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Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR) *Side Event Report*

Side event title:	<i>"Reducing Disaster Risk and Building resilience to Disasters in Cities"</i>
Organiser(s):	Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction (UCLG, UN-HABITAT, Metropolis, ICLEI, EMI, UNDP, UNISDR)
Speakers and presenters (name, title, organisation):	The session included a short presentation introducing the background of the Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction (by Fouad Bendimerad, EMI), followed by exchange of statements and comments of key stakeholders and actors
Outline of content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction • Compile inputs on types of activities of Global Forum • Continue consultation process, gather opinions
Recommendations for the ISDR system (list 2 or 3 items):	<p>Participants agreed that there is a clear need for coordination, collaboration and exchange on urban risk reduction, and endorsed the establishment of the Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction. Key recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions should be city focused but prioritize the most vulnerable populations with concrete and effective action plans <p>Focus should be put on cities in poor or least-developing countries, with efforts oriented towards the delivery for the most vulnerable population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance structure of the Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction reflects good governance message of local empowerment and decentralization <p>Promote the integration of community knowledge, local initiatives, regional cooperation, global reporting, exchange of practices and lessons, through inclusiveness of actors and organizational efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Forum on Urban Risk must be aligned with and supports existing structures, policies and initiatives, and not to duplicate <p>Encourage broader involvement, linkage with development agenda, and maximization of resources</p>

Additional Information and links:	It was felt that there is a high level of complementarity with other mechanisms created during the Global Platform launch, such as a platform supporting community actions, created through “From National Frameworks to Local Action: Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action”. Linkages and collaboration with these may be further explored
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