

# Review of National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction 2012-2013



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- Culmination of a collaborative and voluntary self-review process undertaken by 50 countries.
  - In response to a recommendation of the *Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework of Action 2010-11* to undertake a comprehensive discussion on the role and function of National Platforms, and provide new guidance on effective national consultative and decision-making mechanisms for disaster reduction at the national level.
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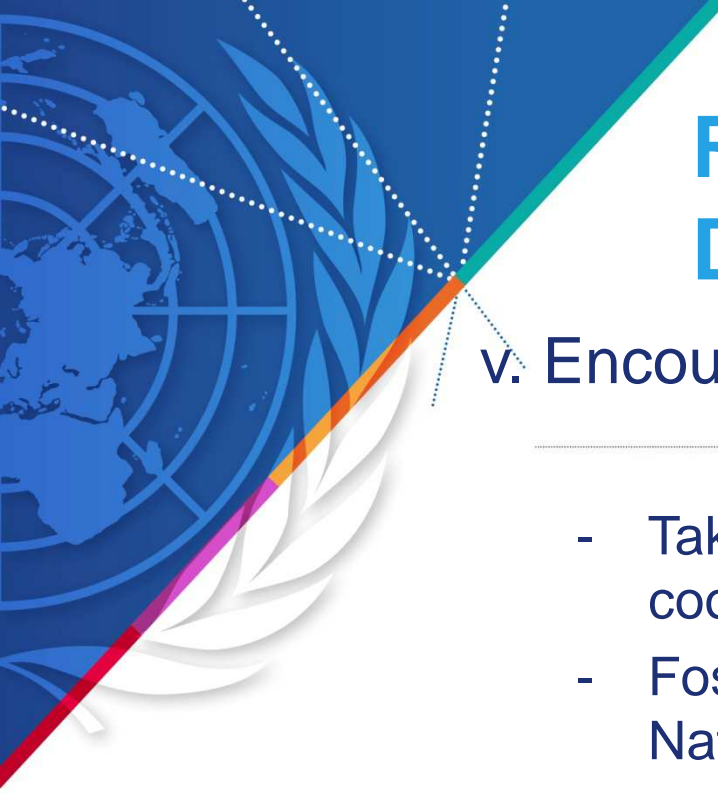
- A National Platforms Review Working Group (Ecuador, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico and Sweden) was established with coordination and secretariat support, with UNISDR serving as the Working Group's secretariat.
- Financial and technical support was provided from the German Federal Foreign Office and the World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
- A survey of National Platforms formed the basis of the analysis and findings of the Review. The findings focus on challenges, improvements, modes of collaboration, and future role of National Platforms.



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- In summary, the main findings are to:
  - i. Increase the number of National Platforms (or equivalent) in each region.
  - ii. Recognise the unique and added value of stakeholders and partners in National Platforms. Strengthen multi-stakeholder and cross-sector nature.
  - iii. Restructure and resource National Platforms around a coherent disaster risk reduction strategy at country level.
  - iv. Provide a legislative basis and clear Terms of Reference (TORs) for National Platforms in relation to the Cabinet or other high level political institutions.





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## v. Encourage National Platforms to:

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- Take a more proactive and leadership and advocacy role in coordinating disaster risk reduction work at the national level.
  - Foster exchange of experiences and expertise among National Platforms, for example through twinning arrangements and peer-reviews.
  - Enhance collaboration with the private sector and local communities.
  - Systematically engage with other sectors in deliberations of National Platforms.
  - Facilitate the application of science and evidenced based decision-making in disaster risk reduction.
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# Next Steps

- Convene meetings at Regional Platforms and at a planned National Platform Forum at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2015
- ✓ Develop positions on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2) and determine methods of implementation of disaster risk reduction actions.
- ✓ Assess progress on the findings of the Review of National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction 2012-2013.
- Some deeper questions to ask:
  - 1) Given higher exposure and increasing accumulation of risk in the future are National Platforms the right mechanism to govern and oversight risk reduction?
  - 2) Are there alternatives (e.g. risk auditor) to consider.?
  - 3) Will reform of the National Platforms fundamentally reduce risk (for reexample iin the private sector)?