

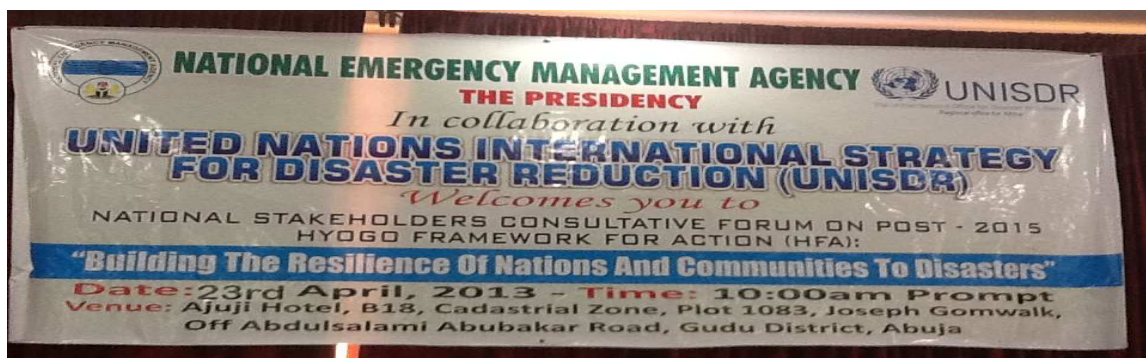
CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE POST-2015 FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (HFA2) IN NIGERIA

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REPORT OF HFA2 CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Introduction

The Consultative Forum on the Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (the second Hyogo Framework for Action) in Nigeria was jointly organized by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). The forum was attended by over seventy (70) participants, representing stakeholders from different sectors. Also in attendance was Mr. Youcef Ait-Chellouche, Deputy Regional Coordinator of the UNISDR Regional Office for Africa.

Welcome remarks

The Deputy Director of NEMA Alhaji Aliyu Bafale Sambo welcomed all the participants to the meeting. He reiterated the government's commitment to promoting effective emergency response and disaster risk reduction in the various communities in the nation. Mr. Kayode (NEMA) added "The year 2012 was one of the most challenging for Nigeria in recent history with the unprecedented flood that ravaged several States of Nigeria and affected over 7 million people, displaced 2.3 million people, killed over 363 persons and destroyed or damaged about 597,476 houses in the country. In addition, we had other humanitarian crisis all over the country to contend with which forced the three tiers of government to divert resources for emergency aid.

There is no option to the promotion and adoption of disaster risk reduction at all levels that will ensure we reduce our vulnerabilities, increase the capacities and resilience of our communities".

Opening Remarks

The Director of Training NEMA, representing the Director General, said that the focus of the National stakeholder forum on the post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2) is to bring together relevant stakeholders from around the nation to exchange views on the implementation of the 2005-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action and the way forward. Similar exercises are currently going on in the six Geo-Political Zone of the Country.

The DG also stressed the need for all participants to make constructive inputs based on the cross cutting issues identified, with a strong belief in building the resilience of all communities and the nation at large.

He encouraged participants to be very constructive in their discussions with a view of making meaningful contributions to the HFA2 that will be all inclusive, and that will guide us towards taking meaningful actions on DRR therefore accelerating the building of resilience and shaping the way we work in the future. He added that the forum provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to express their candid views on issues, resulting in a better understanding to enable us contribute to the Global Forum. He thanked the UN system for their continuous support towards achieving disaster resilience and particularly thanked the UNISDR Regional

Office for Africa for supporting this forum, adding that their presence signified their dedication and commitment in building strong ties among sub-regional countries.

Remarks and the Overview of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015

1. There has been a gap in the reporting of the HFA 2005-2015 as the work done by some members and stakeholders are not included in the report. Most of what is reported in the HFA has strictly been on the work done by the government. Major stakeholders like women and youth are not included in the report which does not make the report comprehensive enough for presentation at the international forums or as a true input in the global result.
2. Publications and strategic documents on risk reduction, such as policies and strategies, should focus on where to go and what to do reduce risks. The How question has not yet been appropriately addressed.
3. Strong linkages between DRR institutions and strategic planning decision making yet to be reinforced.
4. HFA midterm review provides an overall picture of achievements and challenges, and will be presented later during this forum. Most of the conclusions of the report are in line with Nigeria's situation.

HFA2 - A Second Storey on HFA

HFA2 will not replace HFA, rather will be continuity. It is projected to be more inclusive and integrate the new risks humanity is going to face in the future and embrace more partners like civil society, women, youth, private sectors etc., to increase synergy between all components/segments of nations and societies for building resilience.

Some areas of concern for HFA2 are already “on the table”

1. The role of local government in risk reduction
2. Equity and inclusion is as part of the Risk reduction actions.
3. Risk transfer: In addition to prevention and mitigation, Nigeria should look at risk transfer through social policies and private insurance market.
4. Women to be integrated a “positive actor” of DRR programme, participating in decision making, as African women make up 78% of food production
5. Improve coordination and institutional coordination mechanisms at all levels.
6. Technology is a part of human progress, but could also be a risk.

Panel Discussion: Recommendations for HFA2

From Panelists:

It is globally acknowledged that the HFA is a useful tool that has increased disaster awareness\knowledge and has guided emergency policies and strategies across the globe. On this basis, the following recommendations are made:

1. UNISDR to set 2015 – 2025 as target for HFA2
2. Make the HFA2 a global convention (rather than mere guidelines) for ratification by all nations.
3. International disaster assistance should be based on ratification of the HFA2 convention.
4. Capacity building and resource support for Less Developed Countries in the area of DRR.
5. Integration of Climate Change Adaptation and DRR in the HFA2
6. UNISDR to conduct 2-year review of HFA2 across regions.

From the Plenary:

The panelist responded to questions or made short presentations. This was followed by an n extensive plenary discussion. The main issues from the plenary discussion were captured by the chairperson (see below).

WRAP UP BY THE CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Youcef Ait-Chellouche)

In concluding the consultation forum, stakeholders came up with the following views;

1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation should be better integrated in terms of programme and institutional mechanisms to allow for example EWS to be effective through early combined actions.
2. Women, Youth and Children should be involved in Disaster Risk Reduction activities as part of the management and decision making, and not just be perceived as vulnerable groups.
3. Local NGOs and civil society should be better integrated in the design of DRR Programmes, as well as in promoting transparency.
4. Private sector should be brought into discussions and the implementation of the Post-2015 HFA.
5. Risk information should be made available to Government for strategic planning, to partners to inform project design, and to communities to inform decisions aimed at reducing both exposure and vulnerability to risks.
6. Risk information access to all should be supported by an appropriate communication strategy (kits, radio, social media, etc.)
7. DRR programmes and activities should be decentralized to state, local government and grass root (community NGOs) levels in order to ensure the achievement of the DRR goals. Integrate the concept of local risk governance (and defined) in HFA2.
8. There was also a strong need to ensure the establishment of Gender Department in NEMA.
9. There should be proper collaboration /coordination among stakeholders especially in the areas of building synergy and information sharing.

10. There is need to ensure that issues of accountability and transparency are properly addressed in HFA2
11. The use of satellite and remote sensing in DRR also came up strongly during the meeting as part of the risk information data.
12. The importance of ensuring that the policies necessary for the implementation of DRR such as Physical planning and engineering are properly enforced in order to ensure the building of resilience cities.
13. The issues of risk transfer should be clearly added as a step in DRR along with prevention and mitigation) through different mechanisms (social net, insurance etc.)
14. There is a need to ensure that appropriate bills and policies are passed and/or implemented to enforce DRR policies
15. The importance of using appropriate DRR tools to carry out research and studies on risks and vulnerability was seriously highlighted at the meeting. (part of risk information)
16. Urban risk is THE future risk for Africa and source of civil disturbance and violent conflict. This should be highlighted in the HFA2 (urban complex risk and conflict)
17. The absence of Private sector has been noted. Participants suggested that special efforts be made in the future to establish relationships with stakeholders in the private/economic sector and have them present at consecutive consultations.

Participants

Different sectors and segment from the society participated to the discussions. Form the Government; Urban development, Strategic planning commission, Environment and Foreign Affairs.

Strong presence form the civil society with Local NGO at grass roots level, Women Associations, Media participated actively to the debate.

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