



MEDIA ADVISORY

REVISION/CONFIRMATION OF GLOBAL PLATFORM PRESS CONFERENCES

Changes/additions to Media Advisory 2 (9 June 2009) shown in **red**

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009

11h30: Palais – Room 1

Eve of Platform Press Conference: Where are the safest places on earth?

Sponsoring Organization: UNISDR

Podium Speakers: *Margareta Wahlström*, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
Senator Loren Legarda, Philippine Senator and UNISDR Regional Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for Asia Pacific

ASG Wahlström will outline the key purpose and objectives of GP09, referencing a new UN database which extrapolates sudden onset risk in individual countries. Senator Legarda will speak about risk reduction in her home country – the Philippines – which is among the most disaster prone on earth as well as describing her role as the UNISDR's Regional Champion for Asia Pacific.

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TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2009

12h00: CICG – Rooms 7 & 8

Opening Ceremony Press Conference

Sponsoring Organization: UNISDR

Podium Speakers: *John Holmes*, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Convener of the Second Session of the Global Platform
Margareta Wahlström, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Podium speakers will take questions following the USG Opening Address to the Platform calling for Governments to invest more in disaster risk reduction measures.

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17h00: 'Market Place', Ground Floor – CICG

Photo-opportunity: John Holmes, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Convener of the Second Session of the Global Platform will visit the Global Platform market place to view exhibits and talk with ISDR partners in the display booths.

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009

11h00: Palais – Room 1

Clouds but little rain

Sponsoring Organization: Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction

Podium Speaker: *Marcus Oxley*, Chairman, Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction

Views from the Frontline is the largest independent global assessment of disaster reduction at the local level ever undertaken; involving 48 countries and over 400 civil society organizations; and gathering local perspectives of progress from over 7,000 people. The review – which is designed to complement the national-level monitoring of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA) coordinated by UNISDR – has reached striking and surprising conclusions. It presents new insights on connecting policy formulation at international and national level with the realities of local level policy execution.

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14h00: CICG – Rooms 7 & 8

Enabling Community Resilience through Early Warning and Risk Management

Sponsoring Organization: World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Podium Speakers: *Michel Jarraud*, Secretary-General, WMO
Jose Rubiera, Director, Forecasting Department, Cuban Meteorological Service
Experts on integrated flood risk management will also be present.

The World Meteorological Organization – a specialized agency of the United Nations – coordinates the activities of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services worldwide. WMO is working in multi-hazard early warning systems, and technical support on hydrological, meteorological and climate-related hazard analysis for risk assessment, sectoral planning and financial risk transfer markets; 90 % of disasters are of hydrometeorological origin. The objective of WMO is to reduce, by 2019, by 50 per cent the 10-year average fatality (1994-2003) for weather-, climate- and water-related natural disasters.

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THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2009**11h30: CICG – Rooms 7 & 8**Weather Info for All

Sponsoring Organizations: Global Humanitarian Forum, World Meteorological Organization

Podium Speakers: *Kofi Annan*, President, Global Humanitarian Forum
Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

Podium speakers will take questions on the launch – immediately preceding the press conference – of a landmark public-private sector initiative centering on an important practical solution for African meteorology.

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13h00: CICG – Rooms 7 & 8Safe hospitals and schools

Sponsoring Organizations: World Health Organization and United Nations Children's Fund

Podium Speakers: *Dr Eric Laroche*, Assistant Director-General, Health-in-Action Crises, WHO
Professor Virginia Murray, Health Protection Agency, United Kingdom
Louis-Georges Arsenault, Director of Emergency Programs and Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
Rhee, a 14 years old activist from the Philippines - a member of the global project "Make a link, Be the Change", which connects groups of children from 12 countries

Podium speakers will address and take questions on critical actions which will strengthen the health and education sectors for protecting communities from disasters. For example, why – despite the availability of appropriate technology and practices which are proven to be effective – children, teachers, patients and health workers are at risk because Hyogo Framework for Action priorities for safe education and health facilities have not been implemented? What action is needed now?

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FRIDAY 19 JUNE

14h00: At the Palais

Closing Ceremony Press Conference

Sponsoring Organization: UNISDR

Podium Speakers: *John Holmes*, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Convenor of the Second Session of the Global Platform
Margareta Wahlström, UN Assistant-Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Podium speakers will take questions on the Chair's Summary, delivered to the Platform ahead of the Closing Ceremony and will also provide a perspective on the proceedings including solutions to the global disaster risk reduction challenges that lie ahead.

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Dates and times remain provisional to be firmed up with more detail on speakers etc in forthcoming media advisories ahead of GP09.

Interviews

Interviews can be arranged before and during the event upon request.

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Registration/ accreditation

The UN Press Corps will be automatically accredited on presentation of their UN badge. Other journalists will need to register for the event with their ID.

An equipped media centre for correspondents' exclusive use will be established on Level 1 CICG.

Working language

Meetings will be conducted in English. The opening ceremony will be in all UN official languages.

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