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Draft Summary Report on the Consultations on the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

Consultations on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and resilience was held at the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction on 1-2 October 2012 in Dubrovnik, Republic of Croatia with country representatives from Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The national presence was topped by the regional organizations supporting disaster risk reduction activities in the context of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction namely: EUR-OPA Major Hazard Agreement of the Council of Europe, European Commission (DG ECHO), Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE).

To guide the consultations several sets of questions were asked around the consultation process; key achievements and major challenges in disaster risk reduction since implementation of the *Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015*; and, what new elements can be identified to be part of a post-2015 framework. The following are a summary of the main points captured in the consultation.

Consultation process

- There has been often a missing dialogue between the national institutions or National Platforms working on disaster risk reduction and the ministries responsible for foreign affairs. The latter tended to take the lead in discussions and consultations on global agreements like a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. Important for a whole-of-government dialogue, consultation and positioning around the post 2015 framework and what it means for national institutions.
- There are strong links in the international discussions around the post-2015 development agenda (post- MDGs), sustainable development goals and disaster risk reductions. Important to keep strong messaging around disaster risk reduction and resilience in these discussions while keeping on with a post 2015 framework.
- European national and regional entities needed to focus on the consultations and use existing and active forums like the European Commission, and the EUR-OPA Major Hazard Agreement of the Council of Europe to help in the linking and integration of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development.

Achievements and challenges

- The *Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters* has been widely acknowledged as the main inspiration for knowledge, practice implementation, experience and the science of disaster risk reduction.
- The pillars and priorities of the *Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015* (HFA) remain very useful. In particular the way the HFA it has been put together with hazards, institutions and science based perspectives. Humanitarian and emergency response is reflected well. There is a monitoring and reporting system.
- What has been challenging and often missing in implementation the current HFA include: how to measure success (HFA lack of targets and indicators to guide implementation with no clear baselines); methodologies around risk assessments and, the lack of disaster risk information for the public and individuals. The perception of risk still remains to be looked into when addressing awareness and peoples behavior.
- Responsibilities and accountability in the governance arrangements have not been clear or implemented very well. There is often confusion on the role of different national institutions and ministries especially with the need to integrate or mainstream disaster risk reduction into planning, development and sector based institutions (e.g. health, education, agriculture). There is a lack of minimum standards or principles around disaster risk reduction.

New elements

- There is a need to capitalize on the current momentum around reducing the risk of disasters. A higher level political commitment to implement any post-2015 framework will be important. This will need to include ministries of development, planning and finance. Example on this provided by the organization of the South Eastern Europe summit focusing on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation towards sustainable development.
- There is a need to `sell` a new post-2015 framework better. More accessible, communicative language and simpler to use. Some new elements need to put in around the governance of risk reduction.
- The post-2015 framework should focus on increasing awareness, education and transparency of disaster risk reduction, for example a commitment to publish risk maps (like flooding) for the public.
- Important to recognize the different responsibilities between local, national, regional and global levels. For example, local authorities are responsible for urban planning; but regional and national authorities can prescribe that certain areas are not to be developed. Also relevant is the possibility of building on the work done at the regional is areas such as climate change adaptation, land-use planning, risk assessment (examples: EU-Floods Directive, Environmental Impact Assessment)

- There is a need to look at technological hazards (as the Fukushima emergency has shown) as part of the overall picture in addressing vulnerability and building resilience to disasters.

Annex 1: Set of questions used at the consultation

The 1st set of questions:

- What key elements do you think are missing in the consultation process based on the presentation given? Why?
- What are the expectations of your government from the consultation process towards the development of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction? Why?
- How do national and regional entities influence development of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction?
- What are the opportunities and challenges in the national consultation process?

The 2nd set of questions:

- What are the key successes (or achievements) in disaster risk reduction since implementation of the HFA in 2005 and what contributed to the successes?
- What are the major challenges (or obstacles) for disaster risk reduction? What are the underlying factors that contributed to the challenges identified?
- What are the key elements that your government will focus on in the national consultation process towards development of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction? Why?
- What are the top three significant elements for disaster risk reduction that should be addressed in the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk reduction? Why?

The 3rd set of questions:

- Why disasters are not natural, but a consequence of flawed development planning and practices? How?
- What were the annual human and economic losses of disasters, triggered by natural hazards such as floods and earthquakes, accounting for direct and secondary losses, relief and recovery since 2005 in your country?
- Which development sectors have been affected by disasters since the implementation of HFA in 2005? How were these development sectors affected? And why?
- What has been done in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development since the implementation of the HFA began in 2005?
- What was the success or failure in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development planning and sectors, providing examples?

The 4th set of questions:

- Who is accountable for implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action whose overarching goal is to build resilience of nations and communities to disasters? How?
- Who is accountable for integrating disaster risk reduction into development planning and development sector programme? Why?

- What is the national governance structure of disaster risk reduction? What are the key elements of risk reduction governance? What elements are missing?
- How does existing risk reduction governance deal with transparency, accountability and decentralization of disaster risk reduction as part of development policy and strategy?
- What needs to be done to incorporate accountability in disaster risk reduction in development planning and practices at national and local level?

The 5th set of questions:

- What progress has your government made in linking disaster risk reduction with climate change adaption? How?
- What are the good practices in your country in land use planning? And what are the lessons learned?
- How much risk assessment is taken into account in urban planning in your country?
- What has been done in making schools and hospitals resilient to disasters in your country? How were the actions carried out?
- What made this progress feasible?

Annex 2: List of Participants

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