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Side event title:	South Asia Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy Session (Thursday, June 7 10h-11h Room 13)
Organiser(s):	World Bank and UNISDR
Speakers and presenters (name, title, organisation):	<p>Christoph Pusch, South Asia Regional Coordinator Hazard Risk Management, World Bank (co-chair)</p> <p>Praveen Pardeshi, Senior Coordinator, Regional Programmes, UNISDR (co-chair)</p> <p>P. G. Dhar Chakrabarti, Director, SAARC Disaster Management Center, New Delhi, India</p> <p>H.S. Brahma, Additional Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, India</p> <p>Major General Farooq Ahmed Khan, Federal Relief Commissioner, Pakistan</p> <p>Pratap Kumar Pathak, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs Planning and Special Services Division, Government of Nepal</p> <p>Ismail Shafeeu, Minister of Defense, Maldives</p> <p>Uwl Chandradasa, Director, Ministry of Disaster Management, DMC, Bangladesh</p>
Outline of content:	<p>The session discussed the development of a strategy and action plan on Hazard Risk Management for the South Asia Region based on the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing the understanding of the Region's vulnerability and potential economic and social impacts of the disasters• Developing a framework to systematically upgrade SAR countries' capacities to manage hazard risks• Preparing a resource and time bound action plan for high priority risk mitigation investment programs• Facilitating cooperation between countries on critical issues of regional importance

Recommendations for the ISDR system (list 2 or 3 items):	<p>Representatives from South Asian countries endorsed the need for the strategy and concurred on the following next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed concept note and preparation schedule should be drafted by the World Bank and further discussed during the up-coming 2nd Asian Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in November in New Delhi • The note should include the approach and time line for i) carrying out country risk profiles; ii) development of country specific high priority risk mitigation action plan (resource and time bound); iii) consultation process; iv) identification of regional priorities and capacity strengthening initiatives; iv) benchmarking, monitoring and up-dating on implementation of mitigation measures • World Bank and UNISDR will facilitate the preparation and implementation of the SAR Hazard Risk Management Strategy jointly with national Governments and international partners
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