EU Strategy for supporting DRR in Developing Countries

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Commission proposal for an EU Strategy supporting disaster risk reduction in developing countries (Com(2009)84) adopted in a package with the Communication on Disaster Prevention within the EU on 23 February 2009
Rationale

- Disasters are on the increase - developing countries are most affected
- Investing in disaster risk reduction pays off
- DRR commitments under European Consensus on Development and European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid
- Lack of policy, strategic frameworks and common voice on DRR
- Limited progress with the integration of DRR and linkage of DRR and climate change
Content of the Strategy

- Overall objective is to “use DRR to contribute to saving lives and reducing human suffering and to sustainable development and poverty eradication by reducing the burden of disasters on the poorest and most vulnerable countries and population groups, while underlining the importance of community participation”
- Five priority areas for intervention - in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action
- Covers all developing countries and EU OCTs
- Covers disasters caused by natural & technological hazards
Implementation priorities

- Dialogue on DRR
- Regional Action Plans on DRR
- Integration of DRR and support for DRR key investment
- Ensure that linkages to climate change are made in the above
Moving from EC to EU

- Council Conclusions endorsing the Strategy were adopted by the General Affairs and External Relations Council in May 2009.
- Recognition of the importance of DRR and its place as an integral part of development and humanitarian aid.
- Commitment of EU to work more closely, strategically and effectively together on DRR.
- Agreement to develop an action-oriented implementation plan.
EU implementation plan

- Currently being developed in consultations with stakeholders
- Will expand on all the implementation priorities with concrete actions and activities
- Will include provisions on how the EU will work better together
- Will provide a strategic direction also for the future, based on assessment of gaps
Implementation mechanisms

- EU DRR Steering Group (Commission and Member States)
- Promote DRR networks in disaster-prone countries and regions
- Set up a forum for consultation (developing countries, NGOs)
- Establish a monitoring and evaluation framework
Thank you for your attention