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Honorable- Chairman, Delegates from the Earth, the unique team of the platform, one of the few Goddess to the local people- Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, very much thank to you all for providing us with the opportunity to echoing local people's voice here. Thanks also for the vibrant and effective UNISDR.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The good wish of a rescue member for saving a life is unquestionable. Very often the desire for rescuing breaks the logical barrier. Here, we have gathered in reality and virtual space, the best people on Earth with the wish of preventing, mitigating, protecting and rescuing all the lives and resources from natural and man made disaster. Here, we thank the spirit of the people who died worldwide while rescuing attempt. Our Condolence goes to their families, colleagues and friends. We feel sorry for the lives, who lost forever the struggle against disaster. As a tiny farming community, we can not avoid as well the responsibilities of loosing the lives- ranges from human to plant and feel the urge to put forward humbly the following points. The points have been nurtured up bit by bit since the great cyclone Sidr' 2007 in Bangladesh.

Dear Chair,

Local Community has perceived that, most disaster occurs, destruction increase and protection destroys from the "butterfly effect OR Chain Reaction" of a series of policy failure. These Policies include: Rural Development, Land Use, Agriculture, Surface and Open Water including rivers and streams, Dams, Roads, Culverts, Environment and Ecosystem, Biodiversity and Nature, Building Construction and Building materials, Health and Education primarily.

So, all the policies shall be sensitized with Disaster issue in a Holistic way. This process will lead the local community to construct, adopt and respect a Local Disaster Management Policy. To do this, Local people must be a stakeholder- not the beneficiaries only.

It is observed that transnational Disaster forecasting bodies are instrumentally capable of pin pointing early warning for cyclone, flood, drought, insect locust. They are good as well in alerting immediate after earthquake. Their unique way of forecasting and disseminating has much potentiality to make the information available and understandable by the local community.

So, more care should be taken in this issue. Disaster related software should be make free of charge for local community.

Dear Madam,

We feel happy that the local people are always the first respondent to save lives. Their knowledge with modern available rescue gears and equipments is Zero naturally.

So organising exhibitions round the year at the local communities with all the available instruments in rescue departments will increase people's self confidence to struggle the disaster rescue. It is true as well as for professional rescue teams.

We observed that, private health care bodies like hospitals, medical instruments and drug companies' participation in post disaster scenario is voluntary.

This participation must be made mandatory. UNISDR may take the initiative Globally.

Dear Madam,

We observed that UNISDR does not have a fleet of ships yet roaming through out the oceans, packed up with disaster rescue equipments and volunteers to react as one of the first respondent.

So, some war ships might be decommissioned for this reason. Various instrument producing companies will donate equipments forcibly to this initiative in the line of their corporate social responsibilities .

Finally, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are experiencing emotional non-attachment from the policy makers and researchers with disaster issue. This probably is the largest hole in disaster management.

So, Proper way of emotionalizing disaster practitioners with disaster issues shall be formulated out. Policies and activities pertinent to Disaster Management shall be free from political jargon.

Here, we promise to remain as good human- while pretending to be disaster practitioner. Please promise the same and let Support the Mother Earth to live longer with all the species- she is holding up with great affection, love and joy. Happiness in life will be looking for you then.

Thank you all

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