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The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva and has the honour to inform Missions that it is launching the 2013-2015 Progress Review of the “Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters” (HFA).

In accordance with the recommendations of the HFA, UNISDR has been facilitating biennial government reviews of progress in implementing the HFA at the national, regional and international levels, using the online tool, the HFA Monitor. General Assembly resolution A/RES/67/209 encourages Member States to make full use of the HFA Monitor to support the assessment of progress made in disaster risk reduction.

Permanent Missions in Geneva are kindly requested to share with their countries' designated national authorities or HFA focal points that the 2013-2015 National Progress Review will be launched on 1 January 2014 and the Regional HFA Progress Review on 1 March 2014. Deadline for submissions of Final Reports is 13 March 2015.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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and other International Organizations in Geneva

## **Annex I: background note on the 2013-2015 HFA Progress Review**

### **The Hyogo Framework for Action and the *HFA Monitor***

- The “Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters” (HFA), was endorsed by the General Assembly in 2005 with resolution A/RES/60/195.

### **Implementation and Monitoring Progress**

- The HFA identifies States as the primary entity responsible for its implementation, and identifies the priority tasks at national and local level to do so. This was reinforced in General Assembly Resolution A/RES/62/192 which recognizes “that each State has the primary responsibility for... taking effective measures to reduce disaster risk,... including the implementation of and follow-up to the Hyogo Framework for Action.”
- Section IV/B. of the HFA identifies the primary tasks of States; two of which are to:
  - (c) Publish and periodically update a summary of national programmes for disaster risk reduction related to this Framework for Action, including on international cooperation;
  - (d) Develop procedures for reviewing national progress against this Framework for Action, which should include systems for cost benefit analysis and ongoing monitoring and assessment of vulnerability and risk, in particular with regards to regions exposed to hydro-meteorological and seismic hazards, as appropriate.
- To support states in fulfilling these tasks, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) has designed and coordinated a review process of the HFA supported by the online monitoring tool, the *HFA Monitor*. The review process serves as a mechanism for countries and regional entities to assess progress and identify gaps in understanding and managing disaster risk for more resilient societies.
- UNISDR has been facilitating biennial government reviews of progress in implementing the HFA at the national, regional and international levels since 2008. A total of 133 countries participated in the 2011-2013 HFA progress review, using the HFA Monitor.

### **Timelines and how to conduct the Review**

- The 2013-2015 National HFA Progress Review will be launched on 1 January 2014, and the Regional HFA Progress Review will be launched on 1 March 2014. The deadline for submissions of the Final Report is the 13 March 2015. The review will cover the implementation period 2013 – 2015.
- The HFA Monitor is available online via <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/hfa-monitoring/> via PreventionWeb.net
- To facilitate a multi-stakeholder engagement process, an offline template is available. The national HFA Monitor template is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- '*A Practical Guide to National HFA progress monitoring & review process*' as well as a full set of key reference documents are available via <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/hfa-monitoring/national/?pid:73&pih:2>
- Inputs from countries will be managed by the designated national authority or HFA Focal Point. The designated focal points will receive notification of a User ID and Password from UNISDR.

### **Publication of Reports**

- All published Final Reports will be made available on the PreventionWeb.net for wider dissemination and exchange of information on HFA implementation.

## Annex II: List of UNISDR focal points for the 2013-2015 HFA Progress Review

The UNISDR stands ready to assist designated national and regional authorities and/or respective HFA focal points in the organisation of national and regional consultations and the preparation of progress reviews.

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