Outcomes of the Second Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

International Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction - Dialogue between Scientists and Stakeholders

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What is the Global Platform?

- Main body of the ISDR system
- Goal: to sustain world-wide momentum to build the resilience of nations and communities to disasters
- Convened by the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator - Chair of the ISDR system
- Brings together a broad range of partners – Multi-stakeholders
Objectives of the Global Platform

- Assess progress of HFA implementation at all levels;
- Enhance awareness on HFA and disaster risk reduction;
- Share experiences and learn from good practices;
- Identify remaining gaps and actions to accelerate HFA implementation
Main supporting processes

• **National/Regional platform meetings** – Opportunities to brief regional partners on latest developments and forge regional contributions to GP09

• **Major DRR conferences & events at global and regional levels**

• **Special networks including Scientific and Technical Committee Thematic platforms** – mobilizing thematic partners’ expertise to contribute to discussions

• **Presentation of the First Global Assessment Report**

• **Special Side Events**: 2 of them focused on DRR in Europe Region. One of them co-organized by the EC (DG Environment, Civil protection).
The Second Session of the GP (June 2009) was attended by:
- 152 Governments
- 137 Organizations
- A total of 1,688 participants.

Participants included:
- High-level representatives from National Governments (Prime Ministers and Ministers) and Multilateral, Regional and International organizations.
- Multi-stakeholder delegations from each government that included representatives from Ministries, Line Agencies and Academia
- HFA Focal Points and National Platforms Coordinators
- Representatives of United Nations System Agencies and Organizations
- Representatives of Multilateral Donor Agencies
- Representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organizations
- Representatives of Academia and Think-Tank Bodies
Main Outcomes

Climate change: There is potential for a *triple win* – for adaptation, disaster risk reduction and poverty reduction. A priority is to incorporate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation as core objectives in national development plans;
Main Outcomes

- Reduce risk for all: importance to **address community and local level**: Civil society needs to be involved in monitoring progress on DRR. The development of National Platforms for disaster risk reduction needs to be accelerated in order to create an enabling environment, and to inclusively engage government and civil society interests and address cross-cutting issues.

- **Financing Disaster Risk Reduction**: Scaling up of action is needed, importance of **Risk Insurance and involvement of the Private Sector**;
Future

– The GP acknowledged the important role of the ISDR system and its various platforms and partnerships. With the HFA approaching the halfway point (2010), a **Mid-Term Review** planned to address strategic matters concerning its implementation to 2015 and beyond.

– We can save lives, **protect livelihoods, make our schools and hospitals safe, and address the climate change issue**. With strong advocacy, greater public awareness and support and appropriate funds, we can substantially reduce losses from disasters, as well as contributing to resilient social and economic development.
The Global Platform Key Message:

Invest today for a safer tomorrow.

For detailed information, please visit
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Thank you

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