

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Information note for participants

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction: Informal consultations of the Chair

**20 June 2016 (3pm to 6pm) & 21 June 2016 (3pm – 6pm)
Venue: Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland**

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 two working texts on indicators and terminology. During the session, the Working Group identified a number of indicators for further work by the Secretariat through the preparation of relevant technical papers to be circulated to all concerned stakeholders upon preparation.

In concluding the Second Session, to advance the work in the inter-sessional period, it was agreed that the Chair of the Working Group, H.E. Ambassador Wayne McCook, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations in Geneva, would convene informal consultations with Geneva-based delegates.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the informal consultations of the Chair is to seek further clarity on central issues and to try to build consensus around possible landing zones on core and critical indicators and relevant DRR terminology. The consultations are expected to assist in identifying a concrete and practical course of action for any additional work needed on indicator and terminology development, in order to facilitate the completion of any necessary preparatory work prior to the Third Session. At the outset of each session, explanatory technical remarks will be provided by the Secretariat. This will be followed by interactive discussions with the delegates.

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: DRR Terminology (Monday, 20 June 2016)

Purpose and nature of consultations: Following opening remarks by the Chair on the state of progress on terminology development and remarks by the Secretariat on a non-paper containing all contested terminologies, informal consultations will commence with discussions on the contested terms and the proposals by the Secretariat and Science and the Technology Advisory Group (STAG) to address them. Discussions will focus on consensus-building on possible landing zones on these terms.

3.00 pm - 3.10 pm	Opening remarks of the Chair on DRR terminology	Chair
3.10 pm - 3.30 pm	Technical remarks by the Secretariat on pending questions related to DRR terminology	Briefing by Secretariat
3.30 pm - 5.50 pm	Interactive discussions with delegates on contested DRR Terminology.	Discussions moderated by Chair
5.50 pm - 6.00 pm	Summary of discussions and key issues to take forward into inter-sessional work	Chair

Informal Consultation of the Chair: Indicators for the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework (Tuesday, 21 June 2016)

Purpose and nature of consultations: Following opening remarks by the Chair on the state of progress on indicator development and remarks by the Secretariat on technical papers prepared at the request of experts, informal consultations will commence on indicators for Targets A through G in alphabetical order. Discussions will focus on consensus-building on possible landing zones on core and critical indicators for these targets.

3.00 pm - 3.10 pm	Opening remarks of the Chair on indicators for the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework	Chair
3.10 pm - 3.30 pm	Technical remarks by the Secretariat on issues that emerged during the Second Session on indicators for the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework	Briefings by Secretariat
3.30 pm - 5.50 pm	Interactive discussions with delegates on indicators for Targets A through G of the Sendai Framework	Discussions moderated by Chair
5.50 pm - 6.00 pm	Summary of discussions and key issues to take forward into inter-sessional work	Secretariat

IV. Participation

Participation is open to all Geneva-based delegates from Member States. Given the informal nature of the consultations, in-person participation of experts from national capitals is not anticipated. Should there be an interest, experts may follow the proceedings remotely via WebEx. UN system entities may be present to provide technical advice, as need may arise.

Other Stakeholders who wish to contribute to the informal consultations may send their written inputs via email to DRR.working.group-others@un.org by Sunday, 5 June 2016. The inputs received will be shared by the Chair with the delegates during the informal consultations.

V. Arrangements for meetings

a. Languages and interpretation

Interpretation will not be available for the informal consultations of the Chair. The consultations will be the conducted entirely in English.

b. Distribution of documents

To support greening efforts, there will not be any documentation 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. Seating arrangements

The meeting room has a seating capacity of 329.