitment by UN agencies to integrate DRR into their work;</p> <p>b) completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various partners and advocate for HFA implementation and HFA2 (i.e. post-2015 DRR framework), which resulted in both new and stronger partnerships for DRR and HFA implementation, as well as increased interest in developments related to the post-2015 global framework for DRR (known colloquially as "HFA2");</p> <p>c) provided guidance on preparations for the Regional Platforms in Africa and the Arab States, which resulted in increased interest and/ or participation in UNISDR flagship events, strengthened partnerships for DRR and HFA implementation, and heightened interest in HFA2; and d) provided guidance on preparations for the 2013 Global Platform and held bilateral meetings with country delegations (Djibouti, Fiji, Georgia, Japan, Netherlands and New Zealand) and inter-governmental/ development organizations (AfDB, AUC, EAC, EC, World Bank), which resulted in strengthened country commitments to DRR and HFA implementation, as well as advocacy for HFA2.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	<p>The Fourth Session of the Global Platform was successfully convened from 19-23 May consisting of 24 formal events (plenaries, opening and closing ceremonies, featured events), 27 side events, 42 pre-Global Platform preparatory events and other meetings on the side-lines such as partner meetings and closed meetings. In addition, there were two informal plenary sessions focused on drawing out the elements of the post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework (HFA2) that were chaired by the SRSG. Of the 110 moderators and speakers who took part in the 24 formal events, all were selected and/or personally approved by the SRSG before final invitations were sent. On the side-lines of the Global Platform, the SRSG held 50 bilateral meetings including over 40 planned bilateral and under a dozen impromptu bilateral with government officials that included: ministers and other high-ranking government officials from civil defence organizations and line ministries ranging from urban development to health; local government officials; parliamentarians; heads of IGOs; CEOs and other representatives of the private sector; and representatives of academia; civil society and the UN System. Lasting 30 minutes on average, these meetings focused on how to boost HFA implementation within countries and how countries can contribute to the HFA2 through the Global Platform.</p> <p>The SRSG held four Advisory Group meetings (GAR, Parliamentarians, HFA2 and the Science and Technology Advisory Group) prior to the Global Platform to hear from and exchange information with experts across various disciplines such as law, industry, economics, finance and risk-modelling and science. The SRSG used the feedback gained to fine-tune policy</p>

guidance being developed by UNISDR in preparation of the Global Platform.

From January to June 2013, the SRSR conducted 36 missions to 28 countries in 5 regions where she consistently met with a wide cross-section of ministries and other government bodies to hear from and exchange information on national progress towards HFA implementation. In the first six months of 2013, the SRSR held meetings around the world with approximately 46 Government Officials that included parliamentarians, local government officials, and ministry officials from finance and planning, agriculture, fisheries, rural development, urban development and infrastructure. In addition, the SRSR met with organizations active in their country's respective National Platforms, such as youth movements, women's groups, the National Society of the Red Cross and other civil society organizations. At the Global Platform, the SRSR held additional meetings with approximately 50 Government Officials across sectors such as civil defence, economics, defence and urban development. At the HOG/S level, the SRSR received a visit from the former President of the Republic of Finland and visited the VP of Nigeria, with whom she raised the issue of enhanced DRR coordination within nations.

History spanning six years beginning with the 14th and 16th session (2007 and 2008) of the High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP), where its members discussed mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in the policies and strategies of the United Nations. The subject gained additional traction when the SRSR addressed the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) at its 2011 Spring Session. Following the decisions of the CEB, the SRSR convened, through the HLCP a senior management group to prepare a United Nations Action Plan on DRR for Resilience, which was ready in 2013. The SRSR worked in the first quarter of 2013 to gain UN CEB approval of the Action Plan, which was approved in April. This Action Plan will enable UNISDR to coordinate activities such as "training the trainers" among others, in support of UNCT efforts to help countries implement the HFA. At the SRSR's suggestion, the DSG convened a UN leadership meeting in May 2013 to discuss the Action Plan, attended by 26 UN executives of funds, agencies, programmes and Resident Coordinators which helped UNISDR gain the crucial support of the DSG and other high-level UN officials.

Work Plan	Result 1.2
UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section	<p>A one-day National Consultation led by UNISDR Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction Alex Byarugaba took place in Kampala. It gathered 43 participants from parliament, ministries and civil society. As an outcome of the discussions, the consultation compiled the key messages and recommendations on National inputs to the formulation of the post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Concerning Local Governments in 2013 there have been 4 consultations, a Global Survey (from 27 February to 05 March 2013 with 1300 responses) and an Online Dialogue on "Critical Issues and Priorities to Address Urban Risk and Local Governance Resilience" (ran from 22 March to 05 April 2013). Compilation of Local Governments feedback on HFA2 was circulated at the GP.</p> <p>HFA2: The post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction ("HFA2") website and its content management processes were enhanced to facilitate partner submissions and promotion of 50 HFA2 consultative reports and over 80 consultative events. Additional sections were enhanced to support an additional round of Online Dialogues, thematic consultations and DRR in Other International Processes. 5,726 unique visitors viewed 32,134 pages during the first half of 2013.</p>
UNISDR Americas	<p><u>HFA2 Consultations</u> HFA2 Consultation-the Americas: UNISDR ROAM finalized and submitted for uploading the documents of the 2 post HFA consultation carried out in the context of the Regional Platform in Santiago de Chile and the CDM in the Caribbean (http://www.preventionweb.net/files/30311_30311posthfaconsultation7thannualca.pdf) and (http://www.preventionweb.net/files/27700_posthfaconsultationoutcomeamericas.pdf).</p>

	<p>Based on the result of the consultations a set of indicators was identified that is the basis for a second round of consultations to define the post-2015 framework for DRR to be adopted in March 2015.</p> <p>In 2013, ROAM started the second phase of the post HFA consultations carried out in the context of the II Consultative Forum of the PCGIR, with more than 250 representatives of national organizations of disaster risk management, technical institutions, international organizations, donors and civil society from 6 countries of Central America. The consultation process on the HFA 2 was organized in 5 thematic tables in which were considered a total of 33 possible indicators for the post HFA as a contribution from the Central American region to the global consultation process (see attachment).</p> <p>In the first semester of 2013, ROAM participated in the “Caribbean Disaster Management Strategy (CDM) Stakeholder Consultation beyond 2012”. ROAM contributed to reviewing the Results Matrix of the Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy (CDM) and suggested CDEMA to include as an activity a CDM review process in 2015, once the HFA2 framework is adopted to ensure good articulation between the regional and global frameworks.</p>
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p><u>HFA2 Consultations</u></p> <p>In Phase I of HFA2 consultations (March 2012-May 2013), 27 countries in Asia Pacific organized multi-stakeholder consultations, at least 5 of them included local governments in the consultations (India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Bangladesh). Community consultations were organized in 7 districts in Pakistan with support from the Rural Development Policy Institute, in addition to extensive community consultations in the region by Views from the Front Line partner and IFRC.</p> <p>Two background papers were prepared for HFA2 consultations in the region as well as globally: The Policy Note on Risk Governance was developed, drawing on a study in Asia, including detailed case studies of Indonesia and Pakistan on risk governance, peer reviewed with regional and international experts and finalized in consultation with the Asian Advisory Group of Parliamentarians on DRR. The background paper on Issues of Vulnerability with specific reference to Gender shared at the GPDRR as background documents for Phase II of the HFA 2 consultations with possibility for replication in other regions http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=34051</p> <p>Asia Pacific HFA2 consultations document completed and made available at http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/33369 AP Post-HFA. Draft consultations findings were presented at the IAP meeting in April 2013 including group discussion before finalization and presentation at the Asia Pacific briefing and the SAARC briefing at GPDRR and for wide circulation. All IGOs from AP presented consolidated sub-regional views on HFA2 at GPDRR.</p> <p>In the Pacific, an HFA2 consultation process is being prepared to be conducted by UNISDR at a session of the Pacific Platform for DRM (July 2013) before the main plenary of around 260 participants from around the region.</p> <p><u>DRR in SDGs, Post-2015 Development Agenda and other international processes.</u></p> <p>HFA2 and the integration of DRR into the post-2015 development framework were discussed in several regional meetings in collaboration with ISDR partners: the South Asia consultations on MDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda in Bangladesh, February 2013; APEC Meeting of the Working Group for Disaster Preparedness in Jakarta, Indonesia in February 2013, the ADPC 10th Regional Consultation Committee meeting in Mongolia in March 2013.</p> <p>Substantive inputs provided for integration of DRR into the Asia Pacific Report on the MDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda, co-led by ESCAP, UNDP and ADB.</p> <p>UNISDR AP provided inputs to the implementation of MyWorld by the UNCT in Thailand</p>

	<p>and Viet Nam.</p> <p>UNISDR AP collaborated with UNDP BCPR in organizing the Global Thematic Consultation on DRR and Post-2015 Development Agenda on 19-20 February 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia hosted by the President’s Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight. Outcomes of this consultation contribute substantially to the Synthesis Report on Conflict, Violence and Disaster in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.</p> <p>Water-related disasters and Asia Pacific views on this topic as contribution to HFA2 were highlighted at the 2nd AP Water Summit on 16-20 May 2013, hosted by the Government of Thailand in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Towards the post-2015 Development Agenda (HFA2) was a session at the TICAD V in Yokohama, Japan on 1-3 June 2013 and was presented at the First Meeting of High-level Expert and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters from 3-4 June in Tokyo.</p> <p>An SRSR visit to Samoa and Tonga and high-level meetings with respective Governments has been prepared for July 2013 with the aim of garnering high-level political support to have DRR with CCA included in the agenda for the SIDS Conference to be held in Samoa in 2014 as a development issue.</p> <p>Co-organized three major consultations in Japan to contribute to the consultation of post-2015 framework on DRR, including the below two. - Coordinated with the Government of Japan to co-organize the World Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction in July 2012 with SRSR participation. This conference provided an important venue for discussions among multi-stakeholders and substantive inputs to the consultation on Post-2015 framework for DRR. - Cooperate with Japan based partners including JICA to have a series of national consultations on a post-2015 framework on DRR. This has led to the JICA’s commitment to conduct a project study on promotion of mainstreaming DRR and produce a handbook on mainstreaming DRR into development.</p>
UNISDR Bonn Office	<p>Advocacy for HFA2 and informal consultations held through the Cities Congress 2013 organized by ICLEI in Bonn with SRSR participation and UNISDR facilitation of a workshop and panel discussion. CC Consultation meeting co-organized with Norway at the Global Platform 2013 called for climate risk management and climate resilience to be further emphasized in HFA2, which in turn should embrace resilience in its broader vision to ensure inclusion of climate risk and associated impacts.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	<p>Regional DRR Consultations conference was organized in Almaty in March 2013, with participation of 64 representatives of governments of eight countries, UN country offices, regional and international organizations, to discuss the HFA implementation, national recommendations for HFA-2, and to generate the conference recommendations for HFA-2.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	<p>77 consultations on HFA2 took place in the lead up to the 2013 Global Platform, including on the occasion of Regional Platforms and through selected stakeholder groups. Nine consultations on HFA2 were also organized at the local level. A major NGOs’ consultation on HFA2 took place in March in The Hague with a parallel on-line dialogue, and a set of position papers was produced by the NGO Community on HFA2 in support of the Global Platform discussions. For the first time, a few NGOs and Civil Society representatives’ participation to the Global Platform was also supported by the UNISDR.</p> <p>Key stakeholder groups held consultations on HFA2 at the 2013 Global Platform, including NGOs, Civil Society, Mayors, Parliamentarians, National Platforms, IGOs, Science and Technology and the Private Sector and contributed to a multi-stakeholder consultation on HFA2 that allowed for enhanced cross-sectoral exchanges on the subject.</p> <p>http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/programme/consultation/.</p> <p>About 100 business delegates and interested parties actively contributed to an Annual General Meeting on the “Private Sector for DRR”. The Private Sector Advisory Group and DRR-Private Sector Partnership members engaged in a fruitful discussion on the future working areas for the UNISDR Private Sector Advisory Group and the DRR-Private Sector Partnership. They also participated in a subsequent consultation on the role of the private</p>

sector in the HFA 2.

<http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/programme/consultation/view/456>

A Synthesis Report summarizing key HFA2 recommendations and priorities identified on the occasion of HFA2 consultations was produced and submitted in support of the 2013 Global Platform's HFA2 formal discussions (formal Plenaries, Featured Events and preparatory consultations) and Informal Plenary Sessions. Key elements relating to HFA2 that emerged from the Regional Platforms discussions were reflected as part of the 2013 Regional Compendium produced for the 2013 Global Platform. Several bi-laterals on HFA2 took place and four briefings on HFA2 were delivered to the UNISDR Support Group. Specific guidance on HFA2 was also provided in support of the development of the UN Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Two HFA2 Advisory Group meetings were organized over the reporting period and worked on a number of work streams, including the DRR indicators and the future of risk. They advised the SRSG on a number of issues related to the HFA2 and supported the preparations for Informal Plenary discussions on HFA2 at the 2013 Global Platform. The members actively participated in the Global Platform and personally reviewed a number of the HFA2 consultations and national statements elements on HFA2. The International Recovery Forum January 2013 in Kobe included a special session to discuss national government recommendations for the post 2015 framework for DRR. Over 40 countries participated. The discussions focused on the need for more emphasis on the opportunity from recovery for building back better.

The recommendations are reflected in the meeting report, which includes a strategy for dissemination of the recommendations for the post 2015 framework. UNISDR also provided guidance on HFA2 on the occasion of thematic consultations linked to disaster preparedness, pandemics, migration, military and animals in disasters thereby reaching out to new groups of interest for disaster risk reduction.

As a result of continued guidance on HFA2 and contribution to the work of the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction Knowledge and Education (2013 March meeting on the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development, Geneva and April Global Alliance meeting, Paris), UNESCO recognized Disaster Risk Reduction Education as a major component of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and offered to organize a session on Disaster Risk Reduction Education at the World Summit on Education for Sustainable Development (November 2014, Japan). It was agreed that ESD would also be mainstreamed as part of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction discussions (March 2015, Japan) so to reinforce the mutually-supportive character of ESD and Disaster Risk Reduction Education.

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Europe Office

In January 2013, UNISDR Europe presented the HFA 2 consultation process at the Head of Agencies meeting in Brussels and to the UN Brussels Team Policy Group. EUR-OPA, Council of Europe, will feature the HFA2 discussion within the Permanent Correspondence meeting to be held on 28-29 October 2013. EUR-OPA is currently discussing with the Chair (Croatia) on the organization of the Ministerial Meeting around the following 2 possible scenarios: a) Organization of the EUR-OPA Ministerial Session in spring 2015. This will allow for the EUR-OPA to set their 4 year work plan in line with the adopted HFA2; b) Organization of the EUR-OPA Ministerial Session at the beginning of 2014 to provide views on the HFA 2.

On 27 March 2013, UNISDR organized a breakfast briefing on the HFA 2 in the European Parliament hosted by the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety ENVI. The event featured Members of the European Parliament (MEP's) from several Committees, the European Commission (DG ECHO and DG Climate Action), NGO representatives and EU Countries Permanent Missions. MEP Mr. Gay Mitchell, Committee for Development (DEVE), announced that he has been appointed as rapporteur in the DEVE Committee for an Own-Initiative Report on DRR, resilience and the HFA 2.

Mr. Mitchell will host a Parliamentarian Exchange of Views on DRR and the HFA 2 in September 2013 featuring the SRSG and EU Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva. Mr. Mitchell is also part of the UNISDR Parliamentarian Advisory Group. The European Commission Inter-Commissioners breakfast meeting on the HFA 2 took place on 10 April in Brussels, Belgium. Participating Commissioners were Commissioner Connie Hedegaard (DG Climate Action), Commissioner Michel Barnier (DG Internal market and services), Commissioner Máire Geoghegan Quinn (DG Research, Innovation and Science), Commissioner Andris Piebalgs (DG Development) and Commissioner Janez Potočnik (DG Environment).

Senior level representatives also participated from DG Home, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, DG Regional Policy, DG Financial Programming and Budget, DG Sanco and the External Action Service. The debate focused on ways to pursue and strengthen disaster risk management policies and activities as part of the EU growth and competitiveness agenda, and on the priorities to be addressed in the post 2015 Hyogo Framework for action, in synergies with the post 2015 development agenda and the follow-up to Rio+20. ü Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEEC) have met in Ohrid, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on 31 May 2013 at the Formal Meeting of the SEEC Ministers for Foreign Affairs to discuss disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs agreed on a Joint Statement “Solidarity in Action” where they are giving recognition to the Hyogo Framework for Action and are requesting the enhancement of regional cooperation to further strengthen the capabilities of SEEC participating states for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

Furthermore, the Minister’s signed a Declaration where they also considered that disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation is of utmost importance to all SEEC Participating States and confirmed that on-going and follow up activities should be directed towards the development of concrete initiatives. Increased coordination and improved coherency in European policies vis a vis DRR and climate change adaptation through the participation of UNISDR at the UN Brussels Team Policy Group and contribution to relevant EU Consultations. During the first six months of 2013 the following consultation “EU Fit for the Purpose”, the EU “2015 International Climate Change Agreement: Shaping international climate policy beyond 2020” and – through the ENHANCE project Consortium, UNISDR prepared the policy response to the EU Green Paper on the insurance of natural and man-made disasters.

In March 2013, the German National Platform DKKV has submitted Germany’s preliminary report on the HFA2 consultation. The report was drafted in a consultative manner together with 6 members of the DKKV. The document should serve as a first draft in order to indicate the major topics important to the German National Platform. A more comprehensive document is planned to be published in the course of 2013. HFA2 national consultation was undertaken in Norway.

UNISDR Korea Office

ONEA/GETI was actively engaged in the Republic of Korea and Mongolia with governments and particularly development planning leaders in dialogue to shape international agenda/ technical working papers on DRR and Development. It was also providing support to Northeast Asia (NEA) governments and in particular National HFA Focal Points in preparing and sharing HFA Interim National report, promoting the Making Cities resilient campaign and HFA2 Consultations and promoting coordinated approaches among the UNCT working on DRR, CCA and Development. Following examples illustrates the impact of the programme in the Republic of Korea and Mongolia:

In the Republic of Korea discussions of mainstreaming led key government agencies, under the auspices to the NEMA and the Office of the Prime Minister organized the first national consultation meeting on “Post 2015 DRR Framework” on December, 2012. The participants of consultation meeting reviewed success and lessons learnt, identified challenges and solutions to risk reduction, and fostered understanding and knowledge of issues imperative

	<p>to making development resilient to the impact of natural hazards.</p> <p>Outreach in Mongolia resulted in new leadership from the UNRC in advancing DRR with national government: 1) UN Resident Coordinator (RC) of Mongolia has established new Working Group for DRR in UN Country Team; 2) RC has redesigned cooperative programmes with NEMA focused on DRR-Development and DRR governance and has engaged Development Ministers in discussion of HFA and DRR; 3) Mongolian NEMA and the UNCT have cooperated to foster coordination between related ministries and institutions.</p>
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	NYLO drafted and coordinated the preparation of the SG Report on ISDR, which outlines elements of a post-2015 framework for DRR and sets out the modalities required for a successful and inclusive World Conference.
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of the efforts to negotiate and endorse the post-2015 global framework for DRR (or "HFA2"), the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <p>a) led the planning exercise for the post-2015 DRR framework, organized HFA2 Task Force Meetings and guided the development and updating of the HFA2 webpage and key documents related to the consultation process (i.e. consultation plan/ roadmap to 2015, timeline, internal planning tool, HFA2 Task Force TOR, among others), which resulted in a clearer picture of the strategy and approach to be taken on the consultations, as well as more coherent actions by the different HQ sections and Regional Offices in this regard;</p> <p>b) completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various partners and advocate for HFA implementation and HFA2 (i.e. post-2015 DRR framework), which resulted in both new and stronger partnerships for DRR and HFA implementation, as well as increased interest in developments related to HFA2;</p> <p>c) held bilateral meetings with country delegations (Djibouti, Fiji, Georgia, Japan, Netherlands and New Zealand) and inter-governmental/ development organizations (AfDB, AUC, EAC, EC, World Bank) during the 2013 Global Platform, which resulted in strengthened country commitments to DRR and HFA implementation, as well as advocacy for HFA2; and d) provided inputs to the SG's Report on ISDR, which will result in the timely production of the report and increased confidence of the SG and member states in UNISDR and support for UNISDR's priorities towards 2015.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	<p>At the Fourth Session of the Global Platform, the SRSR chaired two plenary sessions on the HFA2 guided by a synthesis report of outcomes of HFA2 consultations since March 2012, which was initiated by the SRSR and produced by UNISDR for the Global Platform. This informal plenary, which was led by the SRSR, was the first globally facilitated discussion held for the purpose of identifying elements of the HFA2. To prepare for the meeting, participants of over 40 multi-stakeholder groups held consultations during the Global Platform's "Consultation Days," of which two consultation sessions (legislators and governance and effective normative frameworks for DRR) were personally guided by the SRSR at the request of participating stakeholders.</p> <p>UN Member States were similarly guided by the SRSR through an ad-hoc meeting of the ISDR Support Group at Ambassadorial level convened by the Government of Switzerland prior to the Global Platform. To ensure support for the HFA2 from the highest levels of government as well as to ensure its coherence with other post-2015 agendas, the Deputy Secretary-General convened a High-Level Dialogue at ministerial level at the SRSR's initiation.</p>

Work Plan	Result 1.3
UNISDR Asia	In the Pacific, the first meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Regional

Pacific	<p>Integrated Strategy for DRR was held in Suva on 5 June 2013. UNISDR as a member of this TWG has provided technical support to SPC for the 2015 Roadmap process. The roadmap process for this strategy will be presented at the Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform for DRM and the Climate Change Roundtable in early July 2013.</p> <p>A comprehensive research of the policy, institutional landscape and resource allocation for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) projects in the Member States of the SAARC region has been completed as substantive background for the meeting of technical experts on the subject from the sub-region to be held in August 2013.</p> <p>SAARC member states updated and commented on a research on 'DRR-CCA institutional arrangements, policies and strategies' as a part of the SAARC Thimpu statement at a SAARC side event held at the GPDRR. The research is ongoing and will be presented to member states in the coming months.</p> <p>A study on the inclusion of vulnerable groups in DRR-CCA was undertaken and incorporated in to the HFA2 AP regional synthesis report under vulnerable groups section. The study report also contributed to GAR 13.</p>
UNISDR Bonn Office	<p>DRR is recognized in the discussions and decisions on Climate Change Cancun Adaptation Framework and Loss & Damage work programme during the UN Climate Talks held in Bonn, June 2013. Several side events and bilateral talks reflected stronger commitment to an integrated approach to resilience through DRR and Climate Risk Management. Guidelines for the implementation of national adaptation plans takes into consideration DRR and includes risk assessment as a key step in the design phase of national adaptation planning. DRR is considered a key element in addressing loss and damages associated with climate change. Partners and donors called for DRR approaches and tools (nationally and locally) to be considered in the implementation of actions that address loss and damage.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	<p>UNISDR/International Recovery Platform (IRP) organized workshops for recovery planning and mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development planning in 15 countries and with five regional organizations, during 2012-2013. Between January and June 2013 workshops were conducted with the League of Arab States and Gulf Cooperation Council in Algeria and Riyadh and with the South Asia Association on Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in India. The workshops assisted and helped build regional and national capacities for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and provided the governments with the tools to produce coherent and integrated DRR and climate change adaptation plans and frameworks.</p>
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>Enhanced knowledge of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and DRR linkages and mainstreaming process through support and technical backup extended to the EFDRR Working Group (WG) on CCA and DRR. The WG is chaired by Germany (2013) and participated by France, Norway, Poland, the Council of Europe and the EC (DG Climate Action). In the first six months of 2013 the WG met during the GPDRR13 and carried out 3 teleconferences. As result of these meetings the WG developed a draft report on linking CCA and DRR in Europe which will be presented at the EFDRR 2013 in Norway. April 2013, Brussels, Belgium: UNISDR participation at the launch of the EU Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.</p> <p>In 2012 UNISDR shared policy inputs with the EU as part of the UN Brussels Team Policy Group. Further inputs were shared during the launch and interventions of UNISDR staff in the ad-hoc working groups on climate resilience and governance of climate change. April 2013, Belgrade, Serbia: European Environmental Agency (EEA) Workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (CCIVA) in the West Balkans countries: UNISDR presented the work performed with the UN partners (WMO, UNDO and WB) in the Balkans to build stronger regional EWS, regional climate risks models, CCA and DRR awareness at the local level and support to set disaster databases on economic losses (including climate-related disasters) in Albania and Serbia. The outcome was an enhanced knowledge of the Balkans hydromet institutes (main stakeholders of the meeting) on the connection between their work in CCA with the disaster risk management authorities and</p>

	<p>the HFA DRR agenda.</p> <p>June 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark: EEA EIONEDT Workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and establishment of national climate adaptation platform in Europe. UNISDR participated to the meeting and highlighted to the participants (EU Ministry of Environment representatives) the elements that connect CCA to DRR measures with examples of countries which have advanced on these issues. It also informed about the importance to relate the development of European Adaptation platforms to the work carried out by the national HFAs and NP coordinators to assure that climate resilience actions at the national level are coordinated with those in charge of DRR actions. The outcome was an increased understanding of the European MoEs on the underlying factors that connect DRR to CCA actions and existing DRR coordination mechanisms which they can use to build upon. Increased capacity of sub-regional DRR initiatives such as DPPI SEE, through the following deliveries:</p> <p>March 2013, Chisinau, Moldova: DPPI Regional Meeting. UNISDR participated to the DPPI Regional Meeting as part of its Advisory Board. During the meeting informed the DPPI countries on the activities carried out in SEE and the upcoming events that at European and global level are shaping the DRR agenda such as the EFDRR 2013 in Norway, the GPDRR 2013 and the post-HFA consultations. As outcome of the meeting there was an enhanced understanding of the global process beyond the post-HFA consultations and several SEE countries included the post-HFA consultations as part of their NP meetings. UNISDR supported the coordination capacity of DPPI SEE, through travel support to the Head of Secretariat to participate and contribute to the GPDRR 2013 and the UNISDR-WMO second Steering Committee Meeting (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Skopje, and May 2013).</p>
<p>UNISDR New York Liaison Office Work Plan 2012-2013</p>	<p>NYLO supported member states, through TST (Technical Support Team) by initiating the drafting of the Issue Brief on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, which will serve as a major background document for the Open Working Group (OWG) meeting that takes place on 6-10 January, focusing on CC and DRR. NYLO participated in the UN Task Team on post-2015 development agenda and prepared several DRR inputs into various reports and think pieces.</p>
<p>UNISDR Office of the Director's Office</p>	<p>During the reporting period, in support of the initiative to improve recognition of DRR as an integral part of climate risk management and sustainable development, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) inputted to the discussions related to the post-2015 development agenda, led HLCP-related activities, including the finalization and endorsement of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction, and participated in the UN Leadership Meeting during the 2013 Global Platform, which resulted in the acknowledgment that DRR is an integral part of sustainable development and the inclusion of DRR indicators into the above global agenda; b) completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various partners and advocate for HFA implementation and the post-2015 DRR framework, which resulted in both new and stronger partnerships for DRR and HFA implementation, as well as increased interest in developments related to the post-2015 global framework for DRR; and c) developed and delivered a presentation on the link between climate change, disaster risk reduction for the "Climate Change as a Threat to Peace: Impacts on Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diversity" Conference in June 2013, which resulted in increased advocacy for UNISDR and its initiatives under HFA to address climate risk management and sustainable development.

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<p>UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section</p>	<p>By the end of first cycle of Local HFA (31 April 2013), 121 Local governments had submitted their reports on progress of implementation of the Ten Essentials and HFA. The initial analysis of these reports were presented at the 4th session of Global Platform and disseminated to all participants. Central governments welcomed the assessments undertaken by the sub-national entities and in most of the cases contributed to the National HFA reports.</p> <p>A comprehensive working report based on the findings of the 121 city report is now being developed. This working document will provide the first “evidence” on the progress of the Local Governments (both Urban and Rural) and gaps. It will also form the basis for the “Status of DRR at Local Level” Report to be released before WCDR 2015 as a primary feedback to the HFA 2 process and HABITAT III.</p> <p>All local government assessments completed by May 2013 contributed to the analysis of the Hyogo Framework for Action implementation. Findings were captured in the publication entitled “Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action – Summary of Reports 2007-2013”.</p> <p>See link: http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/32916</p> <p>A public national HFA ‘Query Builder’ was designed, developed and released by IMU to meet the demand of users to perform their own queries on national progress reports against HFA indicators of progress. National, regional and local HFA reporting cycle closure was managed by IMU in the HFA Monitor, facilitating the beginning of the next reporting cycle to help national, regional and local focal points assess their progress in country, region and municipality. 112 total reports were completed, of which 76 were published and made publicly available as an example of HFA implementation.</p> <p>The development of the Local HFA Tool in French, Swedish, German, and Arabic was overseen and implemented by IMU to increase reach and local access in reporting progress on the implementation of the 10 Essentials and HFA at the local level.</p>
<p>UNISDR Americas</p>	<p><u>Self-Assessment Reports</u></p> <p>ROAM provided substantive support to governments surrounding 2011-2013 HFA progress monitoring and reviews resulting in the finalization of 25 national level reports from the Americas, 21 of which have been published (as compared to 29 finalized reports with 22 published from the previous monitoring period of 2009-2011). In the present period of reporting ROAM concentrated its support in countries in the Caribbean that had not reported in the previous period, having managed to increase the number of reporting countries in this sub region by 20%.</p> <p>A synthesized report of Americas national HFA progress reviews 2011-2013 focusing on HFA priorities was prepared by ROAM prior to GPDRR13 as a supporting document for the contributions of Americas Representatives in the post HFA discussions in the context of the GP (see attachment).</p>
<p>UNISDR Asia Pacific</p>	<p><u>2011-2013 HFA Monitor and Reporting</u></p> <p>36 countries (a significant increase from 27 in the last 2009-2011 cycle). For the first time, all 3 IGOs from the Asia Pacific region have submitted HFA progress reports for 2011-2013 cycle. Country and sub-regional progress reviews were undertaken through multi-stakeholder consultations and formed the basis for the Asia Pacific Progress Review of HFA 2011-13, which was made available at GPDRR http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/32851</p> <p>Findings of the HFA 2011-2013 AP synthesis were presented at the IAP in April 2013.</p> <p>HFA progress reviews were used extensively for the development of the Country Implementation Plan for DRM and CCA in the Pacific under the European Commission EDF 10 Intra-ACP-EU Building Safety and Resilience program (ref. Result 1.1)</p>

	<p>Presentations and briefings on global efforts on DRR and HFA were provided by Kobe Office to the government officials from 22 countries which participated in JICA DRR training. HFA details and 22 HFA national progress reports were referenced and used for their action planning at the end of the training programmes in JICA DRR training.</p> <p>In 2012, Sendai City was recognized as a role model city within the Making Cities Campaign and been actively participating in the activities. - Hyogo Prefecture (a role model) and Sendai (a role model) have been participating in the HFA Monitor Tool for Local Governments.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	<p>The quality of self-assessment reports improved, through participation of wide range of national stakeholders and partner UN and international agencies. The system of national coordination and data and information flow improved, as a result of several meetings for compilation of reports. Interaction between focal point institutions and other national counterparts continued. The National Platforms for DRR led the process, and their status and image in the country as the national coordinator for DRR has grown. Kyrgyzstan and Georgia stated the HFA implementation report will be the formal reference in preparation and amending plans for national and regional development and respective budgetary allocations.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	<p>A National Platforms Review Report was produced, providing an analysis of the 50 contributions received from National Platforms to the Review questionnaire up to December 2012. The review process was quite unique as it fostered the first-ever cross regional consultation and cooperation among National Platforms from different regions, through a Review Working Group composed of National Platforms from Europe (Germany, Sweden), Americas (Ecuador, Mexico) and Asia (Indonesia). Five National Platforms, with UNISDR's support, collectively analysed the review results and defined key priorities as well as a set of recommendations to improve National Platforms' contribution to national priority-setting and planning for Disaster Risk Reduction, in particular towards HFA2.</p> <p>The recommendations were incorporated into a Draft Report for Consultation that was discussed and endorsed on the occasion of a National Platforms Consultation organized by the DRR Coordination Section on 20 May at the Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Review highlighted the benefit for National Platforms to work together in assessing their capacity and in planning their own future.</p> <p>The added value to undertake a collective action with sufficient level of consultations with other National Platforms outside the Review Working Group was particularly highlighted as it led to a swift endorsement of the Report recommendations at the Global Platform. Building on these successes, the Review Working Group members proposed to pursue and expand the fruitful cooperation established beyond the National Platforms Review, with emphasis on concrete implementation work of the Review recommendations at the national level.</p>
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>HFA Monitor 2011-2013: All findings for Europe has been summarized in the 87 page report "Implementing THE HYOGO FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION IN EUROPE: Advances and Challenges - Report for the period 2011-2013". Of the 38 national authorities/HFA Focal Points included in the HFA Monitor tool 2011 – 2013 period for Europe, a total of 26 countries have reported.</p> <p>Four regional organizations and initiatives that provided information for the HFA 2011-2013 Monitor: the Council of Europe (EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement), the European Commission, the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe, and the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction. In the 2011 – 2013 HFA monitoring cycle, seven European cities completed the LGSAT.</p> <p>The UK has become the first country to undergo a peer review to assess its progress in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action. Chloe Smith, the UK Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform accepted the report on 14 May 2013. The Peer Review was</p>

	<p>conducted by a seven-member team from Finland, Italy, Sweden, the European Commission, OECD and UNISDR, and the review involved interviews with some 90 people from 45 entities including government departments, NGOs and businesses across the UK from 16 to 26 September, 2012. Finland has volunteered to be the next European country to be peer reviewed in 2013.</p> <p>Under the implementation of the UNISDR-WMO project “Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey”: Enhanced capacities in DRR knowledge and information sharing through: ü The recruitment of an international consultant for the development of a regional (SEE) Knowledge Management System (KMS). In collaboration with UNISDR Information Management Unit the expert developed the plan of action for the DRR KMS design, implementation and hand-over in a way that shall assure its long-term sustainability and maintenance.</p> <p>UNISDR and the expert started the design of the Beneficiaries’ user case analysis and circulated a survey for the identification of the information needs. The results of the user cases shall allow an implementation of the system which is tailored on the Beneficiaries’ needs and benefit from a participatory plan and design with multiple stakeholders who are contributing to the survey from the local to the national level perspectives.</p>
UNISDR Korea Office	UNISDR ONEA/GETI was providing support to Northeast Asia (NEA) governments and in particular National HFA Focal Points in preparing and sharing HFA Interim National report, promoting the Making Cities resilient campaign and HFA2 Consultations and promoting coordinated approaches among the UNCT working on DRR, CCA and Development.
UNISDR Office of the Director’s Office	During the reporting period, in support of the effort to strengthen national priority-setting and planning for DRR, the Office of the Director completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various partners and advocate for HFA implementation and for HFA2, which resulted in both new and stronger partnerships for DRR and HFA implementation, as well as increased interest in developments related to the post-2015 DRR framework.
UNISDR Risk Knowledge Section	<p>112 countries submitted interim and/or final reports. 137 countries took part in the 2011-2013 HFA Progress Review, a marginal increase on the 133 that took part in the 2009-2011 cycle. A report summarising the findings of governments over three cycles of progress review to 2013, was produced and disseminated at the GP13 as a comparative stimulant for inter-country dialogue.</p> <p>The inaugural HFA Peer Review was completed in the UK, the report of which was approved by the UK government and presented to the Minister for use in strategic planning and priority setting. Opening up this process to peers from the EU and the OECD has meant an unprecedented transparency in the self-assessment exercise, the lessons of which are informing the replication of peer reviews both within and beyond the Europe region. Finland has volunteered itself for scrutiny by its peers (France, Austria, and we are exploring the participation of Georgia), in the next review, that will take place in September 2013. The ROAS Office cites Lebanon and Bahrain as examples for a countries using the HFA review for planning purposes at national level, even if evidence for this is at this stage is anecdotal.</p>

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UNISDR Americas	<p>Through a Grant agreement, ROAM finalized the updating of 17 loss and damage databases in the Americas that were used as inputs for the estimation of direct economic losses as well as inputs to the global risk model average loss data figures featured in the GAR013 and the preparation of risk profile analysis of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala featured in the GAR 013. The data base maintenance has been institutionalized with national organizations in 14 out of the 17 databases updated.</p> <p>Based on the loss and damage databases, a regional Statistical Compendium has been</p>

	<p>produced by ROAM. The compendium has allowed to provide evidence of the costs of extensive disasters in the region that nearly duplicate in costs and numbers the intensive disasters registered by other sources.</p> <p>The case studies of 6 countries in the Americas on experiences of incorporating DRR in public investment and investment tracking methodologies were produced and featured in the GAR 2013. The case studies have been the basis for the commitment of 6 countries in a Roadmap (the San Cristobal Roadmap- see attached) to continue with the deepening of the studies as well as exchanges of methodologies and standards on investment tracking among countries in the region. ROAM has mobilized resources from OFDA to support the continuation of the process in the second semester 2013.</p> <p>ROAM has led the dissemination of the GAR013 results in 3 countries in the region. National launches were made in Panama, Colombia and Mexico.</p>
UNISDR Arab States	<p>ACSAD, a regional technical organization in the Arab Region contributed to GAR2013 through a comprehensive study on drought risk management in Arab Region and Africa.</p>
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p><u>Disaster Loss Databases</u> In collaboration with UNDP, the development of disaster loss database has been initiated in Myanmar and Cambodia. With facilitation of ASEAN, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and Secretariat of the National DRRM Council of the Philippines had an exchange visit to learn the experience of Indonesia in developing and using a national disaster loss database. The preparation of a national disaster loss database in Brunei was complete and will be put into full use after a national training.</p> <p>A scoping mission to Pakistan was also undertaken on 11-15 February to better define the scope and specificities of a disaster loss DB implementation in the country as part of a joint initiative with the WB and UNDP.</p> <p>In collaboration with ADPC, the first National Assessment Report (NAR) was completed for Lao PDR, using the national disaster loss database. Indonesia also completed its first NAR, using the disaster loss database.</p> <p><u>DRR Investment Tracking</u> Three national studies on DRR Investment Tracking were conducted in India, Indonesia and the Philippines in the context of the IAP project, which were finalized with final comments and endorsement by countries and partner agencies at a regional workshop on 7-8 February 2013 in Manila, Philippines. The workshop also helped to consolidate some of the lessons learned from the above studies, and to gather preliminary recommendations towards the development of a standard methodology for DRR investment tracking.</p> <p>As a result of this workshop, it has been agreed that UNISDR, ADPC and ADB will jointly publish a working paper on DRR Investment Tracking to guide future work and research in this area. It is expected that the working paper will contribute to the ongoing efforts to develop a framework to track DRR-investments and expenditures at the national level. The working paper was launched at the 4th Global Platform on DRR.</p> <p><u>Inputs to GAR 13</u> Two substantive studies completed as inputs to GAR13 and HFA2 discussions: (1) The study on DRR and DRM under the decentralized governance structures in the region- a case study on Pakistan completed and 2) The study on the inclusion of vulnerable groups in DRR-CCA integration based on sub-regional studies in South Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific. The studies were also used for the Asia Pacific Disaster Report 2012.</p> <p>Provided inputs to JICA for the development of an economic model to measure the benefits of DRR investments in development. The tool was presented at the 2nd Asia Pacific Water Summit and at GP13. JICA was facilitated and supported to prepare a Box on this initiative to be included in GAR13.</p> <p><u>GAR 13 launches</u></p>

	<p>The Global Assessment Report 2013 (GAR13) was successfully launched for the Asia region in Bangkok. The main focus was on the private sector and more specifically on the tourism sector. There was a lot of interest from regional partners on the GAR content and more than 120 participants were present in the launch event.</p> <p>GAR13 was launched in Viet Nam in collaboration with UNCT/UNDP and the Government and got substantial media attention. Interviews with UNISDR were given to 5 major national TV, radio and print media. Opportunities are explored for Viet Nam to provide lead contribution on the issues of linking disaster and climate risk assessment for HFA2.</p> <p>The findings and implications of GAR13 were discussed in Thailand to support the discussions on in updating the National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan for 2014-2018. In collaboration with IRP, technical advice was provided for the drafting of some chapters while work is going on to promote multi-stakeholder engagement in the process.</p> <p>GAR 13 was launched in Tokyo, Japan on 5 June, in cooperation with the UNU and with the support of MOFA. Approximately 100 ISDR partners, government agencies, academic institutions, private companies, media and the public attended the event. The presentation of “Tangible Earth”, a panel discussion among high level panelists including JICA, CEO of a private company, university professors and experts as well as welcoming remarks by the Rector of UNU and closing remarks by the Vice Mayor of Sendai city were the features of the event.</p> <p>GAR 2013 Executive Summary (Pocket GAR) was translated into Japanese, Vietnamese and Thai in collaboration with national governments and partners.</p> <p>Preparations have been made for SRSG to brief on GAR13 at a media event in Samoa in July 2013. Preparations have also been made for UNISDR Senior Officers to introduce the GAR13 at the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management in Nadi, Fiji in July 2013.</p> <p>Japan’s annual White Paper on Disaster Management refers to UNISDR, HFA and GP etc. - Cooperate with JICA regarding its new initiative on development of an economic model to show DRR investment is relevant for development. This is submitted for the inclusion in GAR 13 as one of the examples.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	Disaster loss databases established and are maintained in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The database was established in Republic of Armenia.
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	The private sector was mobilized to take an active part in the development of the GAR13. Partners from the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) and the DRR-Private Sector Partnership on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR-PSP) such as PwC, Willis Re and RMS contributed with proposals, input documents and participated in the peer-review process. On the UN front, regular reports provide the number and effectiveness with which countries are addressing disaster and climate risk in their UN country development frameworks and partnerships.
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>Given the collaboration between Italy and Albania in the context of the SEEDRMAP towards investing resilience to disasters, a grant agreement has been signed on 23 January 2013 (through GFDRR funds) with CIMA foundation (Centro Internazionale in Monitoraggio Ambientale = International Centre on Environmental Monitoring) to collaborate with Albania on these efforts. Similarly for Serbia a joint effort between the Serbian HFA Focal Point, UNISDR through GFDRR resources and UNDP signed an agreement towards the development of disaster loss database in Serbia (14 February 2013).</p> <p>In Spring 2013, one national workshop in Albania (03-07 February) and as well in Serbia (22-24 April) informing and train multiple stakeholders of participating institutions (possible data providers) on the disaster loss collections has been organized under the direct guidance of UNISDR, CIMA Research Foundation and the Albanian Government and for Serbia under the direct guidance of UNISDR, UNDP Serbia and CIMA Research Foundation.</p>

	<p>In accordance of the SEEDRMAP focus area III – financing of disaster losses, reconstruction and recovery and disaster risk transfer, a comprehensive risk based regulatory framework for catastrophe insurance and reinsurance that would stimulate the growth of this market segment has been initiated in 2011 to assist the regulatory authorities in Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia (Europa Re member countries). Considerable progress has been made so far on the regulatory web-site. A working prototype of the tool was presented to the local insurance regulators at a workshop in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 29 January 2013. The tool has been well received by the insurance regulators and characterized as a "very useful aid in enforcing the risk-based supervisory requirements for net retentions of catastrophe risk by local companies." Under the implementation of the UNISDR-WMO project "Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey": Enhanced capacity of SEE countries in disaster financing through the procurement of an international specialized company for the implementation of the project disaster insurance activities in coordination with UNISDR and the World Bank was finalized by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).</p> <p>The selected company is Stella Re Intermediaries. Interim outputs are: o The training package for the insurance regulators and national insurance agents developed by Stella Re and validated by the World Bank and UNISDR. Three workshops training sessions on disaster insurance for insurance regulators and national agents have been scheduled in Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia. Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro did not yet formally join the South Eastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEE CRIF) as expected when the project was designed, as it is likely that they will further postpone their membership over the timespan of the project. First Version of the Customers' Material Content was developed with sample of the creative concept/design for customer marketing/visibility materials. The concept for the Video-clip promoting disaster insurance in three IPA countries was proposed.</p>
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	<p>NY Liaison Office organized the GAR launch with the Secretary-General and SRSR, and in collaboration with PwC and the Group of Friends of DRR. The Launch event took place successfully on 15 May, and was followed by a press conference and a luncheon hosted by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland. These events served to promote the contents of the GAR among the NY based international community, in particular with Member States.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of initiatives on ensuring DRR and climate risk management are reflected in national planning instruments and business strategies, the Office of the Director undertook the following: a) provided inputs to the GAR 2013 draft and participated in the GAR Advisory Board Meeting, thus contributing to the timely production of the final draft of the GAR and increased advocacy for the integration of DRR and risk management in relevant national documents; and b) participated in meetings of the UNISDR Science and Technology Advisory Group, thus contributing to building partnerships that will result in initiatives to improve the availability and quality of risk information.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	<p>National accounting for disaster loss have been a big focus of the SRSR's advocacy in recent years, with a particularly strong impact on private sector companies in the area of insurance and risk management consulting. As a result of that advocacy, several private sector companies approached the SRSR in 2013 to conduct joint launches of the 2013 GAR, which was focused on making the business case for DRR through consistent loss accounting. These include the insurance consortium the Geneva Association, re-insurance company Swiss Re, and risk management consultants Pricewaterhouse Coopers. In the case of the Geneva Association, Switzerland's largest insurance consortium, the SRSR was approached to conduct a joint launch of its report on risk management and DRR, in which she led a discussion on the subject. In the case of Pricewaterhouse Coopers, UNISDR has helped shape a new line of business centered on risk management workshops.</p> <p>After working to ensure passage of resolution 67/209 of 2012, in which the General Assembly encouraged Member States to establish and develop national disaster loss databases, the SRSR has continued to work through the private sector advisory group to</p>

	<p>engage business leaders such as insurance companies (Swiss Re, Willis Re, members of the Geneva Association) and risk management consulting firms (Pricewaterhouse Coopers) to support improved tracking of disaster losses. The SRSG is currently leading an internal work planning process at UNISDR through which staff can better allocate time and resources to further support national database development, with particular attention to African and Arab States.</p> <p>The adviser to the SRSG has provided legal advice to the United Nations International Law Commission, the East African Legislative Assembly and the Parlamento with a view to formulation a legal obligation to reduce disaster risk, with accessory obligations, thus using law as an enabler for a variety of measures, including planning and investments. A special meeting on effective normative frameworks to reduce disaster risk was organized at the Global Platform to support these developments.</p>
UNISDR Risk Knowledge Section	<p>Support to the target number of countries is well on track with 66 countries contributing loss data from established loss data bases (as compared to 20 for GAR11 and 55 to GAR13). A key achievement is the completion of the Pacific islands regional loss database, comprising of more than 20 countries. National Workshops for Loss Accounting have been carried out in 2013 so far: Comoros: June 10, Tanzania/Zanzibar: June 10, Pakistan: July 8, Seychelles: July 15, Madagascar: July 29, Mauritius: August 8 and 14 more to follow between August and December 2013. Inception Meetings on Loss Accounting have been held in East Africa Region: April 16-18 (Seychelles), the Caribbean Region: July 17-19 (Barbados), West Africa: September 22(Niger), Pacific: October 16-18 (Fiji), Asia: November 18-20 (Bangkok) and will be held in Central/Southern Africa. Under DEVCO the following institutions have received training for trainers so that they can act as multipliers of UNISDR's capacity on disaster loss databases and risk profiling: CIMA, ADPC, AIT, RCMRD, ERN/INGENIAR and collaboration agreements have been reached between UNISDR and UNDP (BCPR, APRC, West African CO's), World Bank, IOC and a set of Scientific Partners (CIMNE, UNIGE, UNEP, etc.). Work to formalize methodologies to apply consistently across the countries of the action has been carried out with several institutions is underway or has been completed with: – Loss data collection (European Standard JRC) – Risk Profiling (with World Bank) – Cost Benefit Analysis (with Jica)</p> <p>A key achievement from GAR11 is the engagement of two national governments (Colombia and Mexico) with UNISDR following GAR results and findings. For example, the Government of Colombia has invited UNISDR to advise on the development of its new DRM framework and financing strategy. It has now based its new DRM financing options assessment on GAR11 data and analysis and published the results in national documents and a joint G20 presidency and World Bank publication (see attachment). Under DEVCO the following Grants have been agreed to institutions to develop research for GAR15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIMNE Earthquake/Risk Integration • NGI Tsunami/Landslide • UNEP-GRID Exposure/Flood • ACSAD Drought • CIMA Flood (ponding) • WAPMERR Structural Vulnerability • GVM Volcano • ELP GAR15 Layout/Apps <p>Latin American countries and 1 Asian country participated in a workshop facilitated by UNISDR and the Government of Mexico in Mexico where different approaches to integrating DRM components within public investment planning and expenditure procedures and systems were discussed. A background papers summarising the conclusions of this workshop and the findings of contributory studies undertaken in Latin America and Asia was produced for GAR13. The initiative has resulted in a unique exchange, the lessons of which feed into phase III of the UNISDR EC DEVCO project on support to governments for the integration of DRR into investment planning. During DEVCO inception meetings for IOC and Caribbean countries were invited to learn about</p>

	<p>highlighting DRR incorporation in public investment portfolio (participation of high ranking officials including Ministry of Finance and Planning of 5 and 7 countries for each meeting). Commitment of JICA for collaboration of econometric model capacity building for DEVCO project was achieved.</p> <p>In-depth engagement with private sector entities in the context of this activity have opened up conversations with new audiences and brought concrete opportunities for future collaboration with some of the leading corporations in selected industries. A successful cooperation with an international consulting firm has developed into a strategic partnership that will carry through to 2015 (and beyond). All research results were submitted in time for the Zero Order Draft of GAR13 which was submitted for expert review in December 2012, with the First Order Draft of GAR13 presented to the GAR Advisory Board for comments in February 2013 resulting in the Second Order Draft being produced in time for editing, layout and revisions prior to launch in May 2013.</p>
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UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section	<p>Raised awareness among local chief executives on the importance of disaster risk reduction action at the local level through high-profile local and national sign-up events. More than 1,400 cities and local governments have “signed up” to the Campaign by July 2013.</p> <p>Identified a dedicated group of local Champions willing to share their experiences and sound practices on local disaster risk reduction implementation. At present there are thirty-nine Role Model cities have been designated, as well as 10 individual Champions, who have pledged to lend their support to promote the campaign objectives among their peers. In addition, UNISDR is nurturing a network of dedicated professionals and promoters as Advocates of the making cities resilient. Two new champions have been nominated Mayor of Mashhad (Iran) and Mayor of Tevragh Zeina (Mauretania) and 11 new advocates have been appointed in 2013 to date (list of advocates upon request).</p> <p>4 partnership agreements have been signed with: the Center for Geo-Morphological Integrated Analysis in Mediterranean Area (CGIAM); SES consultancy; Sancti Cirilly University from Malta and the Association of Construction Engineers from Iran.</p> <p>More than 100 Mayors including representatives attended the 4th Session of the Global Platform. A Resolution of Mayors and Local Authorities to build Resilience in Latin America was signed at the margins of the global platform.</p> <p>Since April 2013, 137 new cities have joined the campaign amongst which Hoboken (New York), Campinas (Brazil), Malmö (Sweden) and Barcelona (Spain) have been designated as Role model cities and cities from Afghanistan, Albania, Korea, Montenegro, Turkey, Palestine and 90 municipalities from Honduras have joined the campaign.</p> <p>Mayor Al’s (from San Francisco, Philippines) resilience road trip in Central America recently highlighted the outreach and impact of the Campaign. Mayor Al a designated champion of the campaign whose city won the 2011 Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction, spent five days journeying across Central America to exchange information with local authorities on best practice to make urban settings safer from natural hazards. He set out on May 2 on a journey through Central America that took him to the cities of Quezalguaque, (Nicaragua), Marcovia (Honduras) and Santa Tecla, (El Salvador) where he joined efforts with Campaign Champion Oscar Ortiz from Santa Tecla (El Salvador). The central government of Nicaragua highlighted that these exchanges assist local governments in identifying the gaps and learning from others, raising awareness on DRR issues at the local level and exchange of good practices and lessons learnt that strengthens relations among neighbour countries in Central America.</p>

The second steering committee and partners meeting (first meeting was in 2011 December) was hosted by city of Barcelona from 1-4 April 2013. More than 40 cities and partners participated in this critical meeting, where the future strategy was discussed, flagship products of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and the role of steering committee was deliberated and agreed. Two regional Advisory Groups have been set up during this period: one in Latin America and one in Asia Pacific. Both groups have elected chairs, agreed to a two-year Action Plan, and made group as well as individual commitments.

The Advocacy Team continued to provide technical support to the Committee on Social Affairs, Human Exchanges, the Environment, Education and Culture of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat). At the VI Plenary Meeting of EuroLat, the Assembly adopted on January this year a resolution on Prevention of Natural disasters in Europe and Latin America. The Resolution calls for greater leverage for disaster risk reduction as a part of development plans, goals, and targets in the successor to the Millennium Development Goals post-2015. It urges governments to include risk reduction when planning public investment, urban developments, and environmental planning and management and to allocate sufficient funding for this purpose in their budgets. It also stresses the particular importance of including the risk of disasters in the construction sector and recommends full cooperation between the two regions to prevent and mitigate their impact of disasters, through the exchange of best practices and risk information, adaptation and capacity-building programmes, transfer of more appropriate technologies, financial aid, the strengthening of governance, particularly in organizational, legal and political terms, and the improvement of early-warning systems.

Further to the VI Plenary Meeting of EuroLat, a message from the EuroLat to the first CELAC-EU Summit of Head of States brought attention to disaster risk reduction, the message urged greater cooperation and sharing of information and best practices on disaster risk reduction with a view to drawing up and implementing risk prevention strategies. As result, the EU-CELAC Action Plan 2013-2015 identified the need to strengthen bi-regional cooperation activities in the field of disaster risk reduction and management, including by increasing the knowledge of the problems and the importance of integration of DRR and CCA in the development strategies and policies.

The Global Advisory Group of Parliamentarians launched the Policy Guidance note for Post-2015 Governance for Disaster Risk Reduction as agreed in the Advisory Group Meeting held in March 2013.

128 IPU Assembly (Quito): Disaster Risk Reduction was on the Agenda of the 128th IPU Assembly. MPs emphasized the importance of early parliamentary involvement in the negotiation of new agendas and added that disaster risk efforts would be furthered if parliamentarians followed through at home on the matters raised during the panel discussion of effective risk management. UNISDR emphasized the link between good governance and disaster risk reduction and development. Strong institutional and legal framework for development planning that account properly for risk reduction were identified as central elements of good governance.

As a result of the Advocacy efforts from the Advocacy Team and the Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction at the Geopolitical Groups of the IPU, the IPU member Parliaments decided to formally place on the agenda of their Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade, at the next 130th IPU Assembly, the issue entitled “Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraint”. The IPU will debate this topic, and begin to identify specific recommendations for parliamentary action. This will serve as the basis of negotiations on a resolution to be adopted in the spring 2014. Monitoring tools will be developed to ensure effective implementation. Additionally the IPU will mobilize a robust parliamentary contribution to the process leading up to the post-2015 framework for DRR.

	<p>Members of the Global Advisory Group of Parliamentarians agreed to promote the integration of disaster risk resilience into the Post-2015 Development Agenda, framing it as an issue of vital importance for sustainable development. MP Gay Mitchell, MEP raised the issue of DRR and resilience at the Development Committee meeting in the European Parliament. The Lithuanian Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, responsible for development cooperation policy, presented the priorities for their incoming EU Presidency. Mr. Mitchell requested that priority should be given to DRR and its place on the post-2015 development agenda.</p> <p>MPs also agreed to promote governance as a critical issue for parliamentarians to act on, therefore they have launched a concept paper on Governance for Disaster Risk Reduction at the 4th Session of the Global Platform for DRR. MPs also agreed to increase participation in the 4th Session of the Global Platform, especially at the IPU-UNISDR parliamentarian consultation on the post-2015 Framework for DRR . Expansion of the parliamentarian’s network is making headway. Parliamentarians have been very active in identifying new members of the Regional Advisory Groups through the IPU Assembly. Four new members were identified from Namibia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Chile and Costa Rica.</p> <p>1st reading of the Draft Model of Legislation took place at the Parliamentary House of the East African Legislative Assembly. The Advocacy Team together with members of the African Advisory Group and has provided technical assistance to the draft model of legislation. Additionally, the advocacy team provided technical and logistical assistance for the preparation of public hearings in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Nairobi.</p> <p>At the request of a member of the Regional Advisory Group for LAC, the Parliament’s Committee of Environment agreed to the submission of a draft protocol for DRR at the next meeting of the Assembly.</p> <p>12,326 unique Making Cities Resilient website visitors viewed just over 63,000 pages and benefited from a streamlined sign-up process, an enhanced events calendar, reading list, city profiles, role model cities map and social media integration to improve the visibility of participating cities and promotion of their activities in disaster risk reduction facilitated by IMU website feature design, development and content management support.</p>
<p>UNISDR Americas</p>	<p><u>Participation in the campaign</u></p> <p>During the first semester of 2013, almost 90 cities from 8 countries have joined the making Cities Resilient Campaign, committing to implement at least one of the 10 essentials in their planning and development processes, bringing the total number of cities participating in the campaign in the Americas to 350 (115 have still to complete relevant documentation). Campaign launches and promotional events organized by ROAM in Costa Rica (February), El Salvador (April), Panama, Jamaica and Nicaragua (May) and Honduras (June) have been a great incentive for cities to sign off to the campaign. In total 112 cities joined the campaign during June. Among them, it is worth highlighting the cities of Medellin, Colombia, nominated in 2013 as the most innovative city in the world and host of the World Urban Forum in 2014; and the City of La Plata, Argentina.</p> <p>As a result of the collaborative efforts with the Government of Brazil, through the Excellence center for DRR, the first semester of 2013, 12 additional cities have joined the campaign thanks to the promotion and encouragement offered by the municipality of Campinas. The municipality of Campinas has been recognized as a Campaign “Role Model”. The official announcement was made during a special event organized by the Mayor in July 2013 (http://eird.org/americas/noticias/las-naciones-unidas-reconoce-el-liderazgo-de-campinas-en-la-reduccion-del-riesgo-de-desastres.html).</p> <p>During the first semester of 2013, 28 local governments have conducted a self-evaluation using the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool (Local HFA/LG-SAT), which provides key questions and indicators against the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient and builds</p>

upon the priorities and national indicators of the Hyogo Framework for Action. 17. Collaboration agreements

Since January 2013, 2 collaboration agreements have been signed to promote the building of resilience at all levels using as vehicle the Making Cities Resilient Campaign: 1 in Jamaica with the Ministry of Local Government & Community Development, Office of Disaster Preparedness Emergency Management ODPEM and UNISDR, and 1 in Panama with the Association of Municipalities AMUPA.

ROAM has established the nomination of the “municipality of the month” in UNISDR’s regional web site inviting local governments participating in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign to create and/or update their city profiles to clearly show their areas of expertise and need. The “Municipality of the month” initiative has now published 2 city profiles (Campinas in Brazil and Pasto in Colombia). Local governments are showing interest and more want to take part. The municipality of the month for June will be Portmore in Jamaica. See the current municipality of the month.

<http://www.eird.org/americas/municipalidad-del-mes/mayo.html#.Ua6UyZU0Pdk>

City-to-city exchanges

In January 2013, ROAM launched a call to promote the exchange of experiences on DRR and CCA among municipalities. As a result, during the first semester of 2013, two city exchanges between role model city of Santa Tecla (El Salvador) and Anse-à-Galets (Haiti) and Lampa (led by the Campaign Champion Graciela Ortuzar in Chile) and La Paz (Bolivia) were implemented. The exchanges have allowed more long term cooperation agreements, particularly in the experience of Haiti, where Santa Tecla has continued providing cooperation. The Call to experiences launched by ROAM, has allowed identifying since January 9 additional cities committed to participate in the exchanges involving 9 local governments that will be supported by ROAM during the period July-December 2013. The first of these exchanges between the city of Cartago (Colombia) and role model city of Santa Fe (Argentina), took place in July 2013.

<http://eird.org/americas/noticias/delegados-del-municipio-de-cartago-visitan-la-ciudad-de-santa-fe-para-intercambio-de-experiencias-en-rrd.html>

The cities that will be carrying out the other three exchanges until December 2013 are: Role model city of Portmore (Jamaica) – Town of View Royal (Canada), Pasto (Colombia)- Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Wiwilli (Nicaragua)-Livingston (Guatemala)-Cantarranas (Honduras). Following the experiences among cities in the Americas, ROAM has initiated the design of a scheme to promote the exchanges among municipalities within a Country. The first of these encounters was organized in Peru to promote exchange of experiences among Mayors of the Lima Province in alliance with a National DRR Civil Society organization. The success of this experience within a country, has allowed identifying a new set of exchanges to be promoted by ROAM in alliance with national municipalities for the second semester 2013.

Since 2010, in association with ILO/DELNET, ROAM has been promoting the training course on local sustainable development, DRR and climate change adaptation. This eight-month-long course is offered under a virtual platform and includes a two-week residential segment at the UN Training Centre in Turin. Since the beginning of this initiative, 250 professionals from Latin America have been trained thus far. The course has been adapted and is currently available in Spanish and Portuguese. The possibility of organizing future residential segments of this course in the region to reduce its cost was discussed with ILO officials and will be further explored.

ROAM jointly with UN-Habitat, developed a training course on DRR policies and the 10 campaign essentials oriented to local authorities. The module was tested in Chile where 22 municipalities in the basin of the Bio river participated. The module is being translated into English in association with GETI to be applied in similar experiences in Asia.

<p>UNISDR Arab States</p>	<p>Enhanced engagement of Arab cities, municipalities and local authorities in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign reflected in signing-up to the Campaign and actively participating in Campaign advocacy and training events. Enhanced knowledge and commitments to advance DRR at local level reflected in the adoption of the Aqaba Declaration on DRR in Arab Cities (March 2013) which sets targets to enhance resilience locally by 2017. http://www.preventionweb.net/files/31093_aqabadeclarationenglishfinaldraft.pdf</p> <p>Various learning and capacity building events facilitated the exchange of experiences and knowledge on DRR and improvement of policies and commitments reflected in budget allocations for DRR locally, review of city risk profiles, and improvement of early warning systems at local level.</p>
<p>UNISDR Asia Pacific</p>	<p><u>Resilient Cities Campaign</u> More than 10 cities and local governments in Asia and the Pacific joined the Campaign during the reporting period including 4 major cities in Korea. Strong facilitation of National Disaster Management Agencies such as NEMA played a critical role.</p> <p>Fukushima Prefecture participated in the IRP Forum in Jan 2013, sharing their experiences and current state of their recovery processes to the international community.</p> <p>On-going discussions with the city of Levuka in Fiji to include them as a new city for Fiji National Disaster Awareness Week and IDDR Day in October 2013.</p> <p>SRSG visit to Canberra, Australia on 26-28 June 2013 presented the city officials with a certificate and highlighted Canberra as a participating city of the campaign, particularly as 2013 marks 10 years after the devastating Canberra Bushfires of 2003.</p> <p><u>Local Government Self-Assessment</u> A training workshop on the LG-SAT was organized by UNISDR for 16 Mayors in collaboration with CDMP in Bangladesh. In essence, the workshop allowed all participants to (i) practice the LG-SAT questions and develop a better understanding of their meaning and implications in their own context, and (ii) make some practical recommendations to improve the bangla translation of the questionnaire. The workshop also discussed possible ways forward and next steps to roll-out the LG-SAT at a national level in Bangladesh. A similar workshop will be organized and facilitated by UNISDR in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 2 April 2013.</p> <p>The CDMP has conducted a second Training of Trainers on LG-SAT for mayors in Bangladesh. CDMP is integrating LG-SAT into Urban DRR guidelines for Bangladesh.</p> <p>63 cities and local governments undertook the LG-SAT and uploaded the reports. A survey of 300 Local Chief Executives on local DRR was undertaken in the Philippines in the context of a Summit of Local Chief Executives, organized in March 2013 at the request of the President to strengthen local level DRM. These reports and survey findings contribute to an on-going analysis of local DRR in the region.</p> <p>LG-SAT reporting format was translated into Bangla, Bahasa, Vietnamese, Thai, Laos and Japanese to facilitate the use of the tools. Two role model local governments (Hyogo Prefecture and Sendai City) in Japan were facilitated by Kobe Office to participate in LG-SAT and submitted their reports before GPDRR.</p> <p>Letters to towns and cities who have already signed up for the resilient cities campaign in the Pacific have been distributed asking them to review their activities and upload to LG-SAT.</p> <p>In July 2012, Sendai City joined the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and has been very active by sharing their experiences including both lessons and good practices. - In October</p>

	<p>2012, Sendai city was recognized as a role model for promoting community-based disaster risk reduction and empowering people to act on disaster risk reduction. - Facilitated participation in ISDR related events by local governments in Japan including Sendai City, Minami-sanriku town, Fukushima Prefecture, etc. to share their experiences, lessons learnt and good practices to contribute to build the resilience of communities.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	<p>UNISDR/CAC conducted consultations, and implemented, in collaboration with Governments and National Platforms of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, UNDP in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan the pilot project (co-funded by GIZ/Central Asia) "Support to disaster resilience at municipal level" in eight cities of the two countries. The results were presented at the workshop in Bishkek with participation of Ministry of Emergencies of Kyrgyzstan, Committee for Emergencies of Tajikistan, the mayors of the eight cities, national platforms of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, GIZ, ACTED, USAID. Thus, the decentralization of DRR has successfully been tested, and the mechanisms for follow-up and implementation of recommendations have been set. UNDP/Armenia is financing translation of the Mayors Handbook into Armenian language, for implementing the local level risk assessment in 2013-2014, in at least 25 cities. Government of Georgia significantly increased allocation for DRR in national budget, and provided funding for establishment and functioning of National Environment Agency within the Ministry of Environment.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	<p>Following two years of active advocacy efforts with UNESCO and UNICEF, the UNISDR Thematic Platform on Knowledge and Education was converted into a Global Education for Disaster Risk Reduction Knowledge and Education in January 2013, under a renewed leadership of UNESCO (new Department within UNESCO taking over). UNISDR contributed to the development of the Global Alliance TORs and remains one of the key players within the Secretariat, together with UNESCO and UNICEF.</p> <p>UNISDR also actively supported the discussions of the UN Inter-Agency Committee for the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development to foster a fruitful alignment and mutually reinforcing discussions on Education for Sustainable Development and Disaster Risk Reduction Education at the 2014 World Summit on Education for Sustainable Development and the 2015 World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. Such discussions led to the recognition of Disaster Risk Reduction Education as a priority for the post-2014 framework on Education for Sustainable Development and the proposal for the organization of a workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Education at the World Summit on Education for Sustainable Development (Nov 2014, Japan).</p> <p>The Global Baseline Study on School Safety was circulated at the 2013 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction where it supported the discussions on school safety (Featured Events, side events). As a result of significant advocacy work undertaken through the Global Alliance for Knowledge and Education, consultations with the World Bank and UNICEF as well as SRSG's bilateral with selected countries, a draft Global Programme for School Safety was developed by the World Bank under the umbrella of the Global Alliance and school safety featured prominently on the Global Platform's High Level Dialogue Communiqué and Chair's summary. An informal approach was made to Gordon Brown's Office to motivate the integration of school safety elements as part of the UNSG's Global Education First Initiative.</p>
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>In 2013, 13 cities in Europe joined the Campaign where the last cities to join were Nievroz, Tarascon and Villeurban (France), Malmo (Sweden) and Barcelona (Spain) and Brcko (Bosnia and Herzegovina). 427 European cities have to date joined the Campaign. 3 city-to-city exchanges took place between; o January 2013, Jonkoping (Sweden) - Lienz (Austria) o April 2013 & May 2013, Ancona - Sweden (Gothenburg and Solleftea) (two exchanges). The Campaign has been specifically featured in several events in Europe; April 2013 - Meeting organized by Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and the Ministry of Environment for "Framtidens byar (Villages of the future)" composed of the 13 largest villages in Norway.</p> <p>Increased awareness on disaster risk reduction, linkages to climate change adaptation and</p>

	<p>the UNISDR Campaign. May 2013 – The European Commission Life+ funded “ACT Programme - Adapting to climate change on time”, final conference in Florence, Italy. UNISDR attended and presented the connection between DRR and CCA and the possibilities offered by the EU CCA strategy to make this connection an underlying factor of climate resilience for European countries. June 2013 - First European Open Day and the Closing ceremony of European Commission, DG Climate Action’s initiative “Adaptation Strategies for EU Cities”.</p> <p>Contributed to a panel discussing building resilience to disaster at the local level, raising awareness of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and the UNISDR Campaign. June 2013 - Committee of the Regions, meeting of the Commission for Environment, Climate change and energy (ENVI). UNISDR met with Councillor Neil Swannick, CoR Rapporteur on the response to the EU CCA Strategy and shared inputs to the Swannick’s response document to the EU to highlight the role of DRR in local and urban climate resilience.</p>
UNISDR Korea Office	<p>ONEA/GETI was actively engaged in the Republic of Korea and Mongolia with governments and particularly development planning leaders in dialogue to shape international agenda/ technical working papers on DRR and Development.</p> <p>Following examples illustrates the impact of the programme in the Republic of Korea :</p> <p>1) MCR Global Campaign Tools and materials (Handbook, LG-SAT, and Campaign Kit) were adapted and translated into Korean language. Korean version of the MCR Handbook For Local Government Leaders was printed out and distributed to Korean NEMA relevant officials, CDI trainers and participants of Training Course for High Level Cities and Local Government officials organized by the Korean Central Civil Defence and Disaster Management Institute (CDI);</p> <p>2) Special Mixed Expert Committee under the auspices of Korean National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has been established and coordinated by NEMA to harmonize existing Korean Local Government Assessment tool with MCR LG-SAT. As a result Korean Assessment tool has been significantly revised. New Korean assessment tool was officially introduced by to all Local governments by Korean NEMA in 2013. Collaborative learning Initiative for Cities (CLIC) programme: UNISDR ONEA/GETI undertook a joint examination of challenges and opportunities for bringing local capacity to scale, in particular asking questions about the fitness of national capacity development mechanisms to raise awareness, build professional competencies and share knowledge in the many cities and local governments and communities that are looking for guidance and technical support. On September 2012 a three-day Workshop on Stock-taking and Ways Forward in Capacity Development for Making Cities Resilient brought 54 city and local government officials, together with a broad range of development service providers, including National Training Institutions, Universities, NGO’s, UN, IGO’s and the Private Sector. Together they clarified important next steps in developing practical content for the many local governments looking for guidance in how to implement the campaign in their cities. The group also framed a progressive approach to city-to city learning and knowledge sharing through a collaborative platform. Partners made commitments to cooperation in advancing efforts to train trainers.</p> <p>Some initial impacts of these discussions are reflected in the new initiatives motivated at in their home countries. For example:</p> <p>1) After UNISDR translated Campaign materials into Korean, a Special Expert Committee was established by NEMA to harmonize existing Korean Local Government Assessment Tool with the MCR LG-SAT. As a result the Korean Assessment tool has been significantly revised. The new Korean cities and Local Governments Assessment tool, which is linked to funding for local gov’ts, will be introduced to all 220 cities and local governments in Korea by NEMA in 1st Q of 2013;</p>

	<p>2) After UNISDR ONEA/GETI Workshop in Incheon the Eco city Builders-USA signed a Partnership Agreement with UNISDR and joined as new Partner for the MCR Campaign;</p> <p>3) UNISDR ONEA/GETI has contributed to concluding a new Basic Agreement Document - (BAD) with UN Habitat in the LAC Region (with UNISDR Regional Office in Panama) to develop and pilot training material for Making Cities Resilient;</p> <p>4) Statement of Cooperation Agreement was signed between UNISDR and Korean National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) which included outreach to 220 Korean Cities in 2013;</p> <p>5)After UNIDR ONE/GETI Workshop in Incheon MCR Focal Point for Russian has been appointed to lead newly established Making Russian Cities Resilient Section/Department at the Russian Academy of Civil Defence (ACD) and The Russian Academy of Civil Defence (ACD) has submitted a proposal to the government to fund establishment of a new DRR Training Center within the Academy, and requested UNISDR ONEA/GETI to provide technical support in this process;</p> <p>6) UNISDR ONEA/GETI provided guidance to Municipality of Chengdu city in China to develop proposal for national funding to strengthen the Chengdu Training Institute. Requests have also been received from Municipality of Makati City in Philippines and from National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of Mongolia. These signal an increased commitment of domestic resources to funding to capacity building for DRR;</p> <p>7) A Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group has been established to develop and implement UNISDR ONEA/GETI Collaborative Learning Initiatives for Cities (CLIC) 3 year programme. City to City Learning Initiative: UNISDR ONEA/GETI initiated and sponsored a City to City learning initiative for mayor of city of Sanfran, Philippines to visit and have working meetings and a planning workshop with mayors of Quezalguaque, Nicaragua , Marcovia, Honduras, and Santa Tecla, El Salvador that have resulted in preparation of a Joint Mayors Statement presented at the Global Platform.</p>
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, New York Office engaged with several affected cities in New Jersey and New York area. As a result, the Hoboken city (New Jersey, USA) joined the Campaign and held a 5k Resilience Run, which benefited Jamaican sister city Port Maria. This event is now a template for the Campaign.
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	During the reporting period, in support of efforts to increase government awareness and actions related to risk reduction and resilience, the Office of the Director undertook missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with partners from national and local governments and regional and international organizations, and to advocate for HFA implementation, the post-2015 DRR framework, risk reduction and resilience. These missions contributed to strengthened partnerships for DRR, resilience and HFA implementation at the national and local level.
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	The SRSOG was approached, and agreed, to become patron of the Resilient Cities Congress 2013 organized by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. While at the conference, she conducted a session on the HFA2. At the Global Platform, the SRSOG presided over a mayor's luncheon, where she appointed the Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina municipality (Mauritania) a champion of UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient campaign. A number of the SRSOG's missions abroad (Japan, Palestine, United States, Afghanistan) were focused on promoting this campaign: in the United States, the SRSOG opened a "Resilience Run" that was initiated by the UNISDR New York Liaison office; in Afghanistan, the SRSOG presented certificates to five new adherents to the campaign; in Palestine and Japan, the SRSOG visited cities in those countries that are already part of the campaign to hear their views.

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<p>UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section</p>	<p>To date there are approximately 98 individuals championing for DRR. From the MCR Campaign there are 11 advocates and 2 new champions from 2013. Champion from Mashhad (Iran) Mr. Syed Mohammad Pezhman committed during the GP to promote urban standards, foster development and transfer of knowledge and experience nationally and internationally to other Persian cities. Champion from Tevragh Zeina (Mauretania) Ms Fatimetou Abdel Malick committed to continue advocating for the importance of the role of women in DRR.</p> <p>UNISDR Parliamentarians Champions have been very active during this period. MP Saber Chowdhury from Bangladesh presented a proposal for an agenda item to the IPU Second Standing Committee for DRR. He raised awareness on DRR and CCA at the Asia & Pacific Geopolitical Group, and also actively engaged more MPs in DRR during the 128th IPU meeting in Quito, which resulted on new member of parliament attending the 4th Session of the Global Platform for DRR in Geneva.</p> <p>MP Alex Byarugaba, who led the National Consultation on Post-2015 Framework for DRR, brought DRR issues to the attention of the Minister of Economy. Mr Abdirahim Abdi, moved forward the Draft model of legislation at the East African Legislative Assembly and contributed substantially to the First African Regional Platform in Arusha. Champion Abdou Sane, contributed to increased awareness in the Senegal Parliament and within Communities to join the Resilient Cities Campaign. Another leader from the Advisory Group, MP Gay Mitchell, brought DRR onto the Agenda of the Lithuanian Presidency and raised awareness at the Irish Parliament.</p> <p>MP Kirsten Duncan, push for new legislation in the context of the flood impact on people and property. MP Nelly Gray de Cerdán, raised awareness at the Provincial Parliament of Cordoba Argentina and is ready to assist the Uruguayan parliament in the incorporation of DRR into the revision of the Land Uses Law.</p> <p>MP Tony Cunningham made contact with the Cabinet Office, Chief Executive of the Local Government Association, and a local Councillor with a role in the Local Government Association. He also contacted the Public Accounts Committee to ask if they have done enough in DRR. MP Timoteo Zambrano proposed a draft protocol for DRR at the Committee of Environment for Parlatino.</p>
<p>UNISDR Americas</p>	<p><u>Schools and hospitals</u> ROAM participated in the preparation of the Strategic Plan of Action 2013-2014 of the 'Coalition for Resilience of Children and Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean – CORELAC - Empowerment of Children and Youth Leadership in Resilience'. The coalition is formed by 6 organizations (UNICEF, Plan International, RET, World Vision, UNISDR, Save the Children) with the objective to further the agenda of Children and Disaster Risk reduction in the Region. The coalition successfully participated in the Global Platform leading a side event, having positively influenced to introduce the theme as an integral part of the Chair Summary.</p> <p><u>Champions and partners</u> Key supporters for the promotion of the Campaign at the regional and local level are the champions and advocates. Currently, in the Americas, 4 mayors (+1 ex-mayor) hold the title of Campaign champions. In 2013, two national campaign advocates were nominated by their active role in supporting and guiding to local governments. ROAM has facilitated the participation of champions in several events throughout the region, in particular during campaign launches (Mr Oscar Ortiz, Mayor of Santa Tecla, El Salvador; Mr Emilio Grateron, Mayor of Chacao, Venezuela). Additionally other prominent mayors are invited to share their experience with their pairs during national and regional events (E.g. Francisco Gaitan, Mayor of Cantarranas, and Honduras). Champion Graciela Ortuzar participated in the opening ceremony of the GP013.</p> <p>ROAM jointly with the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), the</p>

	<p>Government of Colombia and USAID/OFDA are promoting Public–Private partnerships for disaster risk reduction in the Americas . In August 2013, with the objective of fostering private-public partnerships in DRR, a core group of private sector representatives to lead the Americas PSP has been identified to be engaged as part of the PSAG and lead the agenda of the PSP for the Americas.</p>
<p>UNISDR Arab States</p>	<p>Increased visibility and recognition of DRR at national. Local and regional level. Engagement of local authorities reflected in Aqaba city hosting the 1st Arab Conference on DRR and advocating for DRR investment and budget allocations. The Arab Conference brought together more than 250 participants representing a diverse group of stakeholders ranging from national government, to local authorities to private sector, civil society, media, international and regional organizations. This conference raised the visibility and recognition of DRR as a priority to sustainable development in the Arab region and facilitated the commitment of stakeholders to accelerating progress on HFA implementation as well as providing recommendations for HFA2.</p> <p>Commitment for DRR in Mauritania at local and national level led to the recognition of the first woman to Champion DRR in the Arab region and announcing her as a Champion for the Making Cities Resilient Campaign (Mayors of Teveragh-Zeina). Engagement and advocacy of the local authorities of Aqaba and Petra led to improved institutional set-up and budget allocations for DRR in addition to reporting on progress and continuous efforts to build local capacities on DRR.</p>
<p>UNISDR Asia Pacific</p>	<p><u>Advocacy</u> A series of DRR events were held in Kobe in January to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, which included 1.17 Gathering Ceremony for the Hyogo Safety Day, Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA) meeting on 17 Jan, IRP Fourth Expert Group Meeting on the Great East Japan Earthquake on 21 Jan, International Recovery Platform (IRP) Forum on 22 Jan, and Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR2013) on 23 Jan.</p> <p>The SRSR missions to Japan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Australia were completed successfully, putting in place initiatives to promote coordinated approaches between the Governments, UNCT and other partners to accelerate DRR such as the UN joint approach to support Afghanistan to implement the Istanbul process.</p> <p>SRSR mission to Japan included her fourth visits to the Tohoku Region (affected region by the Great East Japan Earthquake) since March 2011. She had dialogues with children and women in Tohoku and had opportunities to hear their voices directly to understand their recovery progress and challenges to share such voices with the international community.</p> <p>UNISDR high level mission to Bangladesh strengthened collaboration with important partners such as the Municipality Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and Government-UNDP Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP).</p> <p><u>Parliamentarians</u> The Asian Advisory Group of Parliamentarians for DRR (AAGP) had its first meeting on 18-20 March 2013 in Seoul, Korea, co-hosted by the National Assembly of Republic of Korea and UNISDR. The AAGP agreed on its final TOR and a concrete Action Plan to address priorities to accelerate DRR as integral part of development in the region including MPs role in the post-2015 processes. Among others, the AAGP emphasized 1) sensitization/engagement of new MPs to work on DRR; 2) formulation or improvement of legislation for DRR with standardize language; and 3) improve oversight practices.</p> <p>The UNISDR-IPU Advocacy Kit for Parliamentarians has been translated into national languages (Laos, Thai and Vietnamese) and printed for distribution. Work is going on to develop a Handbook for Parliamentarians, structuring around MPs 3 roles of advocacy, oversight and representation.</p> <p><u>Private Sector</u> A private sector meeting was held at the IAP meeting on 18 April, discussing the role of</p>

	<p>private sector in HFA and HFA2. Lists of private sector representatives from Asia are being built up.</p> <p>A joint publication “Private Sector Strengths Applied” documenting the experience of Private Sector and DRR from Japan was prepared and disseminated at GPDRR and GAR Launching Event in Tokyo on 5 June. In the publication, 14 cases from different industries on DRR and private sector from Japan are presented including IBM Japan and Coca-Cola Japan, Kokusai Kogyo, IBM Japan, Development Bank of Japan, and Sendai Coca-Cola.</p> <p>PATA, Bali Association and other representatives of private sector joined the regional GAR launch in Bangkok on 3rd June. PATA has committed to join the Asian Advisory Group of Private Sector.</p> <p>Work is starting to collaborate with ADPC on the study of disaster impacts on SMEs in Thailand and training on BCP, with the aim to obtain evidence on how to engage private sector in DRR for HFA2.</p> <p>Work is going on to prepare for the Top Leader Forum, hosted by Mr. Hans Sy, President of SM Holding in October 2013 in Manila.</p> <p>Preparations have been made for UNISDR to co-facilitate with UNDP a Private Sector and DRR discussion session at the Pacific Platform for DRM in July 2013, to raise the awareness of the role the private sector plays in making communities more resilient and calling upon further engagement.</p> <p>An SRSG visit to Samoa in early July 2013 will also include bilateral meetings with the Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Samoa Hotel Industry, to highlight the need for greater private – public sector engagement in making communities more resilient.</p> <p><u>Safe Schools and Hospitals</u></p> <p>Pilot test, launch of the Tool kit and ToT completed in Nepal. Plan for ToTs in 4 other locations in the region developed. TOTs to facilitate the application of the School and Hospital Safety Assessment Tool Kit were held in the Maldives and in Afghanistan. More than 30 Local Government representatives, engineers, architects attended the ToT in Afghanistan.</p> <p>The ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM) has adopted the proposal for the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI), led by Plan International and ASEAN Partnership Group (APG). Work has been initiated to scope UNISDR’s catalysis contribution to develop a regional guideline for school safety that will be used throughout the ASEAN Safe School Initiative.</p> <p>Governor of Hyogo Prefecture has been a champion of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign since 2010 and been very active on building the resilience of communities, including inside of the prefecture and sharing their expertise with outside.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	Activities in assessment, retrofitting, and reconstruction of school and hospitals continued in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. In 2012, Turkmenistan launched a state program on assessment and retrofitting of school and pre-school institutions, with state funding, and with involvement of local governments, Red Crescent Society, and local non-government organizations.
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	A broad range of stakeholder groups were mobilized by the Disaster Risk Reduction and Regional Coordination Section towards the preparations of the 4th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (May 2013). Informal consultations and specific guidance were provided to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), IGOs, Parliamentarians and National Governments (through National Platforms) and the Civil Society, including Children and Youth, Universities and the Private Sector, to organize substantive discussions towards HFA2 at the Global Platform and to present their position and recommendations on the occasion of a multi-stakeholder consultation on HFA2 (20 May 2013).

	<p>Significant coordination efforts were also made to support the development of action plans with concrete activities for each stakeholder group towards HFA2. An increased awareness and engagement of the private sector was noticeable throughout the reporting period. Eighteen Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) members can now be confirmed as stable, well connected and committed to disaster risk reduction. Latest new members include: PwC, GlaxoSmithKline, AXA Group http://www.unisdr.org/partners/private-sector. The group provided advice in the lead up to the 2013 Global Platform and co-organized several sessions there (plenary session, side-events, and HFA2 preparatory consultations). They also came together during the Annual General Meeting: Private sector for DRR at the Global Platform and contributed to corporate sponsorship for the Global Platform. There was a steep increase in business delegates participation in the 2013 Global Platform passing from 30 in 2011 to 175 in 2013) http://intranet.unisdr.org/registration/gp2013/dashboard</p> <p>The group of DRR-Private Sector Partners (DRR-PSP) has increased up to 40 members at the end of June 2013. These companies can be considered as stakeholders that are championing DRR and CCA as they have all committed and contributed to the 5 Essentials for Business in DRR. http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/networks/public/psp/</p> <p>During the World Economic Forum in Davos 2013, 22 CEO's participated in a simulation exercise that highlighted the need for disaster risk reduction and preparedness. Following on the simulation exercise, businessmen and women engaged in an active dialogue around practical solutions for business to integrate disaster risk reduction. http://www.cnn.com/id/100408242</p>
<p>UNISDR Europe Office</p>	<p>European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Kristalina Georgieva is strongly advocating DRR and hosted an Inter-Commissioners breakfast on the HFA 2. In addition to 6 Commissioners, participants from the majority of the EC Directorate Generals participated in the meeting.</p> <p>Member of the European Parliament, Mr. Gay Mitchell (Development Committee) strongly advocates for DRR both at national and local level. His will contribute to the DRR agenda and the HFA 2 consultation process through hosting a Parliamentarian Exchange of Views on DRR and the HFA 2 in September 2013 and also as the Rapporteur for a European Parliament Development Committee "Own-Initiative report" on DRR, resilience and the HFA 2. Member of the European Parliament, Ms. Elisabetta Gardini (Environment, Public Health and Food security Committee) strongly advocates for DRR both at national and local level. In addition to being the Parliament's Rapporteur for the EU Civil Protection Mechanism legislation in which DRR is mentioned she also triggered discussions through the hosting of a Parliamentarian breakfast briefing on DRR and the HFA 2. The briefing brought together participants from the Parliament, the European Commission, NGO's, civil society and countries Permanent Missions in Brussels.</p> <p>The Mayor of Venice, Campaign Champion in Europe for protecting cultural heritage from disasters, contributed to the featured event at the Global Platform on "Heritage and Resilience" advocating strongly for DRR and the importance of protecting cultural heritage from disasters.</p> <p>Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) /HFA FP strongly advocates for building resilience at the local level resulting in the enrolment of totally five cities (three role model cities) in Sweden in the Campaign and encouraging cities to complete the LGSAT. Encouraged 3 city-to-city exchanges in the context of the Campaign. Under the implementation of the UNISDR-WMO project "Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey". As result of the project implementation there is an enhanced awareness of DRR at the local level and capacities of mayors and urban planners, among the outputs delivered: The city of Lezhe (Albania) and Cetinje (Montenegro) joined the UN Global Campaign "Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready"</p>

	<p>Eight portable banners have been developed by a specialized graphic designer. The IPA beneficiaries contributed sharing images for the design and translating the key messages for citizen awareness in each local language spoken in the IPA Beneficiaries. Mayors from the IPA Beneficiaries were invited to take part to an event organized by UNISDR at the Global Platform for DRR in Geneva (19-23 May 2013). The event organized was an Open debate on 'Disaster risk reduction measures at the local level in South Eastern Europe'. It was attended by five cities from the IPA Beneficiary countries and by a French mayor (and Senator of the French Republic).</p> <p>The following cities took part to the event: City of Lezhe (Albania), City of Sarajevo Centar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Dubrovnik (Croatia), City of Cetinje (Montenegro), City of Pristina (Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99) and Saint-Pierre-des-Corps (France). The presence of European mayors stimulated exchange between local governments' part of the EU and those which are in countries in the phase of EU accession. Following this event a press release was developed by a professional journalist and disseminated through main specialized website of the UN (UNISDR, UNRIC, and PreventionWeb) and specifically to journalists over Europe who are connected to the UN Regional Information Center. The UNISDR DRR campaign kit for local governments was translated in Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. Currently the Albanian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and Turkish translations of the kit are on-going.</p>
UNISDR Korea Office	<p>The first meeting of the Asian Advisory Group of Parliamentarians for Disaster Risk Reduction (AAGP) was hosted by Hon. Duk-Hyum Park, Member of the Disaster Management Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and UNISDR on 18-20 March 2013 in Seoul, ROK with 16 parliamentarians. The group discussed disaster risk trends and priorities to accelerate disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Asia and the Pacific; how Parliamentarians can address these priorities in their roles as legislator, political leader and for oversight. The AAGP also had an exchange with Members of the Parliamentarians of ROK on Moving toward a new disaster resilient development agenda and the roles of MPs in the post-2015 processes.</p> <p>The AAGP agreed on an action plan with both individual commitments for actions and as the group. The key actions for MPs would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asking the executive for development choices that lead to disaster resilience and sustainable development; 2) Demonstrating the benefits of actions on DRR but also the cost of inactions, Highlighting the importance of the oversight function of MPs to ensure check and balance. MPs should not only ask for money for DRR but also for wise spending; 3) With the higher projection of climate change, it is important to not only discuss adaptation but also mitigation to address the root causes. People safety and welfare are at the heart of actions by MPs and this has no national boundaries; and 4) MPs in Asia had a good starting point at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR in Yogyakarta, which needs to continue and add values. The MPs also decided to engage in the HFA2 and post-2015 development agenda processes and influence the shaping of these frameworks by - Sensitizing and influencing the diplomats who attend regional Socio-economic commission and UN General Assembly; - Contributing to and influencing the Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR; - Engaging sub-regional inter-governmental bodies such as AIPA of ASEAN, SAARC.
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	<p>NY office has supported the SG and the DSG during the reporting period in their advocacy work for disaster risk reduction. This includes drafting of DRR-focused TPs and various inputs for their speeches and other advocacy documents. NY office supported the work of the Group of Friends of DRR in New York in their DRR advocacy efforts and in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. NY office supported the City of Hoboken in various</p>

	<p>DRR advocacy efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; in addition the office supported the Mayor of Hoboken to prepare her participation at the Global Platform, including an interview that was published at the UNISDR website.</p>
<p>UNISDR Office of the Director's Office</p>	<p>During the reporting period, in support of efforts to increase government awareness and actions related to risk reduction and resilience, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <p>a) inputted to the discussions related to the post-2015 development agenda, participated in the UN Leadership Meeting and the meeting with Resident Coordinators during the 2013 Global Platform, and led HLCP-related activities, including the organization of the SMGDRR meetings, which resulted in the finalization and endorsement of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction, as well as greater commitment by UN agencies to integrate DRR into their work;</p> <p>b) completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various partners and advocate for HFA implementation and HFA2, which resulted in both new and stronger partnerships for DRR; and</p> <p>c) provided guidance on preparations related to the 2013 Global Platform and Regional Platforms in Africa and the Arab States, which resulted in increased interest and strengthened partnerships for DRR and climate change adaptation.</p>

Work Plan	Result 4.1
<p>UNISDR Advocacy and Outreach Section</p>	<p>The reporting period was exceptionally busy with a number of key events helping to raise UNISDR's profile including regional platforms for Africa and the Middle East and North Africa, the GAR launch and the Global Platform. There was a wealth of new material distributed through both unisdr.org and PreventionWeb which attracted increased traffic including documentation and reports prepared for the Global Platform and the online version of the GAR. There were 84 news items published including 25 press releases - 12 during May related to the GAR and the Global Platform. This material was also used to feed UNISDR's social media accounts, Facebook and Twitter which stood at 2,849 and 10,900 followers respectively by end June 2013.</p> <p>In addition to the indicators above it is worth noting that the first six months of 2013 included 577 media reports which mentioned UNISDR compared with totals for previous years of 368 (2012), 354 (2011) and 209 (2010). The SRSG featured in 200 media reports (320 in 2013) and there was a notable increase in the number of media references to the HFA which has been heavily promoted since the launch of the HFA2 consultations in March 2012. From January to June, the HFA featured in 211 publications compared to 130 in 2012 and 101 in 2011. There was strong promotion of the HFA progress report released during the Global Platform and the health journal, the Lancet, ran a positive and extensive piece on HFA implementation.</p> <p>IMU has begun supporting EIRD site automation and increased information management capacity development of the UNISDR Americas Office staff. As result, content is now systematically entered in the common content management system (CMS) and a UNISDR vacancies feed developed, in preparation for the implementation of automated vacancy, event and document updates in support of a coherent communications and branding strategy</p> <p>In response to the PreventionWeb evaluation and recommendation to become a more active 'knowledge broker', and the results of 2012 user research among staff and stakeholders that confirmed PreventionWeb's place as the preeminent disaster risk reduction website, is redesigning the site around orientation and targeted stakeholder service. During this period, 373,081 unique visitors viewed 1, 394,455 pages. An internal</p>

	<p>PreventionWeb advisory group has been established; information and knowledge management for disaster risk reduction communities of practice are engaged; and PreventionWeb visitors are now regularly surveyed upon visiting the site. On the occasion of the Global Platform, participants were surveyed on their most urgent knowledge and information needs in support of the PreventionWeb redesign and targeted service delivery. The Global Platform call for partners to update their DRR profiles on PreventionWeb for the 2013 e-Library resulted in 1,000 organization updates compared with approximately 300 during the previous platform.</p> <p>A multi-stakeholder advisory group on information and knowledge management for disaster risk reduction (IKM4DRR) was established and an IKM4DRR Community of Practice including over 385 experts and practitioners participated in online dialogues regarding the development of a framework to support information and knowledge management in the post-2015 agenda. A total of 60 IKM4DRR participants representing 31 countries including 19 government representatives and five intergovernmental organizations from all regions attended the first IKM4DRR Workshop at the 2013 Global Platform. An action plan for the community, supporting the development of standards for interoperable websites, including PreventionWeb and other related disaster risk reduction information systems, was agreed upon.</p> <p>UNISDR staff knowledge base was significantly strengthened by IMU's intranet projects including the UNISDR archive digitization project and launch of the Internal Document System on the intranet. The archive includes the Programme Forum, Sasakawa, IDNDR, CIIFEN, STC Sessions, Staff Retreats and other regional thematic and general forums organized by UNISDR. The Global and Regional Platform registration system was further designed and developed to seamlessly integrate with the UNISDR Contact Directory and now has 'People Profiles'. People profiles directly contribute to UNISDR's internal knowledge of our partners and stakeholders, for example knowing who has attended a Regional Platform, Global Platform, Online Dialogue and/or PreventionWeb subscriber and if the person is a main DRR focal point directly supports the UNISDR communication strategy and stakeholder service.</p>
UNISDR Americas	<p>Information and Communication: ROAM has increased the number of items shared through EIRD, PW, FB, YouTube and mass mailing, compared to the second quarter last year. 416 vs. 11 press releases, web stories, CMS entries, etc. (About 200 on GPDRR13); 3.56 more mentions in media than May 2012 (Avg. of 4 mentions a day) 121 vs. 34 mentions (UNISDR, EIRD and Global Camping the keywords most mentioned); 42% increase in visits to regional website (www.eird.org) compared with May 2012 197,444 vs. 139,373 visits;</p> <p>In June 2013, ROAM registered 85% more mentions in mass media than June 2012 (157 vs. 85)</p> <p>The regional Facebook page managed by the ROAM continues growing in popularity with most popular story reaching up to 7120 views vs. 1576 views in the previous month.</p>
UNISDR Arab States	<p>DRR profile is significantly raised in the Arab region due to improved communication and outreach tools, among which a documentary video was produced and several news stories were developed for UNISDR website. Branding UNISDR has improved and has become more recognizable in the region as illustrated by increasing numbers of partners, national governments, local officials, etc. who seek stronger engagement with UNISDR Regional Office.</p>
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p><u>Communications</u> A number of stories and PR were written: on Jakarta floods, Fiji floods and tsunami, Laos NAR launch, SRSG missions to Japan, Pakistan and Afghanistan, etc. Facilitated media partners to produce DRR articles: worked with IRIN to produce three articles on DRR.</p> <p><i>For example, a) Fukushima women re-build their lives (http://www.unisdr.org/archive/31577) (uploaded on 8 Mar, International Women's Day).</i></p>

	<p><i>b) UNISDR Chief returns to tsunami affected town (Minami-sanriku town on 11 March) (http://www.unisdr.org/archive/31590) c) UNISDR Chief meets children of Fukushima on 11 March (http://www.unisdr.org/archive/31616)</i></p> <p>Press conferences and interviews with SRSG and video messages were organized in Arusha, during SRSG missions to Pakistan and Afghanistan, Japan and Australia, for the ADPC RCC meeting in Mongolia in March 2013</p> <p>Interviews with partners on DRR for example, interviews for a correspondent from INTERPRESS who is interested in social impact of GEJE including safety of public workers being engaged in disaster response and how these lessons would be considered in future activities. Interviews coordinated by Kobe Office were with Prof. Imamura (Tohoku University), Dr. Masahiko Murata (DRI), and Mr. Atsushi Koresawa (Civil Protection and Disaster Management Department in Fire and Disaster Management Agency of Japan)</p> <p>Support provided for communication work for GPDRR: organization of two press conferences with ECHO Head and Tangible Earth, manage and invite 20 reporters at the GPDRR who produced more than 100 articles on the GPDRR, supported Actual team and supervised Broll production, organized field visit to the Palais with 15 reporters.</p> <p>Manage the production of 8 videos for GPDRR by Lynx Production and others. The videos were presented during the main GPDRR opening sessions and secure the airing of PSA on Al Jazeera and CNN.</p> <p>Support the Sasakawa Award and ceremony event in the GPDRR.</p> <p>DRR messages were shared in a number of public awareness raising events in Japan through UNISDR Kobe Office, including on the issues of people with disability and DRR (organized by Nippon Foundation) and children and DRR (organized by Save the Children Japan).</p> <p><u>Media training</u> Media trainings in collaboration with DRR managers and other partners were provided for 15 journalists at the African regional platform in Arusha Feb 2013 and 15 journalists in Myanmar in March 2013. The trainees have produced more than 20 articles in Africa and 15 in Myanmar.</p> <p><u>Knowledge management</u> The South Asia Knowledge Page on DRR and CCA is linked to the Activity plan on the SAARC Thimphu statement implementation in the region. Work is going on to install and manage the information by SAARC Disaster Management Centre.</p> <p>Increased number of news coverage on UNISDR related events and messages including SRSG visits to Japan.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	The CIS inter-state TV Company MIR began inclusion of films and programs in the field of disaster management, preparedness and risk reduction. The senior staff of MIR took part in the Global Platform for DRR in 2013; a series of programs was dedicated to participation of delegations of Central Asia and South Caucasus.
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	The Global Platform discussions received high media attention globally through press releases and the international press. Strong emphasis was placed in press releases on the private sector's contribution to disaster risk reduction. For the first time, national statements were broadcasted live through the national media. Over 450 government officials participated in three-day workshops on mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into development, utilizing knowledge management tools developed by UNISDR. All participants are now part of a roster of experts and receive regular updates through a listserv.

	<p>(IRP) Three new publications on the role of business in Disaster Risk Reduction were developed in collaboration with the Private Sector Advisory Group and the wider business community: "UNISDR and PwC: Working together to reduce disaster risk", "Business and disaster risk reduction: good practices and case studies" and "Private sector strengths applied: good practices in disaster risk reduction from Japan". These publications highlight good practices and case studies that inform business on opportunities and the 'how to' of engagement in disaster risk reduction and including disaster risk reduction in their operations (http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications)</p>
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>Six (6) new monthly bulletins developed by Europe office and shared with European counterparts (HFA FP, campaign cities, the European Commission, European Parliament, regional organizations and other key stakeholders in Europe) and uploaded on UNISDR managed websites.</p> <p>Europe and disaster risk reduction was featured in 11 press releases, 5 articles and news stories.</p> <p>UNISDR Europe provided input to 1 speech.</p> <p>UNISDR Europe Office has published its 2012 Annual Report. The report has been launched at the EFDRR consultative meeting at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva on 20 May 2013. The report has been widely distributed and has been well received by the European HFA Focal Points. Furthermore, positive feedback has been received from some African GPDRR participants.</p> <p>Provided input to the eight edition of the annual report on the partnership between the United Nations and the European Union. The report titled "Saving and improving lives, United Nations - European Union - Partnership for food and nutrition security 2008-2012" is prepared jointly by the UN Team in Brussels and showcases examples of progress, projects and achievements around the world based on EU funding. The EC funded project for the Horn of Africa has been referenced in the report.</p>
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	<p>NY liaison office drafted 5 web stories for the UNISDR website during the reporting period as well as one press release. Media was approached in the context of the Hoboken resilience run and the GAR launch, and both events resulted in news stories in the media that featured DRR.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of initiatives to improve UNISDR communication and knowledge management tools, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) guided the development of the UNISDR Communications Strategy (including elements related to communications, social media, web, cities and mini-campaigns on the IDDR themes), which will result in a clearer way forward for the organization's advocacy, outreach and communications efforts; b) guided the preparation of the management response to the PreventionWeb evaluation and the implementation plan for the evaluation recommendations, which will ultimately result in a more coherent approach to UNISDR's knowledge management; and c) guided the finalization of the corporate identity project, which will lead to more effective brand management for UNISDR.
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	<p>The SRSR continued to deliver key speeches, Facebook messages, Tweets and other communiques that were picked up by the press and disaster risk reduction supporters and practitioners to highlight the cross-cutting nature of disaster risk reduction. The SRSR made several appearance on mass media, including in a televised speech in the United States delivered at the 13th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment on "Science, Preparedness and Resilience," a morning talk show interview on Panama local television, a radio interview in Australia, and appearances on current affairs programmes on Al Jazeera and the BBC following floods in Asia.</p>

Work Plan	Result 4.2
UNISDR Americas	In 2013 ROAM has managed to establish new partnerships with DIPECHO for South America and the Caribbean, totalizing EU 1'200,000 -In 2013 ROAM established a new cooperation agreement with the Spanish Cooperation for EU 100,000 -ROAM participated in the donor meeting held on 13 November in the Hague. During this meeting promoted the UNISDR and the RO's activities during conversations held with representatives of Argentina, Australia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, EC Devco, World Bank. Argentina made a pledge of US\$50,000 and mentioned that it would be ready to sign a multi-year agreement. In April 2013 Argentina made the first contribution of US\$50,000 to the trust fund.
UNISDR Arab States	Regional Office for Arab States co-organized the First Arab Conference on DRR (including the first session of the RP) with UNDP and SDC which led to cost-sharing of the conference budget.
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p>Intensive discussions and work with the Government of Japan are going on through the Kobe Office facilitation in consultation with UNISDR HQ to prepare funding plan and funding proposal to the Japanese Government for the organization of WCDDRR2015</p> <p>Work is on-going to approach potential donors and prepare funding proposals to support HFA2 consultations, 6AMCDDRR, DRR work in the Pacific and ASEAN</p> <p>Increased annual contribution of the Japanese Government to UNISDR (USD 1.04 million in 2011 to USD 1.34 million in 2012) - A number of co-organization of relevant events has been increased through cost-sharing, including the event of International Day on DRR in October, 2012</p>
UNISDR Bonn Office	Progress in engaging some donor countries (Australia, Norway and Germany) to adopt the approach of UNISDR towards integrated resilience agenda that brings coherence to national actions on DRR/CCA. Initial positive feedback received from these governments to be followed up with concrete proposals.
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	UNISDR/CAC implemented a pilot project in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan "Support to disaster resilience at municipal level", in partnership and with financial support of GIZ/Central Asia. The amount of funding is about \$100,000. Possibilities of funding were discussed with the donor agencies based in Kazakhstan: ECHO, JICA, USAID, OFDA, Government of Kazakhstan
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	The 2013 Global Platform was the first focused attempt to mobilize private sector funding. Five private sector donors (UPS Foundation, Esri, AECOM, Kokusai Kogyo Co. Ltd. and DuPont) sponsored the Global Platform up to \$ 95.000. http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/sponsorships
UNISDR Europe Office	UNISDR Europe has worked to leverage in-kind contributions of USD 28,937 by 10 partners. Those in-kind contributions cover travel of staff and also contribute to the development of disaster loss database in Albania and Serbia.
UNISDR New York Liaison Office	NY Liaison Office organized a donor briefing in New York, in January 2013. The meeting was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Finland and attended by all the key donors of UNISDR, plus some member states that are potential donors-to-be.
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of efforts ensure a larger and more sustainable and predictable resource base, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <p>a) guided the revision of the UNISDR Strategic Framework and Biennial Work plan for 2012-2015, which ensured that UNISDR's outputs are expressed in more results-oriented language and that the indicators encourage reporting on the impact of the work that UNISDR does;</p> <p>b) in close coordination with the SRSG, guided the organization of the Donor Meeting in the United Kingdom, which resulted in positive feedback and improved perception of UNISDR's efforts to communicate on its results;</p>

	<p>c) completed missions to Italy, Tanzania, Belgium, Jordan, United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Panama to meet with various donors and other partners, which resulted in strengthened partnerships and a commitments for future collaboration; and</p> <p>d) provided guidance on the development and finalization of EC/ ECHO projects, in closed collaboration with RMU, which resulted in successful submission of the concerned projects and increased resources for UNISDR programmes.</p>
<p>UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR</p>	<p>Analysis by UNISDR's Resource Mobilization Unit indicates that funding to UNISDR from donors has remained steady in the context of reduced funds across most international organizations, indicating a constant degree of trust in the SRSG and the way in which she has ensured delivery of UNISDR's mandate. To maintain ties with the donor community, the SRSG has held meetings focused on donor issues with countries such as Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United States and the United Kingdom. The SRSG is also actively promoting the engagement of new donors, such as Qatar and China.</p>
<p>UNISDR Recourse Mobilization (Special Projects)</p>	<p>Resource Mobilization Strategy under full implementation. \$18,0m received as of 17 July 2013, with another \$2,8m pledged. Total contributions received or pledged amounting to \$20,8m, i.e. 64% of the agreed resource mobilization target of \$32,5m. Over 40% of 2013 income target (\$13m of \$32.5m) was collected in quarter 1 (by 30 April 2013), allowing for strategic long-term planning by UNISDR.</p> <p>Annual Report 2012 compiled and published end April 2013; positive feedback received from all donors. Monthly bilateral meetings with donors and approach to potential donors during Global Platform 2013 (Canada, Germany BMZ, GIZ, African Development Bank and KfW). New un-earmarked multi-annual contributions secured from Finland and Switzerland.</p> <p>Negotiations for multi-annual partnership agreements on going with Ireland, the Netherlands and Sweden. New earmarked contributions negotiated and received from USAID, EuropeAid (DEVCO for 2013-2015), DIPECHO (2 projects in Americas region for 2013-2014), DG Research (Europe region for 2013-2015). RMU secured a secondment from Switzerland to the UNISDR Regional Office for the Arab States, and an Australian volunteer for the UNISDR Africa Office, both of whom started their work in February 2013.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going with donors (Finland, Italy, and Sweden) for additional Associate Experts. High-level policy dialogues with donors through SRSG missions to donor capitals, including Dublin, Washington DC, Brussels, and Bern, Incheon (RMU prepared and participated). Strategic dialogue with donors undertaken through the UNISDR Donor Meeting (Exeter, 16 May) back-to-back to the GFDRR Consultative Group meeting and hosted by DFID. GFDRR/WB contribution 2013 received for the first time in January 2013 based on active engagement and timely negotiations; negotiations for collaboration post-2013 on going; timely reporting for 2012. Strategic engagement of UNISDR in policy work with the European Commission (inputs to Consultations in collaboration with Europe office, participation in the Consultation on the Draft EU Resilience Action Plan, regular dialogue).</p> <p>Donor relations strengthened and useful insights and guidance gathered through three meetings of the GVA "Copenhagen Group" (22 January hosted by Finland, 16 April hosted by Australia, 20 May hosted by Sweden). Contributed actively to preparations for the WCDRR2015 in dialogue with the Government of Japan including the revision of proposals and budgets, meetings in Sendai and Tokyo, regular engagement with PM GVA.</p> <p>Drafted or further improved the quality of new proposals and facilitated their timely submission to donors, including: HFA2 proposal for Sweden, USAID/OFDA proposals for GAR, GP and LAC, 2 new DIPECHO proposals (South America, the Caribbean), new DG Research (ENHANCE) and finally a new EU/ACP proposal (Continental programme in Africa). Initiated consultations for other new proposals.</p>

	<p>Ensured timely and high quality reporting to donors on earmarked funding through active collaboration with colleagues in HQ and ROs; including: interim reports for EU/FPI (IRP), DIPECHO Central America and ECHO ERC (Capacity Building) as well as final reports for DIPECHO South America, DIPECHO Caribbean (Phase I) and ECHO Horn of Africa.</p> <p>Strategic engagement with donors and preparation of a new OECD-UNISDR initiative 'Options for increasing the effectiveness of development assistance for disaster risk reduction under the post 2015 Hyogo Framework for Action': survey developed and launched together with OECD and preparation undertaken for a meeting on 13 September 2013 hosted by the Canadian Mission in Geneva. RMU support and engagement in donor-led initiative on disaster preparedness as input for HFA2. Systematic engagement with finance to help prepare monthly income tables.</p>
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Work Plan	Result 4.3
UNISDR Americas	<p>The ROAM has continued to use the e-tools as a basis for monitoring and reporting the work plan under an RBM and continued the use of payment formats developed in ROAM in order to better align and register the activities performed by the ROAM with specific results and activities registered in the e-Tool. In 2013 ROAM has continued reinforcing its operations and human resource capacities. New mechanisms for financial monitoring, calendar of donor results reporting, and training on UN rules and regulations for procurement for ROAM staff has been provided.</p> <p>The implementation of these measures have contributed to support an adequate and timely capacity of ROAM for a) reporting to donors and b) timely reporting to UNISDR HQ, thus contributing positively to achieve a high performance of ROAM operations and programmatic activities in the region. -The ROAM organized the revision of the work plan planning exercise for 2013/2015.</p>
UNISDR Arab States	Improved awareness and capacities of regional staff on utilizing the e-Tool
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p>UNISDR Asia Pacific Work Plan and Cost Plan 2013 finalized in a retreat organized on 28th and 29th January 2013. The Work Plan and Cost Plan submitted to HQ. All Asia Pacific secretariat staff members, along with sub-regional office Fiji participated in the retreat.</p> <p>A planning meeting was organized on 9-10 June 2013 to prepare BWP 2014-2015. Discussions included 1) taking stock of regional priorities, 2) global guidance (from GPDRR Chair Summary, High level Communique, outcomes of HFA2 consultations, etc.) and 3) the ways forward to 2015 and beyond. The draft BWP reflects the most important results to be achieved and new working approaches in the context of resources constraints and was submitted to HQs.</p> <p>UNISDR AP fulfills all reporting requirements (monthly, donor-specific reporting)</p> <p>Recruitment of pending staff position (G4 in Bangkok) and interns is going on. Support on administrative process provided to newly recruited staff in Incheon office.</p> <p>An operating procedure for a team assistant in the Kobe office was developed. - Regular activity monthly report along with Strategic Objectives is submitted every month by the deadline.</p>
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	The GFDRR 2012 substantive report was produced and submitted to External Relations in a timely manner. The report highlights the progress made with the National Platforms Review and in supporting IGOs over January-June 2013. The GFDRR FY2013 interim report was also produced on time, highlighting actions taken in ensuring high-level participation at the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (19-23 May 2013).
UNISDR Europe Office	<p>UNISDR Europe office participated in a teleconference with Winjit Technology on the E-management tool discussing obstacles and suggestions for improvements.</p> <p>Sonia Mrabet, UNISDR Finance, visited UNISDR Europe Office to discuss RBMS and Finance</p>

	<p>issues. Special emphasis has been put on frequent exchanges and on how to improve information exchanges.</p> <p>Head of Office participated in the SLG meetings in Geneva, Switzerland (8-9 April, 24 May).</p>
<p>UNISDR Executive Office Work Plan 2012- 2013</p>	<p>UNISDR's accomplishments are focused on strengthened organizational capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver its work as the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the Hyogo Framework of Action. To achieve this, in 2012 UNISDR focused efforts on improving its operational capacities and efficiencies across several work areas.</p> <p>The delegation of Financial Authority granted by the UN Controller allowed for swifter processing of agreements with funding sources, resource allocation/ programming and issuance of grants to a number of partners through UNISDR's own dedicated Grants Committee.</p> <p>Furthermore, a number of Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) and other relevant guidance have been issued targeted to improve work processes, such as travel and workshops, grant administration, financial planning/reporting, human resources administration and change management.</p> <p>Programme monitoring has been systematically coordinated by the headquarters Executive Office in consultation with all units and resource programming has been closely managed to optimize impact within tight resource parameters.</p> <p>In addition, striving to enhance process efficiencies and transparencies across work areas, UNISDR undertook a number of external evaluations, including on administrative/financial processes, on the 2010-11 biennial work plan, on collective decision making and accountabilities and on alternative delivery options to further strengthen regional work and reduce costs. Improved organizational structure, management bodies tasked to steer strategic direction (SLG) and closely coordinate programme oversight (Operations Management Group, Programme Monitoring Group, Programme and Finance Committee) and enhanced accountabilities have already been achieved through implementation of these recommendations, while the remaining ones have been internalized in the UNISDR corporate implementation plan.</p> <p>Finally, dedicated support and guidance to all units/offices continue to be strengthened to enhance operational capacities, process ownership/familiarity and programme effectiveness. Specific progress achieved across work areas is detailed below. Result Based Management System Implementation of Result Based management System in UNISDR has resulted in improved planning and implementation of its activities. UNISDR has adopted an RBMS approach throughout the programme cycle, spanning from planning, implementation, monitoring and review of its biennial work programme. UNISDR has enhanced the online e-Management Tool (e-Tool) accessible by all its units/offices, with a view for this to progressively become the integrated IT platform that would link with UN official tools and allow for coherent financial and programmatic planning, monitoring and implementation of activities.</p> <p>This was undertaken at the recommendation of an external assessment of Administrative and Financial services completed in January 2012 and has allowed UNISDR successfully carry out a Result Based Budgeting exercise in last quarter of 2012 and the for 2013 Cost Planning process. Similarly, periodic result based monitoring and reporting is being done through the e-Tool.</p> <p>UNISDR also adjusted its Strategic Framework and Work Programme 2012-2015 by improving focus on the Results and achievements attributable to UNISDR's work. This has resulted in improved understanding of intended targets / results across units, enhanced focus and related prioritization of capacities and improved synergies between</p>

headquarters and regional activities. Some of the indicators were also adjusted for improved reflection of UNISDR's achievements.

Financial Management put into action the SRSG request for more transparency on the financial and budget allocation process. As result, monthly financial reports and resource allotments for all cost centres were systematically posted on the intranet for easy access by all staff and managers. This achieved more proactive way of doing business and a financial-management culture based on increased accountability and decision-making capacities for programme managers. Several financial and budget processes, such as the allotment, were streamlined and accelerated in result of the external finance and admin process review, in line with OIOS' recommendations. This allowed the production of monthly integrated information to management on resource needs and cash flow forecasts, based on which resources were programmed and monitored/reported.

Progress was also made towards automating the budget and finance modules of the e-management tool. Prior to the automation of the budgeting process in October 2012, results based budgeting briefing session was held during the all staff retreat in September 2012. In December 2012, the allotment module of the tool was launched and will be further enhanced in 2013 to accommodate IMIS and Atlas automatic data feed.

UNISDR also organized mandatory IPSAS basic online training for all staff with admin and finance functions, to ensure capacities are in place to allow for the smooth transition to IPSAS in 2013. Human Resource Management In 2012, provided staff administration services to seventy six staff members to ensure the continued delivery of the departments work programme.

HR/EO extended support to the process of selection and recruitment of four Senior Managers. These positions are critical pillars for the overall management structure of the department and to the strategic and policy development requirements. The introduction of the new e-performance management system in 2012 involved training and support from the HR/EO. The training and support has resulted in sustainable and efficient performance management system for staff and the organization. The engagement of consultants and individual contractors allowed the department to support substantive offices in delivering on ad-hoc requests at both headquarters and at the regional level.

UNISDR also proactively oversaw the human resource administration by other service providers to UNISDR, such as UNOPS, UNDP etc. Finally, EO guided staff in application of UN rules/guidelines and proposed relevant policies and guidance to senior management with regard to mobility, regularization of positions, enhancing recruitment skills, performance management guidance, etc. Administration In 2012, the UNISDR Grant Committee was established including Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures.

Twenty three (23) grants were issued, amounting to 9% of 2012 total expenditure. Grants to partners resulted in the production of credible evidence. The administrative/support services have been providing day-to-day operations, support to regional offices, advice and oversight. Focus areas of work included rolling out the UN Secretariat staff selection system INSPIRA, recruitment, UNISDR induction package, monitoring of the Human Resources Action Plan, trust fund management and travel and logistics. Guidance on travel procedures, most specifically for workshops, was provided to colleagues worldwide. This resulted in enhanced planning and more effective processing of travel for workshops allowing colleagues to focus on substance.

UNISDR proactively participated in IPSAS preparations with the United Nations Office of Geneva, and reported on non-expendable property; reports will be incorporated in the greater UN financial reporting. Guidance on drafting partnership agreements resulted in memorandums of understanding with partners for DRR. Staff training and development

	was undertaken resulting in enhanced human resource skills and capacities in disaster risk reduction, communications, project management, and leadership.
UNISDR Office of the Director's Office	<p>During the reporting period, in support of efforts to promote results-based implementation, monitoring and reporting on UNISDR strategic priorities, the Office of the Director undertook the following:</p> <p>a) guided the revision of the UNISDR Strategic Framework 2012-2025 and Biennial Work plan for 2012-2013 and led consultations with donors, which ensured that UNISDR's outputs are expressed in more results-oriented language and that the indicators encourage reporting on the impact of UNISDR's work;</p> <p>b) provided inputs to and assisted in the finalization of the UNISDR 2012 Annual Report, which resulted in the timely production of the report and increased confidence of donors in UNISDR and in the transparency of the reporting process;</p> <p>c) provided inputs to the SG's Report on ISDR, which will result in the timely production of the report and increased confidence of the SG and member states in UNISDR and support for UNISDR's priorities towards 2015;</p> <p>d) guided the development of the Biennial Work plan for 2014-2015, which will ensure that results and outcomes support the implementation of the UNISDR Strategic Framework and efficient use of available resources;</p> <p>e) convened Operations Management Group and Programme and Finance Committee meetings, which resulted in closer coordination of strategic direction and programme oversight and improved and more transparent allotment processes;</p> <p>f) assisted in the organization of the SLG Meeting and led the conceptualization of a day-long workshop during the June SLG Meeting, focusing on the Management Accountability Framework (MAF), which assisted the SLG to review, test and finalize the draft MAF that was developed in consultation with headquarters and regional staff; and</p> <p>g) oversaw the implementation of the recommendations from the OIOS audit and other evaluations, which will ultimately strengthen UNISDR's organizational capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver.</p>
UNISDR Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for DRR	The SRSG continues to lead, with the Director, a work planning process with a focus on communicating results through RBMS tools such as the e-Tool, monthly reports and six-monthly reports. The SRSG held extensive discussions with UNISDR senior managers to refine the indicators used in the organization's results tracking, which were shared with donors.

Work Plan	Result 4.4
UNISDR Americas	<p>In the first semester of 2013, ROAM engaged with the Interagency Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women of the United Nations System in Latin American and the Caribbean. As a result, inputs were provided by ROAM with regards to the regional consultation on how the next development agenda should include gender equality as a priority. This initiative complements the work that the Group has carried out elaborating and disseminating thematic notes for gender mainstreaming in various agenda items and positioning gender equality in thematic consultations.</p> <p>Additionally, inputs were also provided by ROAM through its involvement in this Group to support aspects of gender within the roll-out of UNDAFs in the region in 2013, particularly for Ecuador and Venezuela and as led by UNDG LAC. - The Advisory Council of the RP</p>

	(formed by 14 organizations in the Americas), has agreed to include women and girls as one of the main aspects to be addressed in a plenary session of the RP 2014.
UNISDR Arab States	Role of women in building resilience has been recognized and further emphasized by participants in the 1st Arab Regional Conference for DRR. The Conference outcome paper on Arab position on HFA2 reflected this by stating that women are agents of change and should be viewed as such. The Arab position on HFA2 called for a need to move beyond the perception of placing women in the “vulnerable” category and to start to actively involve them in the DRR process.
UNISDR Asia Pacific	<p>Regional stakeholder Group on Gender issues in DRR conducted consultations for developing a regional project proposal for the implementation of the Yogyakarta Declaration of the SAMCDRR</p> <p>Gender issues in DRR incorporated to the regional study conducted by the Gender Statistics Working Group of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of UNESCAP</p> <p>The Stakeholder Group of agencies and individuals interested in gender issues in DRR continued to play an active role in the HFA2 process, in particular in bringing up the key gender issues in DRR into the HFA2 consultations. Regional consultations on issues of vulnerability and gender have been consolidated into the Background paper for HFA2 consultations (please refer to Result 1.2 and also the link to the Background paper http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=34051)</p> <p>Close coordination with the ESCAP Regional Coordination Mechanism TWG on Gender which reviewed and endorsed the background paper</p> <p>Organized the event for the International Day on DRR under the theme of Women and Girls: the [in]Visible Force of Resilience to raise awareness on gender-sensitive DRR with SRSG presence in Kobe on 10 October. With co-organizers, Report was produced from the event to further disseminate SRSG message on gender-sensitive DRR. - Organized a dialogue event between SRSG and women working on DRR to exchange the views and challenges on the issue.</p>
Central Asia Sub-Regional Office	International Day for Disaster Reduction - 2012 was organized in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with participation of UN agencies, Kazakhstan National University, NGOs, Ministry of Emergency Situations of RK. Presentations of the partners promoted the gender component in DRR
UNISDR DRR Coordination and Regional Programmes Section	UNISDR/IRP workshops in 15 countries included module on gender issues in recovery, reconstruction and development planning, orienting over 450 officials so far in 2012-2013 on gender issues in mainstreaming DRR into development. An equitable gender distribution was ensured when identifying speakers for the Global Platform’s official sessions, in particular the opening and closing ceremonies, the High-Level Meeting, Plenary sessions, Featured Events, Informal Plenaries and side events with up to 40% of female speakers and panellists. Gender in disaster risk reduction features quite prominently in all Regional Platforms declarations.
UNISDR Europe Office	Head of Office contributed to a panel on DRR and gender organized by the University College of London (UCL).
UNISDR Office of the Director’s Office	During the reporting period, in support of efforts to promote gender-sensitive DRR, the Office of the Director oversaw the revision of the UNISDR Strategic Framework 2012-2025 to include a gender-related output, with specific focus on gender awareness and sensitivity in the development of the HFA2.