



PREPARATORY EVENT

IGOs Briefing

Tuesday 23 May 2017, 11:30 - 13:30, Expo Center 1, Moon Palace Resort, Cancun

Briefing Note

Background and Rationale

Regional Inter-Governmental Organizations represent valuable political bodies at the regional and sub-regional levels already engaged and committed to the issue of disaster risk reduction. They also benefit from effective consultative systems to reach out to their respective Member States. As such, they represent valuable communications and consultation mechanisms to promote effective disaster risk reduction implementation at the regional and sub-regional levels and to mobilize political support in the context of the post-2015 reflections and negotiations.

Recent experience has demonstrated the added value of bringing IGOs from different regions together to provide them with the opportunity of discussing common concerns in regional (sub-regional) disaster risk reduction implementation, of sharing successes and exchanging experiences, knowledge and good practices on disaster risk reduction for relevant replication or adaptation among regions. Enhancing a closer cooperation among IGOs across regions is critical to allow for more systematic opportunities for brainstorming, exchanges and cooperation.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 recognizes the important role that regional Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) should play in supporting the regional platforms for disaster risk reduction and calls on them to help promote trans-boundary cooperation, to promote mutual learning and exchange of good practices, data and information to enable policy and planning in support of disaster risk reduction.

Two years following the adoption of the Sendai Framework, the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction represents a unique opportunity to foster a collective reflection and discussion on how regional Intergovernmental Organizations can scale up action in support of an effective implementation of the Sendai Framework priorities and Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 at national, sub-regional and regional levels.

Briefing's objectives

1. To develop a strategy and action plan for regional Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs) to support national Governments in implementing the Sendai Framework at national level, with particular focus on the development, implementation and

- monitoring of national disaster risk reduction strategies and policies by 2020 (Target e of the Sendai Framework)
2. To discuss IGOs' role in supporting Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction, the alignment of their internal policies and regional strategies for disaster risk reduction to the Sendai Framework priorities and facilitate their implementation.
 3. To discuss opportunities for trans-boundary cooperation in data and information sharing, exchange of good practices to build the scientific evidence in support of disaster risk reduction governance and policy planning.

Session's format

The IGOs Briefing will be an informal roundtable discussion among Heads of IGOs and IGOs representatives moderated by Mr. Ricardo Mena from the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

IGOs will be invited to speak for 5 minutes each to:

- Briefly present their experience and successes in supporting national Governments in implementing the Sendai Framework at national level, with particular focus on the development, implementation and monitoring of inclusive national disaster risk reduction strategies and policies by 2020 (Target e of the Sendai Framework).
- Present successes and achievements on their efforts in aligning their internal policy to the Sendai Framework priorities.
- Provide recommendations on how to better align regional strategies to the Sendai Framework priorities and build coherence with climate change and sustainable development.

An interactive discussion will follow among IGOs representatives and will come up with a set of recommendations to scale up IGOs' contribution and support to implementing the Sendai Framework at the national level, sub-regional and regional levels.

The Chair will wrap up the discussions and set the way forward to achieve the 2030 Sendai Framework targets and Sustainable Development Goals.

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