



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

Third Session, Geneva, Switzerland
8 - 13 May 2011



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9 DAYS-TO-GO

Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and World Reconstruction Conference 8-13 May 2011 Geneva, Switzerland

Passing the 10-Day-Mark, over 2,500 participants (including 172 Governments and 168 other delegations) have registered to the Third Session of the Global Platform and the World Reconstruction Conference, reflecting the global interest and importance of this event for disaster risk reduction.

The Programme, schedule and preliminary list of speakers are now available on the Global Platform website (www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011). Many delegates are also attending a number of preparatory meetings on Sunday 8 May and Monday 9 May. Please also be aware of the following practical information in regards to the Global Platform.

1. Opening Ceremony and High Level Plenary on Local Action

As the Opening Ceremony and first Plenary (Tuesday, 10 May, Room 1, 14.30 until 16.30 hrs) are expected to attract high interest, for security reasons we have to limit numbers in the room. Seating will therefore be available for four (4) people per Government delegation, two (2) people from UN, International Organizations and Intergovernmental Organization, and one (1) for all other delegations. Heads of delegation are kindly requested to designate those delegates who will attend the Opening Ceremony and the first Plenary session. Please ensure you are seated by 14.15 hrs.

All other participants are invited to Room 2 of the CICG which will be equipped with large screens to show both the Opening Ceremony and the first Plenary. The events will also be webcasted in the Center.

2. Informal Plenary

Two Informal Plenary discussions will take place on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May from 16.45 hrs to 18.30 hrs to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss issues emerging from the Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). While leaving ample margin for delegates to make their contribution to the discussion the two Informal Plenary sessions be organized around the following themes emerging from the Mid-Term Review:

Informal Plenary 1, Wednesday 11 May 16.45 – 18.30 hrs, Room 2

- Local, National and Regional level implementation of HFA
- Community Focus
- Cross-cutting issues (including gender)

Informal Plenary 2, Thursday 12 May 16.45 – 18.30 hrs, Room 2

- Institutional issues
- Defining the “how”
- Role of international community

Please note that you can access the full Mid-Term Review Report on [preventionweb.net](http://www.preventionweb.net) at the following link: <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/hfa-mtr/?pid:50&pih:2>

3. Chair`s Summary

The Chair's Summary of the Global Platform and the World Reconstruction Conference is a consensus driven, but not negotiated document intended to set the priorities and actions for the disaster risk reduction community. The Chair's Summary will be a culmination of a number of processes including consideration of the Global Assessment Report (2011), the Mid Term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) and ongoing consultations with the disaster risk reduction community. The Chair's Summary will be presented at the Joint Summary Outcomes session at 09.30 hrs on Friday 13 May 2011.

4. Registration and Badge Collection

All participants will need to register and collect their badge at the beginning of the Global Platform. Registration desks in the entrance area of the Conference Center will be open at the following times:

- Sunday, 8 May, 12.00 – 18.00 hrs;
- Monday, 9 May and Tuesday, 10 May, 7.30 – 20.00 hrs;
- Wednesday, 10 May and Thursday, 12 May, 8.00 – 18.00 hrs;
- Friday, 13 May, 8.00 – 12.00 hrs.

Please ensure to allow enough time for your registration; if possible, please register and collect your badge on Sunday 8 May or Monday 9 May. During those two days preparatory meetings and events will provide opportunity to meet in advance of the formal programme.

5. Official Plenary Statements

Delegations are kindly asked to book a time slot and submit their plenary statement via www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011/programme/statements.

6. Accommodation

By this stage, accommodation in Geneva is unfortunately very tight. We encourage participants who have not booked their hotels yet to do so immediately; if needed, accommodation outside Geneva should be taken into account as very good public transport connections, including from Nyon and Lausanne, allow easy access to and from the Conference Center.



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Attachment: Agenda 2 May Security Meeting