

Statement made by UNEP for the Working Group on Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Reduction

As mentioned earlier, the Working Group on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction met this afternoon to consider future work under this thematic area. The group identified the urgent need for more specialized and detailed information on the nexus between climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. The group proposes that the Chair's Summary include a recommendation by the Global Platform to the IPCC to develop a special report on climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development (which would of course reflect earlier recommendations to the international community to integrate environment into disaster risk reduction). This proposal will be tabled at the next IPCC session in November 2007. The assessment would also contribute to the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations of post-2012 commitments regarding adaptation to climate change, at the thirteenth Conference of the Parties to be held in Indonesia in December 2007.