



Concept Note

Promoting Land Use and Spatial Planning for Disaster Risk Reduction

Schedule	Friday 26 May 2017 - 11:15 – 12:45
Room and Venue	Arena F
Organizers	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and Organizing Team
UNISDR Focal Point	David Stevens (UNISDR) – stevensd@un.org
Background and Rationale	<p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 stresses the need to reduce exposure and vulnerability while preventing the creation of new disaster risks by focusing on tackling underlying disaster risk drivers which include unplanned and rapid urbanization as well as poor land management and considering as well the lack of regulation and incentives for private disaster risk reduction investment and limited availability of technology and the need to continue strengthening good governance in disaster risk reduction strategies at the national, regional and global levels (paragraph 6).</p> <p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is reflected in the 'New Urban Agenda' which was adopted at the recent UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development. The New Urban Agenda recognizes the unprecedented threats from natural and human-made disasters exacerbated through climate change and underscores the importance of having vulnerability and impact assessments to inform plans, policies and programmes that builds urban resilience.</p> <p>There are however current gaps and challenges that are preventing this from happening as listed above (see Background Document - 2. <i>What gaps need to be filled?</i>).</p>
Session Objectives	The session will present good practices that address the challenges surrounding the incorporation of risk reduction in

	<p>existing land-use planning and management practices at the local level, and also put forward practical recommendations on how to ensure that local governments have access to the information, tools and capacities necessary to develop and implement risk-sensitive land-use planning.</p> <p>More specifically the session will focus on the six needs identified in the Background Document (3. <i>What commitments or actions are expected from the session?</i>)</p>
<p>Discussion agenda and structure</p>	<p>Moderated Panel Discussion with initial focused presentations given by invited speakers, interventions by selected discussants, followed by questions from the audience.</p> <p>Key issues to be covered by Chairs and Speakers:</p> <p>Co-Chairs > Responsible for introducing the importance of Land Use Planning and Policies and DRR within the Sendai Framework (5 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers > 5 speakers covering the topics below with focused contributions (10 minutes each). (If a speaker chooses to make a ppt presentation it should be strictly limited to 10 slides).</p> <p>Topic 1- Commitment of national governments to ensure inclusion of provisions on land use planning in the national DRR strategy and providing necessary support to local governments</p> <p>Topic 2 - Commitment of local governments to develop, incorporate and enforce land use plans and policies to support Target E (Governance mechanisms, including legislation requirements, accountability, resources for enforcement).</p> <p>Topic 3 - Building technical capacity at the local level including ensuring access to relevant knowledge services and products and training courses (including capacity building specific for urban and regional planners), and also the establishment and strengthening of partnerships of the local government with the scientific and technical community and the private sector. Building capacities among planners and decision makers regarding inclusion of DRR to land planning and policies.</p> <p>Topic 4 - Access to required available data (encompassing also Big Data, Imagery, Drones), information and knowledge including hazard maps, topographic references, geospatial data on infrastructure/social services, land use, etc.</p> <p>Topic 5 – Communicating widely the need for land use plans and policies to support DRR strategies.</p> <p>Contributions from Discussants (3 minutes each)</p>

	<p>Questions from the audience – short questions provided either orally or written. (20 minutes)</p> <p>Wrap up and conclusion by the Co-Chairs</p>
List of speakers	<p><u>Co-Chairs</u> Rolando Ocampo (Mexico) and Dan Lewis (UN-HABITAT)</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Roberto Moris - Centro Nacional de Investigación para la Gestión Integrada de Desastres Naturales – CIGIDEN Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Miho Ohara -International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) Ebru Gencer Executive Director - Center for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (CUDRR+R) Rolando Ocampo – INEGI, Mexico</p> <p><u>Discussants</u> Khaled AboAisheh - City of Aqaba – Jordan Cees van de Guchte – Deltares – The Netherlands</p>
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the coherence between the New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 • Recognition of the need to make relevant geospatial data available to support target E • Recognition of the need for partnerships to strengthen the building of existing capacity in developing land use plans and policies, aiming at supporting the accomplishment of Target E. • Presentation of the Draft Version of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Land Use and Urban Planning
Commitment / special announcement in support of the Sendai Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Land Use and Urban Planning
Technical Equipment Required	<p><i>Microphones – 2 fixed at the table and 2 mobile for the audience Laptop and projector for ppt presentations. Support staff needed to circulate the mobile microphones and also to channel the written questions to the Chair.</i></p>

Background documents	<p>Background documents to be compiled and included in the session webpage:</p> <p>Concept Note - Summary of proposed session</p> <p>Background Document - More substantive information to guide the session.</p> <p>Think Pieces - Available papers providing more substantive background with focus on – contribution of land use planning to target E, strengthening the planning education and profession, supporting local level governments in the development of land use plans and policies that support DRR strategic plans</p> <p>Case Studies – Available case studies of local governments developing DRR focused land use plans and policies (with geographic balance and also indigenous knowledge and gender focus).</p>
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