



United Nations
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Main elements and highlights for EFDRR to provide input to for 2012

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**2nd meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk
Reduction (EFDRR)**

10-12 October 2011, Skopje

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Overview

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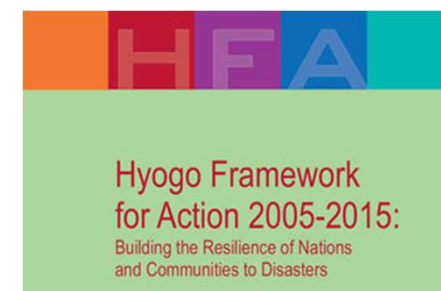
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3. Post HFA Process





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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

4-6 June 2012

Introduction

Main objectives of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD):

- ✓ secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development,
- ✓ assess the progress and implementation gaps in meeting previously agreed commitments, and address new and emerging challenges.

Main themes:

- ✓ Green economy
- ✓ The Institutional framework for sustainable development

Key Dates and Opportunities to influence the outcome:

- **Regional and Subregional PrepComs (July-Dec 2011)**
 - LAC: 7-9 September, Santiago de Chile, Chile
 - Africa: 10-14 October, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - Arab Region: 16-17 October, Cairo, Egypt
 - Asia Pacific: 19-20 October, Seoul, RoK
 - **Europe: 1-2 December, Geneva, Switzerland**
- **National reports and meetings**
- **Inter-agency processes** (ECESA-Plus, HLCP, etc.)
- **Advocacy events** in New York and in the regions
- **Global deadline for inputs on the Process:** 1 Nov
- **Negotiation process** in New York (Jan-May 2012)

Three Key Recommendations:

1. Know your risks and account for disaster losses:

Estimating recurrent loss is essential in justifying increased investments in disaster risk reduction. Establishment of national disaster loss databases that account for all disaster loss and damage as well as probabilistic risk assessments can enable countries to estimate their probable maximum losses and estimate the costs and benefits of different risk management strategies and options.

Three Key Recommendations:

2. Integrate disaster risk reduction into public investments and sustainable development plans:

Public investment projects are shaped through a number of planning processes that include land-use planning and management, development planning, sector investment planning and investment. Factoring and applying disaster risk into public investments decisions directly address critical risk drivers and downplay potential disaster-related losses and costs at a scale impossible to achieve through stand-alone disaster risk management. And through the application of disaster risk reduction, quality and sustainability of public spending is enhanced and further contributes to social and economic development. .

Three Key Recommendations:

3. Utilize disaster risk reduction as an instrument to achieve greener economy:

Ensuring that physical infrastructure meets disaster resilient design standards is critically important. When buildings and bridges are damaged by disaster, recovery is further inhibited and the ability of business to bring employees back to work at full scale is suspended. Addressing these factors can reduce the scale of losses and the resilience of green jobs.. Businesses – both small and large – are increasingly planning for resilience through business continuity planning and the protection of supply chains. Efforts such as these provide important lessons and partners for promoting green jobs

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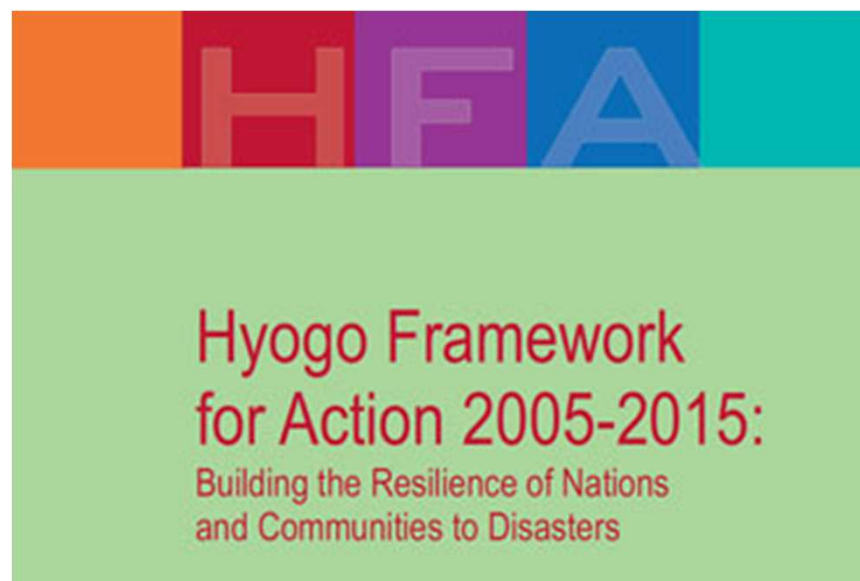


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Key messages

1. Disaster risk reduction is the first line of defense against the negative impacts of climate change.
2. Access to accurate information on risk to disasters is a prerequisite for climate change adaptation planning.
3. Climate change adaptation financing should be guided by understanding of effective development investment that reduces disaster risk.

Post HFA Process



Post HFA Process

1. There will be wide consultations on the post-HFA framework.
2. Using existing mechanisms (e.g. Regional Platforms and Ministerial Meetings, UNISDR Support Group, Community Practitioners Platform)
3. UNISDR is considering ways in which the post-HFA consultative process can be also advised taking into account the positive experience and contribution of the Advisory Group set up for the Mid-Term Review
4. An early draft of a post-HFA framework to be discussed at the Fourth Session of the Global Platform in 2013. A near complete draft will need to be ready by late 2014, ready for endorsement at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015.



The Government of Italy has pledged nearly 2 million Euros to host the sixth World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy 1-7 September 2012



The 6th World Water Forum will take place in Marseille, France 12 -17 March 2012
<http://www.worldwaterforum6.org>

Thank you

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