



The First Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Under the Patronage of HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of the Royal Scientific Society

19-21 March 2013, Aqaba, Jordan

Mövenpick Resort & Residences

Day 1 : Tuesday 19 March 2013- Al Murjan Hall

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning (with tea & coffee provided)

10:30 – 11:30	<p>Official Opening of the Conference</p> <p>Video Message from the United Nations Secretary-General</p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <p>H.E. Dr. Kamel Mahadin, Chief Commissioner of Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority</p> <p>H.E. Margareta Wahlström, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>H.E. Michael Winzap, Ambassador of Switzerland in Jordan</p> <p>H.E. Jordan Ryan, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP</p> <p>H.E. Shahira Wahbi, Representative of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States</p> <p>H.E. Dr Samir Ghazi, Representative of the Chairman of the Executive Bureau for the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment</p> <p>HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of the Royal Scientific Society</p>
11:30 – 11:45	<p>Setting the Scene: What are the global risk trends, Why disasters risk reduction?</p> <p>Margareta Wahlström, the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>

11:45 – 12:00	<i>All Participants meet for a group PHOTO by Main Entrance of the Conference Hall</i> <i>Followed by Coffee / Tea</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Press Conference (Closed)
12:00 – 13:30	Regional Progress in Disaster Risk reduction and the Implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) <i>Chair: Ms Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, the Economic Sector League of Arab States</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020, Shahira Wahbi, League of Arab States – Introducing the draft Framework Plan of Action on the Implementation of the Arab Strategy for DRR, Abdelqader AbuAwad, Disaster Risk Management Advisor – Regional progress in the implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action, Dr Fadi Hamdan, Disaster Risk Management Advisor – National Experience in HFA implementation, Ahmad Hussain, Head of the Executive Bureau, National Committee for Disaster, Bahrain. – Q & A
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break - Palm Court Restaurant on the Ground Floor</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Developing a Global Disaster Risk Reduction Framework in 2015 “HFA2” <u>Emerging Issue, Institutional Mechanisms and Governance</u> <i>Chair: Margareta Wahlström, SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Developing a new global framework for disaster risk reduction by 2015, the process and mechanism to arrive at a HFA2 framework and key emerging issues from global and regional consultations, Margareta Wahlström, SRSG, UNISDR – Institutional mechanisms, governance, accountability, Fatma Al-Mallah, <i>member of the Global High Level Advisory Group on HFA2 and DRR Advisor</i> – Lebanon experience on HFA implementation and expectations from HFA2, Nathalie Zaarour, Project Manager, Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon – Algeria national consultation on HFA2 and recommendations, Hichem Imouche, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kheira Bradai, General Directorate for Civil Protection, Ministry of Interior, Algeria – Q & A
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Tea / Coffee Break</i>

16:30 – 18:00	<p>Developing a Global Disaster Risk Reduction Framework in 2015 “HFA2” <i>cont’d</i></p> <p><u>Climate Change and Local Resilience</u></p> <p><i>Chair: Carlo Scaramella, Deputy Regional Director for Middle East and Central Asia, World Food Programme (WFP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Climate Risk in the Arab Region, Dr Wadid Erian, Head of Land Resource Studies Program and Head of Remote Sensing and GIS Unit, The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), League of Arab States – The Arab Plan of Action on Climate Change, Shahira Wahbi, League of Arab States – Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience for Food Security, Carlo Scaramella, WFP – Local communities resilience in a changing climate, Idoumou Ely Salem Tikii, Mayor of Fasala, Mauritania – Q & A
Day 2 : Wednesday 20 March 2013 – Al Murjan Hall	
08:30 – 09:00	<p><i>Side Event (Al Salam Room):</i></p> <p>Presentation of a Case Study on Urban Resilience in Palestine Disaster Risk Management, Vulnerability and Scarcity Issues, Pablo Recalde, WFP Country Representative for Palestine</p>
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Developing a Global Disaster Risk Reduction Framework in 2015 “HFA2” <i>cont’d</i></p> <p><u>Disaster Risk Reduction and Development Planning</u></p> <p><i>Chair: Elizabeth Longworth, Director, UNISDR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Disaster Losses and Economic Consequences, Kazuko ISHIGAKI, Risk Knowledge Section, UNISDR – Disaster risk management in development planning and the post-2015 Development Agenda, Jo Schauer, Team Leader, DRR and Recovery, UNDP – Japan experience on disaster risk reduction as development investment, envisioning HFA2 and Post-2015 Development Agenda, Kimio Takeya, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – Q & A
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea / Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:15	<p>Discussion on challenges and opportunities for DRR in the region in light of progress made so far and expectations from post-HFA process</p> <p>Introduction of the Exercise in Main Plenary – Luna Abu-Swaireh, UNISDR</p>

	<p>Break up in 5 working groups for governments representatives as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Institutional Mechanisms, Governance and Accountability</i> 2. <i>Climate Resilience</i> 3. <i>DRR at Local Level</i> 4. <i>Economics of DRR and Investment</i> 5. <i>Integrating DRR into Development Planning</i>
11:30 – 12:15 <i>Parallel Session</i>	<p>Side Event (Al Murjan main plenary Hall)</p> <p>Briefing for the UN agencies and international partners The United Nations Plan of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction, Elizabeth Longworth, UNISDR Director</p>
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Recommendations from Working Groups on Arab Position for HFA2</p> <p><i>Co-Chaired: Amjad Abbashar, Head of Arab States Office, UNISDR and Fatma Al Mallah, HFA2 Advisor</i></p> <p>Reporting back to plenary by working groups and framing key recommendations for HFA2 and disaster risk reduction post 2015</p>
13:30– 14:30	Lunch Break - Palm Court Restaurant on the Ground Floor
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Urban Risk Reduction in the Arab Region</p> <p>Introduction to theme objectives and expected outcome, Zubair Murshed, UNDP</p> <p><u>Urbanization and Urban Risks in the Arab Region</u></p> <p>Chair: Ansa Masaud, Human Settlement Officer, UN-HABITAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Katja Schaefer, Human Settlement Officer, UN-HABITAT – Professor Dr. Djillali Benouar, Director of the Built Environment Research Laboratory, University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene, Algeria – Professor Dr. Jalal Al Dabeek, Director, Urban Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction Center at An Najah National University, Palestine – Q&A
16:00 – 16:30	Tea / Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Institutional and Legislative systems for urban risk management in the region</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Hamad Babiker, Under-Secretary Ministry of Environment and Local Administration, Sudan</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Institutional and legislative systems for Urban Risk Management, study on the cities of Beirut, Djibouti and Aqaba, Dr Fadi Hamdan, Disaster Risk Management Advisor – Disaster Risk Reduction in Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), H.E. Dr Muhanned A. Hararah, Commissioner for Environment and Health Control – Q & A
Day 3 : Thursday 21 March 2013 – Al Murjan Hall	
08:30 – 09:00	<p><i>Side Event (Al Salam Room):</i></p> <p>Presentation of a Case Study on Flood Hazard Mapping in Lebanon Dr Chadi Abdallah and Dr Talal Darwish, The National Center for Scientific Research, Lebanon</p>
09:00 – 09:45	<p>World Disaster Reduction Campaign “Making Cities Resilient”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introduction on the Campaign on Making Cities Resilient and the Ten Essentials to Reduce Risk in Cities , Luna Abu-Swaireh, Regional Office for Arab States, UNISDR – Local Government Self-Assessment as experienced by the City of Saida, Lebanon, Mustafa Hijazi, Municipal Council Member, Lebanon – Q & A
9:45 – 11:00	<p>Good Practices in Urban Risk Reduction</p> <p><i>Chair: Beat Von Däniken, Regional Director, Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC) Jordan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safer Construction Manual, Eng. Mohammad Abu Afeefee, Jordan Engineers Association – Urban Search and Rescue Jordan, Col. Marwan Bader, Jordan Civil Defense – Experience of Petra in reducing risk and protecting cultural heritage, Eng. Hussein Alhassanat, Director of Strategic Planning and Research, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, Petra Development & Tourism Region Authority – Voluntary Relief Workers Scheme in Fès, Mohammed Khalfi, Chief Division of Urban Planning and Environment, Fès-Boulemane, Morocco – Q & A
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Tea / Coffee Break</i>

<p>11:15 – 12:30</p>	<p>Good Practices in Urban Risk Reduction cont'd</p> <p><i>Chair: Khalil Hajal, Director of Municipalities and Local Governance, Ministry of Interior, Lebanon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Experience of Chile in earthquake preparedness, Andrés Ibaceta, Head of Civil Protection of Los Lagos, National Office for Emergencies, Chile – Experience of Yemen in flash floods protection, Abdallah Mutaafi, Executive Director of the Reconstruction Fund for Hadramout and Al-Mahara – Reducing urban risk in the City of Nablus, Architect Sameh Assi, City Engineer, Nablus Municipality, Palestine – Q & A
<p>12:30 – 13:00</p>	<p><i>Check out from Hotel Participants departing 21/3</i></p>
<p>13:00– 14:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch Break - Palm Court Restaurant on the Ground Floor</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Local Governments committing to Disaster Risk Reduction – The Arab Declaration on DRR in Cities</p> <p>Chair: Jo Scheuer, UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Working group discussion on identification of priorities for commitments and finalization of the Local Government Declaration (1 hour with 5 WGs) (b) Finalization and Adoption of the Arab Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction in Cities
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p><i>Tea / Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Closing Session of the 1st Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>Outcomes of the Arab Conference for DRR including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Summary of Conference Proceedings (b) Arab Position for post-HFA process and new global framework on DRR in 2015 as input to the Global Platform for DRR in Geneva, 19-23 May 2013 - presented by LAS (c) Declaration on reducing disaster risk in Arab Cities – presented by Cities' Representative