

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Third informal consultations of the Chair of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction (OIEWG)

Information Note and Programme

9 November 2016 (10am-1pm, 3pm-6pm)
Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

I. Introduction

In its resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, the General Assembly established an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group (OIEWG) on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction to develop indicators to measure global progress on the seven agreed targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. The Working Group would also consider an update of disaster risk reduction terminology.

The second session was held in Geneva from 10-11 February 2016, with negotiations advancing towards convergence on a number of indicators. The outcome of these negotiations are reflected in a *Working texts on Indicators*¹ and a *Working Text on Terminology*². During the session, the Working Group identified a number of indicators for further work by UNISDR and agreed that the Chair would convene informal consultations with Geneva-based delegates to advance the work in the inter-sessional period (*see informal report of second session*).³

In line with the request of the experts, UNISDR prepared and circulated on 10 June a *technical collection of concept notes on indicators for the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework*⁴ and a *technical non-paper on DRR terminology*⁵. These technical papers were considered and during the first informal consultations of the Chair in Geneva on 20-21 June and an *informal report on the first consultations*⁶ was issued on 4 August.

Based on the comments and recommendations of the experts, UNISDR subsequently prepared and circulated on 30 September: an *updated technical non-paper on indicators for global Targets A-E and G*⁷ summarizing key technical considerations and its recommendations; and an *updated technical non-paper on DRR terminology*⁸ presenting its proposals on terms for

¹ http://www.preventionweb.net/files/47136_workingtextonindicators.pdf

² http://www.preventionweb.net/files/47136_workingtextonterminology.pdf

³ http://www.preventionweb.net/files/47136_reportsecondsessionoiewg.pdf

⁴ <http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Technical%20Collection%20of%20Concept%20Notes%20on%20Indicators.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Terminology%20related%20to%20disaster%20risk%20reduction%20-%20technical%20non-paper.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Report%20-%20Informal%20Consultations%20of%20the%20Chair%2020-21%20June%202016.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Updated%20technical%20non-paper%20on%20indicators%20for%20global%20targets%20ABCDEG%20of%20the%20Sendai%20Framework%20for%20DRR.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/oiewg/Terminology%20related%20to%20Disaster%20Risk%20Reduction%20-%20updated%20technical%20non-paper%2030%20September%202016.pdf>

inclusion and deletion, including terms of art in the realm of DRR as well as terms that can be considered as working definitions for specific indicators.

The updated non-paper on indicators for targets A-E and G was considered and deliberated upon during the second informal consultations of the Chair in Geneva on 10-11 October. Proposed indicators for Target F were also partially considered. The consultations also benefited from a briefing by Japan on the results of a feasibility exercise jointly conducted with 17 Member States on the proposed indicators for global targets A-D of the Sendai Framework.

The third informal consultations of the Chair will continue consideration of proposed indicators for global F on international cooperation, receive updates on the outcomes of the informal 10+10 consultations and UNISDR's technical proposals for indicators for this target. The consultations will also consider DRR terminology as outlined in the updated technical non-paper on DRR terminology circulated on 30 September.

II. Purpose

The consultations will seek to bring further clarity on central issues and build consensus around possible landing zones on core and critical indicators for Target F and DRR terminology. The intent will be to maximise efforts towards a final push during the Third Session which will be held from 14-18 November 2016, to adopt indicators and terminology that befit the mandate given to the Working Group by the General Assembly.

No decisions or amendments to the working texts on indicators and terminology developed at the Second Session will be taken during the informal consultations. However, progress made will be recorded and reported to the Third Session, with a view to advancing relevant decisions of the session.

III. Programme

Informal Consultation of the Chair: Indicators for global target F of the Sendai Framework (Wednesday, 9 November 2016, 10am - 1pm)

Purpose and nature of consultations: Opening remarks by the Chair on the state of progress on the development of indicators, followed by a brief update by the Friends of the Chair on the informal 10+10 consultations on proposed indicators for Target F of the Sendai Framework and a briefing by UNISDR on its technical non-paper on indicators for global target F prepared at the request of experts. Informal consultations will subsequently commence on indicators for Targets F. Discussions will focus on consensus-building on possible landing zones on core and critical indicators for this target.

Informal consultations of the Chair		
10.00 am - 10.05 am	Opening remarks on proposed indicators for Target F of the Sendai Framework	Chair
10.05 am - 10.10 am	Update by friends of the Chair on 10+10 consultations on proposed target F indicators	Ecuador & Switzerland
10.10 am - 10.25 am	Briefing on technical non-paper on indicators for global target F of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction	Briefings by UNISDR
10.25 am - 12.55 pm	Interactive discussions with delegates on proposed indicators for Target F of the Sendai Framework	Discussions moderated by Chair
12.55 pm - 1.00 pm	Summary of discussions and key issues to take forward into the Third Session	Chair

Informal Consultation of the Chair: Disaster Risk Reduction Terminology (Wednesday, 9 November 2016, 3pm - 6pm)

Purpose and nature of consultations: Following opening remarks by the Chair on the state of progress on terminology development and a briefing by UNISDR on the updated technical non-paper outlining its recommended terms and definitions for final adoption as well as terms proposed for removal with corresponding justification, informal consultations will be undertaken on the contested terms and the recommendations to address them. Discussions will focus on consensus-building on possible landing zones on these terms.

Informal Consultation of the Chair		
3.00 pm - 3.05 pm	Opening remarks on DRR terminology	Chair
3.05 pm - 3.20 pm	Briefing on updated technical non-paper on terminology, including recommendations on terms and definitions for inclusion and removal	Briefing by UNISDR
3.20 pm - 5.55 pm	Interactive discussions with delegates on contested DRR Terminology	Discussions moderated by Chair
5.55 pm - 6.00 pm	Summary of discussions and key issues to take forward into the Third session	Chair

IV. Participation

Participation is open to all delegates from the Permanent Missions of countries in Geneva and New York. UN system entities may be present to provide technical advice, as need may arise. Given the informal nature of the consultations, in-person participation of experts from national capitals is not anticipated.

Delegates from the Permanent Missions of countries in New York and nominated experts from countries who wish to participate remotely via WebEx, should confirm their participation in writing by sending an email from their professional email account conveying their full name, professional title and email address to DRR.working.group@un.org by 6pm CET (Central European Time) on Tuesday, 8 November 2016.

Other Stakeholders already registered who wish to contribute to the informal consultations may send their written inputs via email to DRR.working.group-others@un.org by 7 November 2016.

V. Arrangements for meetings

a. Languages and interpretation

Consultations will be conducted entirely in English and interpretation will not be available.

b. Distribution of documents

To support greening efforts, hard copies of documentation will not be available in the meeting room. Participants are encouraged to download (and print if needed) all meeting related documentation from the webpage of the Working Group:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/open-ended-working-group/>

c. Access to UNOG premises

Participating delegates requiring a grounds pass for the UNOG premises should send a written request to DRR.working.group@un.org with the full name, professional designation, contact email and phone number of the participant. All requests should be conveyed through the relevant Permanent Mission in Geneva or New York. To allow for timely processing, requests should be sent no later than 7 November 2016.