



## National Campaign Launch Jamaica: Global Campaign “Making Cities Resilient to Disasters: My City is Getting Ready!”

7 & 8 May, 2013

Kingston, Jamaica

### **Tentative Agenda:**

7 May: Day 1	
08:30 – 09:15	<b>Opening Session</b> Table of Honour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Angela Brown Burke, Her Worship the Mayor Councillor, Kingston &amp; St. Andrew Corporation</li> <li>– Arun Kashyap, United Nations Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative Jamaica</li> <li>– Noel Arscott, MP Minister, Ministry of Local Government &amp; Community Development</li> <li>– Ronald Jackson, Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, ODPEM</li> <li>– Denise Herbol, Mission Director for Jamaica, US Agency for International Development (USAID)</li> <li>– Ricardo Mena, Head of the Regional Office for the Americas, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR</li> </ul>
09:15 – 09:45	<b>Global Campaign Launch “Making Cities Resilient”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Making Cities Resilient to Disasters: My city is getting ready!”: Campaign overview, tools and actions for local management– UNISDR Americas</li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:00 – 11:15	<b>Dialogue among Mayors and Local Officials of Jamaica: Building a culture of Disaster Risk Reduction at the local level, the role of local governments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four local government officials share experiences surrounding DRR within local development initiatives</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Official Adhesion to the Global Campaign</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official signing ceremony of collaboration agreement for promoting the Global Campaign in Jamaica – Ministry of Local Government &amp; Community Development, ODPEM and UNISDR</li> <li>• Official ceremony of Jamaican mayors signing on to the Global Campaign</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:45	<b>Jamaica’s national legislative and institutional framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and its application at the local level</b> ODPEM
12:45 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:30 – 15:15	<b>Local Government Reform and Disaster Risk Reduction in Jamaica</b> Ministry of Local Government & Community Development

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<b>15:15 – 16:00</b>	<b>Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation within the Local Development Agenda (TBC)</b> National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) / Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change
<b>16:00 – 16:45</b>	<b>Public – Private Partnerships for Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction (TBC)</b> Insurance Association of Jamaica
<b>16:45 – 15:00</b>	<b>Daily wrap-up</b>
	<b>Welcome Cocktail (TBC)</b>

<b>8 May: Day 2</b>	
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	Introduction to Day 2 Recap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2 - UNISDR
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Presentation of the ‘Local HFA Monitor’: A tool for monitoring advances in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and Disaster Risk Reduction at the Local Level – UNISDR</b> • Case studies from Jamaica
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Working Groups:</b> Sharing Experiences: Tendencies, advances, gaps and challenges surrounding the Global Campaign’s 10 Essentials in local development processes for promoting disaster resilience • Steps towards defining a roadmap for incorporating the Campaign 10 essentials within local development planning processes  <b>Plenary Session:</b> Presentation of working groups results (5 minutes per group)
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

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**Background Note**

The National Launch of the Global Campaign “Making Cities Resilient of Disasters: My city is getting ready” in Jamaica will present interested mayors and local government officials with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Hyogo Framework for Action and the Global Campaign’s [ten-point checklist for making cities resilient](#). This event aims at promoting the importance of disaster risk reduction at the local level, reflecting upon both the needs and opportunities for strengthening disaster resilience, as well as developing capacities among local governments of Jamaica in terms of policies, tools and mechanisms surrounding disaster risk reduction as an integral part of Jamaica’s sustainable development.

Jamaica’s Campaign Lunch is being jointly organized in collaboration between the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) as well as with the support of the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Jamaica’s Ministry of Local Government & Community Development, the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA), the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator, the United Nations Development Programme and with financing by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA).

**Background:**

- a) [Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015](#): Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters (HFA)
- b) Global Campaign “Making Cities Resilient of Disasters: My city is getting ready” launched in 2010 in Bonn, Germany.
- c) Statement by Mayors and Local Governments surrounding Resilient Cities as annex to the [Communiqué of Nayarit](#) as outcome document to the 2011 session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas; Nayarit, Mexico; March, 2011
- d) [“Chengdu Declaration of Action”](#) - Action Plan adopted by over 200 mayors, councillors, parliamentarians, ambassadors, civil society representatives, scientists and experts as participants of the First Mayors’ Summit on Disaster Risk Reduction held within the framework of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cities Scientific Development Forum in Chengdu, China from 11 to 13 August, 2011.

**Overall objective:**

To promote the Campaign’s 10 essentials checklist and good practices for making cities resilient and for strengthening disaster risk reduction as a local priority with the necessary institutional backing for supporting implementation.

**Specific objectives:**

- Strengthening the political commitment of local governments towards urban and local risk reduction through the Global Campaign’s ten-point checklist for making cities resilient.
- Strengthening the institutional capacities of local governments to enhance the resilience of cities and municipalities by incorporating within local development initiatives processes, tools and actions aimed at:
  - ✓ Ensuring that disaster risk reduction Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a priority within urban and local development practices;
  - ✓ Understanding risks and taking action;

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- ✓ Enhancing greater knowledge and awareness surrounding urban and local risks and risk reduction principles;
- ✓ Reducing risk and urban risk in particular;
- ✓ Being prepared and ready to act.