Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action in the area of water-related disasters

Collaborative Approach among International Agencies for Effective Flood Risk Management – International Flood Initiative (IFI)
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Build a disaster risk reduction movement – ISDR system

✓ Our objective: To reduce disaster risk, worldwide, focusing on nations and communities


✓ The vehicle: ISDR system - ‘movement’
ISDR at a cornerstone

- UN leadership with ISDR - Hyogo Framework provides road map – need to operationalize the system and strengthen implementation at country and local levels

- Requirement for a coordinated, results-based system, enhancing the profile of disaster risk reduction and clarifying contribution by its different elements – develop ISDR system as a show case for the UN Reform

- National leadership is required mainly from Governments and national stakeholders – need for clear support role of the UN system, regional organizations, the Red Cross/Crescent Movement and NGOs to build capacity
Strengthened ISDR System within UN reform in support of the implementation of Hyogo Framework

**Nations and communities**
- National Platforms,
- Government agencies,
- NGOs, local authorities,
- technical organisations,
- community organisations

**UN coordinated governance**
- UN Secretary General
- USG Humanitarian Affairs, Management Oversight Board
- Global Platform for DR and subsidiary bodies (PAC etc)
- ISDR secretariat

**Supporting mechanisms**
- ISDR regional and thematic platforms
- International and regional organisations
- UN Country Teams

Direction through GA, ECOSOC, etc, specific requests, support via ISDR Support Group and contributions

Direct support to institutions, programme implementation, technical advice

Guidance, support, monitoring
Next steps: MOB, Global Platform & PAC

Management Oversight Board
Preliminary MOB to meet in 2006 (10 March and 10 October)

Reference group (Pre-PAC)
Informal meetings with core members from UN (UNDP, WMO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, WB) and IFRC, ActionAid (PAC will include Govt representatives)

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR)
IATF/DR-12 suggested maintain IATF/DR until formal decision is taken by UNGA, but convene a preliminary Global Platform in autumn 2006 (after ECOSOC) and regional consultations.

The GP/DRR would have a Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) to oversee the work of the ISDR system.

ECOSOC/General Assembly 2006
Prepare discussions at ECOSOC on disaster risk reduction. Context of UN reform

UNGA is expected to adopt the changes in the ISDR System architecture
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- 23 March, First Reference Group Mtg in Gva
- May, ISDR Support Group Mtg in Gva
- 16 May, Second Reference Group Mtg in Gva
- Regional Consultation Meetings back to back with International Day for DR
- 24 Oct, Third Reference Group Mtg in Gva
- 22 Jan, HFA Anniversary (tbc)
- 10 Oct, Pre-MOB-2 in Gva
- 24-25 Oct, Third Reference Group Mtg in Gva
- Feb First formal MOB Mtg
- March, Forth Reference Group Mtg
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ISDR Priorities

National implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction and Hyogo Framework for Action

• By Govts and implementing partners of the ISDR system

Supporting Role of Secretariat:

• promote national platforms and action plans (national priorities HFA)- advocate with Governments and agencies. UN country teams, RC/RC societies, regional orgs are main partners for implementation

• “open doors” (use PRSPs, CCA/UNDAF, NAPAs policy tools),

• keep official focal points and national platforms informed, organize national platform networking

• information sharing, public awareness, HFA monitoring and recording of “good practices”
Recent progress

- National Platforms, established in 33 countries, 31 linked to CCA/UNDAF, 31 linked to PRSPs of World Bank

- Regional strategies – Asia, Africa (AU/NEPAD), Europe (Council of Europe), Pacific (Madang Framework) with Ministerial commitments, regional consultations planned in other regions

- Tsunami and early warning – Review of EW systems and EWC-III. Collaboration with IOC-UNESCO, WMO and others on Tsunami EW system

- Engagement of different sectors i.e. environment, education, health

- Engagement of NGO actors (ActionAid, Care, Tearfund)

- Increased commitment – UN agencies, WB, Regional Development Banks, Donors, EC
WCDR outcome-

Defines:
✓ Strategic goals
✓ Priorities for action
✓ Implementation and follow-up

• Integrate disaster risk reduction into policies, plans and programmes of sustainable development and poverty reduction

• Recognized risk reduction as both a humanitarian and development issue – in the context of sustainable development

• Focus on national implementation, with bi-lateral, multi-lateral, regional and international cooperation.

• Targets and indicators to be developed according to needs
Regional initiatives to implement the HFA are being developed or strengthened in cooperation with the ISDR secretariat regional units, other UN and non-UN organizations, and regional bodies.
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| Asia   | - Beijing Action for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia  
         - India offered to host the second conference to follow up the Beijing Action in November 2007 | - Adopted at the 2nd Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction, Beijing, September 2005 (hosted by Chinese Government)  
         - To be further developed at Asian Disaster Reduction Conference in Seoul 2006 and Kazakhstan 2007 |
| Africa  | - Africa Regional Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction  
         - Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2006-2010  
         - Adopted at A Ministerial Conference, December 2005, Addis Ababa (hosted by the African Union Commission)  
         - 15-17 March and November 2006 |
Other regions

In Europe,

**EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement** (Intergovernmental platform for cooperation in the field of major natural and technical disaster between Eastern Europe, the South of the Mediterranean, and Western Europe).

Next Ministerial Session in November 2006 will have as its main issue the political support of the HFA implementation in Agreement's States through adoption of an Medium Term Plan for the Agreement.

In the Americas, initiatives includes:
- Andean Community: **CAPRADE/PREDECAN**
- Central America: **CEPREDENAC**
- Caribbean: **ACS and CDERA**
- Inter-american context: **OAS**
Future depends on all of us for effective disaster risk reduction:

Hyogo provides the Framework; however we still need to:

- Engage our respective strategies on a joint effort, and
- Identify primary risks, determine priority actions together

Doing what many already know, but still scattered

Learning from the experience of others

Communicating, teaching others who want to know more

- Informing and motivating the public, community leaders
- Advocating and engaging policy-makers, administrators
- Invoking the private sector (often not yet so seriously pursued)
- Bridging policy-professional-community-information roles, relationships
"More effective prevention strategies would save not only tens of billions of dollars, but save tens of thousands of lives. Funds currently spent on intervention and relief could be devoted to enhancing equitable and sustainable development instead, which would further reduce the risk for war and disaster. Building a culture of prevention is not easy. While the costs of prevention have to be paid in the present, its benefits lie in a distant future. Moreover, the benefits are not tangible; they are the disasters that did NOT happen."

Kofi Annan, “Facing the Humanitarian Challenge: Towards a Culture of Prevention”, UNGA, A/54/1