“...we need what I call the three “R’s”: Responsible individuals, Responsible societies, Responsible governments.”

Macedonian President, Dr. Ivanov
Why DRR & CCA at SEEC P 2013 (under Macedonian Chairmanship)? Because...

(Macedonian President, Dr. Ivanov on DRR & CCA...)

15th session of the Conference of the Parties / COP 15, (Copenhagen, Dec. 2009)

“...sustainable development strategies are not abstract concepts or wishful thinking. They are both blueprint and roadmap on how to act responsibly at home and how to share that responsibility with other nations.

Recognizing the direct linkage between climate change and natural disasters ... we are developing nationally based and internationally merged multi-stakeholder mechanisms for risk reduction and mitigation to limit the impacts of climate related hazards...

...Macedonia accepts with great enthusiasm the HFA priorities as well as responsibilities that come with co-chairing the EFDRR.

... in order to practically demonstrate Macedonia’s commitment and responsibility concerning this issue, I would like to inform you that ... I intend to initiate high ranking regional meeting. The meeting shall be focused on strengthening of the regional cooperation in this context.
Macedonia’s commitment to DRR&CCA

3rd Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (2011)

“We are facing a defining moment in history. Moment when the interdependent global risks, from climate change to disaster risk, from unbalanced economic and urban development to ecosystem degradation, require adequate and joint global response...

...Disaster risk is a ... threat that can be solved only by fulfilling the commitments and numerous pledges our governments have taken in past decades.

It is the most important responsibility of this generation to hand over a less vulnerable world to generations to come, just as Noah did for mankind on the summit of biblical Mount Ararat.”
“...We cannot stop earthquakes, hurricanes or tsunamis.

But we can help our communities and nations in Europe and beyond to be more prepared . . .

...risks and disasters recognize no political borders.

National and local governments have responsibility for their citizens and communities.

Countries have responsibility towards regions they geographically, politically and in every other sense belong to.

Macedonia is a European country and we have a shared responsibility for Europe. “
Macedonia’s commitment to DRR&CCA

Summit of Heads of State and Government within the South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP, Belgrade, Juni 2012)

“... Next year (2013) in June I will have the honor to host this Summit.

The Summit will focus on two ... issues of global importance: disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation,

as complementary concepts that are part of the same equation, the solution of which must be sought TOGETHER!

Climate change and disaster risk is a reality of today, but also a real threat for the future...

I am convinced that intensive regional cooperation in this field will help us build a region more resistant to natural disasters... “
Macedonia’s commitment to DRR&CCA
67th UN General Assembly (Sep 27, 2012)

...Sustainable development is closely linked to the disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change.

Recognizing this interdependence, the Republic of Macedonia supports the holistic approach of their implementation in national, regional and global strategies, policies and plans.

Our dedication to the region of SEE and regional cooperation is demonstrated through our Chairmanship of the SEECP.

The region is not immune to global challenges and threats – threats that can be removed solely by fulfilling assumed obligations and numerous commitments that we have all taken. I am convinced that intensive regional cooperation in this field will help us build a region more resistant to natural disasters.
South East European Co-operation Process (SEECP)...

- The South East European Co-operation Process (SEECP) as a regional initiative was launched in 1996. ...

- The main objective: to increase the regional co-operation and to create an atmosphere of trust, good neighbourly relations and stability.

- The goals:
  - strengthening of security,
  - intensification of economic relations and cooperation, democracy, justice,
  - battle against illegal activities.

- Annual meetings:
  - Summits of the Heads of States
  - Foreign Affairs Ministerial meetings
  - Other ministerial conferences (finance, economy, culture, science...)
  - Parliamentary dimension
  - Associations of Local Authorities meetings
Expected General Outcomes from the SEECP Summit 2013

- To increase the DRR & CCA awareness in the region ...
- To foster... wide spectrum of ...regional cooperation on all levels...
- To encourage the ...regional coordination and approach in management of ... resources ...
- To provide framework ... for sustainable development of the region...

HOW?

By placing the Hyogo Framework for Action Strategic Objectives on the SEECP Agenda!
Placing the Hyogo Framework for Action Strategic Objectives on SEECP Agenda

**HFA strategic goals and priorities for action 2005-2015**

**Strategic Goals**

1. The integration of disaster risk reduction into sustainable development policies and planning
2. Development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities to build resilience to hazards
3. The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes

**Priorities for Action**

1. Ensure that disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional base
2. Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning
3. Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
4. Reduce the underlying risk factors
5. Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels
UNISDR Strategic Objectives 2010-2011

HFA Strategic Objective 1: DRR accepted and applied for climate change adaptation

1.1. Enhanced political commitment and national investment in climate-related DRR
1.3. Greater coherence and coordination of climate related DRR among international and regional actors

HFA Strategic Objective 2: Measurable increase in investments in DRR

2.2. International and national commitments for DRR are increased, using benchmarks for promotion

HFA Strategic Objective 4: Strengthened international system for DRR

4.3. Strengthened partnerships, inter-agency coordination and information exchange capacity
Enhanced political commitment ....

- Political level – expressed commitment and vision
- Expresed commitment to DRR related capacity building within the Governments:
  - Organization
  - Human Resources
  - Infrastructure & equipment
  - Funds and investments
- Acknowledged importance of intra and inter-institutional coordination and collaboration
- Commitment to public awareness building & civil society involvement
- Acknowledged importance of media & information sharing in DRR
...Greater coherence and coordination among international and regional actors

1. Initiated institutional compatibility building in SEE in the field of DRR
   - ...structure
   - ...functions
   - ...HR selection criteria

2. Initiated interoperability development in SEE in the field of DRR
   - ...risk scenarios
   - ...DRR planing
   - ...operational procedures

3. Initiated inter-academic & expert cooperation related to DRR
   (developing unified set of methodologies including risk assessment criteria and Indicators)
Suggested Strategic Objectives on DRR & CCA to SEECP Summit 2013 (3)

...Increased international and national commitments in SEE by measurable increase in investments in DRR.

1. SEECP, EFDRR and DPPI SEE commitments for DRR should be increased by
   - joint approach of SEE initiatives and organizations in financial and expert support to DRR related activities and capacity building
   - joint DRR capacity planning and investment that will be based on information sharing and coordination among SEE countries (to avoid duplicities and unnecessary spendings)

2. National DRR related commitments of SEE countries for:
   - Holistic policy making
   - Consistent legislation
   - Holistic approach in Inspection, Insurance & Funding
   - Coherent institutional setting on both national and local levels
Suggested Strategic Objectives on DRR & CCA to SEECP Summit 2013 (4)

...Strengthened partnerships, inter-agency coordination and information exchange capacity

1. Strengthened partnerships among SEE countries
   - ...on national level
   - ...on local level
   - ...among NGOs in SEE countries
   - ...among academic & expert communities...

2. Inter-agency coordination in SEE
   - ...bilateral
   - ...multilateral

3. Information exchange capacity building by
   - ... adoption of procedures on regular exchange of information
   - ... exchanging liaison officers in charge of DRR coordination
   - ... establishing interactive joint web platform
The South East European Co-operation Process (SEECP) - Calendar of Events (4)

- **MAY 31, 2013** - Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of SEECP Participating States

- **JUNE 1, 2013** - Summit of Heads of State and Government of the SEECP Participating States: “DRR & CCA”

Southeast European Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction as a sub-regional part of EFDRR

**Key topic: DRR & CCA**

Contribution to European and Global Efforts in DRR & CCA


**Development of sub-regional structures of EFDRR**

We welcome the idea for establishing

Southeast European Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction as a sub-regional part of EFDRR, that might happen on the “SEE NPDRR & HFA Focal Points Conference” on the margins of SEECP 2013 meeting under Macedonian Chairmanship-in-Office.
UN SG Ban Ki-moon invited by Macedonian President Dr. Ivanov to attend SEECP 2013 Summit on DRR & CCA

UN SG Ban Ki-moon with Macedonian President Dr. Ivanov, addressing Macedonian Parliament and with Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski

UN SG Ban Ki-moon Address to Macedonian Parliament, July 25, 2012

“...I would like to focus on the first priority – sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Last month, at the Rio+20 Conference, the international community renewed and strengthened political commitment to sustainable development and agreed to launch a process to establish sustainable development goals.

Partnerships were built and commitments made that will leave a lasting legacy ...”
"... I would like to thank H.E. President Dr. Gjorgje Ivanov for hosting the South Eastern Europe’s Heads of State Summit next June with a main focus on disaster risk reduction in the context of the sustainable development...”

"...Disaster risk reduction is not only a concern of state and local governments, but also every citizen’s concern and responsibility...

National reports demonstrate a gradual evolution from a mindset of crisis and response to one of proactive risk reduction and safety“
In less than three years, the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 ends.

POST-2015 FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IS ON THE TABLE.

So ...

Ask not what Hyogo marks as ideal; ask yourself what you have done to make it real!

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