



Third Announcement

Have your say on a new HFA

The Fourth Session of the Global Platform "Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow: Resilient People – Resilient Planet" comes at a time when there is unprecedented international momentum to reduce disaster risk and build resilience in our communities. As we head towards 2015 when the Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA) completes its first 10-year term, any future based on sustainable development for all will call on us to reduce disaster risks.

The Global Platform organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) is the forum that brings together governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, local communities, mayors, parliamentarians, scientific and academic institutions, the private sector and other actors engaged in disaster risk reduction. At the Fourth Session of the Global Platform new partnerships and alliances will be created. Progress in risk reduction and resilience building will be debated. Experiences, innovations and practices will be shared. This Fourth Session of the Global Platform is also a milestone for the consultations on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2).

Structure

The Fourth Session of the Global Platform will be held from 19 to 23 May 2013. Sunday 19 and Monday 20 May will be dedicated to preparation and consultation meetings. Official events will take place from Tuesday 21 May to Thursday 23 May. Official events will include opening and closing sessions; official plenary statements; high level meetings; plenary sessions; informal plenary sessions on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction; featured events; side events; a marketplace; and an ignite stage.

Venue

The Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will be held at the International Conference Centre, Geneva (Rue de Varembe, CH-1211, Genève 20, Switzerland). The conference centre is close to the Palais des Nations, easy to reach by public transport and 15 minutes from Geneva's international airport. The rooms of the International Conference Centre are all accessible for persons with disabilities. Participants are requested to arrange their own hotel bookings for their stay in Geneva. Early booking of accommodation is advised, as other events are scheduled to take place in Geneva during the same week.

Expected Outcomes

- **Showcase and debate progress and practice in disaster risk reduction.**
- **Engage and contribute to shaping the future of disaster risk reduction for the 21st Century.**
- **Consult on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2).**
- **Create new partnerships and alliances to reduce disaster risks and build resilience in communities.**
- **Exchange learning and innovations including new tools and methodologies.**
- **Prioritise directions for the partners in disaster risk reduction, which will be reflected in the outcome document - the Chair's Summary.**

Registration

The closing date for online registration is 10 May 2013. Participants need to register online on the Global Platform website. At the Conference Centre participants will be issued an access badge which should be worn at all times on the premises. All details about registration and visa process are available at this address: <http://preventionweb.net/go/gpdr13>

Communications

The Global Platform webpage and its many other internet based outlets will provide a constant feed of information on events and developments leading up to and during the Global Platform. Social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, Flickr and blogging will be used to engage the public and inform disaster risk reduction stakeholders. Webcasts, press conferences, press releases and news stories will also be part of the Global Platform.

News items will be regularly published on the Global Platform homepage at <http://preventionweb.net/go/gpdr13>

Concept notes of all sessions, and guidance note for session organisers and speakers are also available at <http://preventionweb.net/go/gpdr13>

Official Statements

All registered delegations can make an official statement at the Fourth Session of the Global Platform. A 3-minute time slot is available for oral statements by governments. Other delegations can submit a request to make an oral statement, but time slots may be limited. We encourage you to submit a written statement.

Online registration for official statements will start as of 15 March. For more information please visit: <http://preventionweb.net/go/gpdr13>

Education and Community Space

Space will be made available at the -1 level of the International Conference Centre to allow education practitioners and communities representatives, including children, to display relevant education materials, posters, show videos and discuss education-related matters. For more information and booking for the community space, please contact Ms Rhea Katsanakis at rhea.katsanakis@unep.org

Side Events

The Global Platform will host 27 side events over the three official days. A variety of stakeholders will come together to highlight work on disaster risk reduction. They represent a variety of issues from several regions while reaching out to many stakeholders. The subjects include indigenous people, civil-military cooperation, public-private partnerships, tracking international financing on disaster risk reduction, public awareness and education, to name just a few.

Consultation Day Meetings (19-20 May 2013)

[Save the Children Australia Preparation Meeting \(19 May\)](#)

[IRDR Scientific Committee Meeting \(19 May\)](#)

[Community Practitioners Platform for Resilience \(19 May\)](#)

[Thematic Platforms Meeting - Achievements and Future Goals](#)

[Law and DRR](#)

[IRDR Scientific Committee Meeting](#)

[Toward a Safer World Consultation Meeting](#)

[Information Management Consultation Meeting](#)

[ASEAN Consultation Meeting](#)

[National Platforms Consultation Meeting](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation - Stakeholder Groups - Communities \(CPR\)](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation - Stakeholder Groups - NGO's](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation - Stakeholder Groups - IGO's](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation - Stakeholder Groups - Mayors](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation - Stakeholder Groups - Parliamentarians](#)

[Annual General Meeting for DRR-PSP & PSAG](#)

[UNDP Closed Meeting](#)

[Norway Government Delegation Consultation Meeting](#)

[Country Peer Reviews on HFA Progress](#)

[Multistakeholder dialogue on city resilience programme \(UN-Habitat\)](#)

[Post 2015 Framework Consultation with Private Sector](#)

[Disaster Preparedness \(Germany - Poland\)](#)

[Business Continuity Planning – Simulation exercise](#)

[Post 2015 Consolidation of Stakeholder Groups Discussions](#)

[Thematic Platform on Health](#)

[Arab Region Consultation Meeting](#)

[Africa Region Consultation Meeting](#)

[Asia Region Consultation Meeting](#)

[Central Asia Region Consultation Meeting](#)

[Europe Region Consultation Meeting \(EFDRR\)](#)

[LAC Region Consultation Meeting](#)

[Partnership for Environment and DRR](#)

Ignite Stage

Over 70 partners will give 15-minute presentations on a disaster risk reduction topics, projects or initiatives. The aim is to provide information on the array of topics that are discussed at the Global Platform beyond those presented in the main sessions and side events.

Field Visits on 24 May 2013: Putting theory into practice

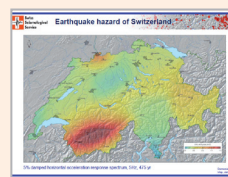
Disaster Risk Reduction in the Swiss Alps: challenges and opportunities. On Friday 24 May, Switzerland invites registered Global Platform participants to choose one from three field visits. The field visits will be from 08:00 to 18:00 hours. Participants will depart from and return to Geneva main train station (Cornavin). The cost is 50 CHF (Swiss Francs) per participant. As capacity is limited, the registration for the field visit will be on a first come, first served basis. The aim of the field visits is to provide an insight into the threats, challenges and coping measures of living in a risk-prone alpine environment. For more information please visit: www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/programme/field-visits



Field Visit 1:
Route du Grand St. Bernhard
Risk management along an international transit route



Field Visit 2: Rhone River
Flood risk management



Field Visit 3: Seismic Risk Reduction in Sion
Earthquake resistant buildings
Crisis management

Market Place

A market place with 36 booths showcasing new and innovative ideas for disaster risk reduction including:

African Centre for Disaster Studies, South Africa - ACDS

Applied Geoscience and Technology Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community - SOPAC - SPC

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, Caribbean - CDEMA

Centro de Coordinación para la Prevención de los Desastres Naturales en América Central, Central America - CEPREDENAC

Comité Andino para la Prevención y Atención de Desastres, Andean countries - CAPRADE

Economic Community of Central African States, Gabon - ECCAS

European Commission, Belgium

Intergovernmental Authority on Development - Climate Prediction and Applications Centre, Kenya - IGAD – ICPAC

Food and Agricultural Organization - FAO

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Switzerland - IFRC

UN Habitat - United Nations Habitat, Kenya

United Nations Development Programme - UNDP

United Nations Environment Programme, Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction - UNEP – PEDRR

World Bank - Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery

World Health Organization / Pan-American Health Organization - WHO/PAHO

World Meteorological Organization - WMO

Children in a Changing Climate coalition

Gender and Disaster Network, UK - GDN

Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, UK

Handicap International, India

Overseas and Development Institute, CDKN - Climate and Development Knowledge Network, UK - ODI

Deutsches Komitee Katastrophenvorsorge, German Committee for DRR - DKKV

France

Japan International Cooperation Agency - JICA

Lebanon - Presidency Council of Ministers

Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh

National Agency for Disaster Management, Indonesia - BNPB

National Institute of Disaster Management, India - NIDM

Netherlands

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland - SDC

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Switzerland - ESRI Inc.

Kosukai Kogyo Co. Ltd., Japan

Emergency Capacity Building Project - ECB Project

Global Risk Forum, Davos, Switzerland

Luxembourg

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich, Switzerland – ETH

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Fourth Session - Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow

Geneva, Switzerland, 19-23 May 2013



Draft Preliminary Schedule : 12 March 2013

19-20 May

Tuesday 21 May

Wednesday 22 May

Thursday 23 May

Friday 24 May

Sunday 19 May: Preparation and Consultation Day
Monday 20 May: Preparation and Consultation Day

<p>Opening Ceremony 9:30 - 10:30 - Room 1</p> <p>High-Level Meeting (By Invitation only) 10:40 - 12:30 - Room 5</p> <p>Plenary Private Sector for Resilient Societies Ingredients for Success 10:30 - 12:30 - Room 1</p>	<p>Official Statements - Room 1</p> <p>Plenary Community Resilience The Foundation of Resilient Nations 9:00 - 11:00 - Room 2</p> <p>Featured Event Drought Resilience in a Changing Climate 11:15-12:45 - Room 2</p> <p>Featured Event HFA 2 - Women Making a Difference 11:15-12:45 - Room 3</p> <p>Featured Event Resilient Heritage 11:15-12:45 - Room 4</p>	<p>Official Statements - Room 1</p> <p>Plenary Governments and HFA: A Sustainable Engagement 9:00 - 11:00 - Room 2</p> <p>Featured Event Reconstruction: Planning and Programming Recovery 11:15-12:45 - Room 2</p> <p>Featured Event Building Resilience into Urban Planning and Investments 11:15-12:45 - Room 3</p> <p>Featured Event Disaster Risk Standards and Accountability for Business and Citizens 11:15-12:45 - Room 4</p>	<p>Lunch 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Side Events 13:00 - 13:55</p> <p>Side Events 14:00 - 14:55</p>	<p>Lunch 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Side Events 13:00 - 13:55</p> <p>Side Events 14:00 - 14:55</p>	<p>Lunch 13:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Side Events 13:00 - 13:55</p> <p>Side Events 14:00 - 14:55</p>	<p>Field Visits - DRR endeavours in Switzerland 08:00 - 18:00 - (Up to 230 participants)</p>
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09,15,16,17,18	-1
02,03,04	0
01 and restaurant	1
07,08,11,12,13,14	2
05,06,19,20	3
A,B,C,D,E	CCV Building