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Reduction**

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1. **OPENING** (*Interpretation in six UN languages¹*)

- *Video message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon.*
- *Participants welcome by Mr. Michael Ambuhl, Secretary of State of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.*
- *Keynote statement by Mr. John Holmes, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and convener of the Global Platform.*
- *Opening statements by Princess Zahra Aga Khan, Aga Khan Development Network; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (WMO); and Mr. Jeff Gutman, Vice-President, World Bank.*

2. **ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION** (*Interpretation in six UN languages*)

2.1 Adoption of the agenda

2.2 Introduction of the timetable and documentation

The Chair of the session (Mr. Holmes) will introduce the draft agenda and timetable and seek the approval of the session for the agenda. Please note that the present document includes some changes in the description of sub-items as compared to the previous document, ISDR/GP/2007/1 dated 22 May 2007. An updated Daily Programme will be issued at the start of each day to keep participants abreast of any changes to the agenda or timetable.

3. **CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** (*Interpretation in six UN languages*)

3.1 Interventions by heads of delegations and high level participants

This agenda item will provide the opportunity for heads of delegation to make short oral statements. It is suggested that oral statements should focus on just two or three major points which, from the perspective of the Government or organization concerned, reflect key commitments or policy changes since the adoption of the Hyogo Framework. Longer written statements may be submitted to the secretariat either before or at the time of the session to capture the full range of actions and challenges faced by countries to implement the Hyogo Framework.

To ensure that all ministers and high level participants who wish to do so will have the opportunity to make statements on the first day, it is necessary to strictly limit oral statements to three minutes each.

¹ The six UN languages are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

3.2 High Level Dialogue

The High Level Dialogue will be an open debate among panellists and between panellists and the plenary moderated by a professional facilitator. The panel will address disaster risk reduction from three perspectives:

- *Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action to reduce disaster risk and adapt to climate change*
- *Reducing disaster risk in urban settings and megacities*
- *Challenges, costs and opportunities to implement disaster risk reduction*

4. SESSION WORKSHOPS

Session Workshops, to be run in parallel streams, will consist of technical discussions on thematic priorities focusing on national and local implementation of disaster risk reduction. They will provide an opportunity for participants to exchange good practices, lessons learnt and provide guidance around a given subject area. There are two sets of session workshops as shown in the two sub-items below. Document ISDR/GP/2007/Inf.3 provides further information.

4.1 Disaster risk reduction as a national priority: Exchange of experience among countries and organizations on different institutional options and processes that lead to change

The four workshops under agenda item 4.1 will first meet together in room 1 to introduce the item. Subsequently, Groups will convene in separate rooms to discuss each of the sub-items 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3 and 4.1.4. The four workshops will reconvene in room 1 at the end of the day to share their conclusions.

- 4.1.1 National coordination mechanisms – national platforms for disaster risk reduction (*Interpretation in E,F,S*)
- 4.1.2 Policy and legislation for sustainable disaster risk reduction (*Interpretation in E,F,S*)
- 4.1.3 Mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and national development instruments (*E only*)
- 4.1.4 From national frameworks to local action: Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action (*Interpretation in E,F,S*)

4.2 Integrating disaster risk reduction into sector agendas

The four workshops under agenda item 4.2 will meet in separate rooms throughout the day.

- 4.2.1 Education for disaster risk reduction and safer schools in communities at risk (*E only*)
- 4.2.2 Health and disaster risk reduction (*E only*)
- 4.2.3 Incorporating disaster risk reduction into preparedness (*Interpretation in E,F,S*)
- 4.2.4 Ecosystems and environmental management for risk reduction (*E only*)

5. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HYOGO FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION (*Interpretation in six UN languages*)

Each sub-item will start with a short summary of the relevant session workshops of Day 2.

5.1 Regional and global overview of implementation – progress and gaps

The Chair will outline the reporting processes underway to support the implementation of the Hyogo framework for Action (refer to document Reporting on disaster risks and progress in risk reduction, ISDR/GP/2007/2.) Reports will be provided on recent regional reviews (refer to documents ISDR/GP/2007/Inf.4, Inf.5, Inf.6, Inf.7, Inf.8 and Inf. 9) and on the draft consolidated global review prepared by the secretariat (Disaster risk reduction: 2007 global review, ISDR/GP/2007/3).

5.2 Implementation in thematic areas – progress and gaps

Discussions of progress in thematic areas will focus on collaborative activities among ISDR partners to support the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, whether from thematic platforms or consortia of various sorts. Time will allow for discussion but not detailed reports by individual organisations.

6. ISDR SYSTEM ACTION 2008-2009 TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HYOGO FRAMEWORK (*Interpretation in six UN languages*)

6.1 ISDR system development

A briefing will be provided on the development of the ISDR system, with inputs from different perspectives, national to international.

6.2 Collaborative planning and key results for the ISDR system 2008-2009

A briefing will be given on progress toward an ISDR system planning framework and on current activities and potential areas for future collaborative ISDR system action to achieve common results in support of Hyogo Framework implementation. This agenda item will provide an opportunity to consider the key results that should be pursued by the ISDR system, including those that have emerged from the session deliberations, and in particular the session workshops.

6.3 Public private partnerships

A keynote statement will be presented by Mr. James Lee Witt, former Director of the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency, 1993-2001, on opportunities for engaging private sector actors to support the implementation of the Hyogo Framework.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. WRAP UP BY THE CHAIR AND CLOSE OF SESSION

A draft summary report of the session will be presented for comment, and then the session will be formally closed.
