Consultations towards a post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework (HFA2)

September 2013
How does the HFA2 relate to existing international agreements for disaster risk reduction?

• Continues the progress in international cooperation in disaster risk reduction

• Builds on knowledge and practice accumulated through the implementation of:
  
  • International Framework for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction of 1989,
  • Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action of 1994,
  • International Strategy for Disaster Reduction of 1999, and
  • Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters
What is the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and how does it relate to the HFA2?

• UN General Assembly Resolution 67/209 decided to convene the UN third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to:
  • Review the implementation of the HFA over its 10-year term
  • Develop a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

• UNISDR was requested to serve as the secretariat of the World Conference, to facilitate the development of an HFA2, and to coordinate the preparatory activities in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

• **Save the Date**: 14-18 March, 2015 in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan
What is the current status of the consultative process?

• Consultations officially launched in March 2012.

• March 2012 - May 2013: 86 consultative events including
  • international meetings, regional platforms, meetings of intergovernmental organizations, national dialogues, stakeholder forums & social networks.

• Results compiled in a Synthesis Report: Consultations on Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2).

• Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction convened May 2013 included over 40 consultative events. A report of the discussions will be posted on-line in due course.
Towards a post-2015 DRR Framework

What key messages have emerged to date?

• Build on existing Hyogo Framework for Action
• Introduce innovations to address the challenges of increasing risk over next 30 years;
• Focus on addressing the drivers of risk;
• Reaffirm that local action is fundamental to reducing disaster risk;
• Design a clear set of principles and commitments;
• Recognize that the reduction of disaster risk is a legal obligation, encompassing risk assessments, establishment of early warning systems, and the right to risk information
• Address the need to govern disaster risk reduction and resilience through strong coordination, enabled local action, and appropriate financial instruments;
• Determine ways to address the transboundary nature of risk.
• Include the full engagement of and incentives for the business sector, local communities and national authorities.
• Inclusiveness and participation in an “all of society” engagement – is an key principle
• Enhance understanding of risk through evidence, assessments, education and public awareness;
• Empower communities through education and access to information;
• Leverage benefits of integrated approaches including providing guidance on integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in sustainable development.
• Generate information and ideas which will be beneficial to the post-2015 development agenda.
What is the role of the regional platforms?

• Provide a substantive and political contribution to the preparatory process of the third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

• Are expected to be recognized by the UN General Assembly as a formal step in the HFA2 consultations

• Aim to consolidate the views, perspectives and contributions of all stakeholders.

• It is expected that the attendance will be at senior political and executive level.
Ministerial Conferences and Regional Platform Schedule

- April: Arab States (Venue TBC)
- April/May: Europe (Brussels, Belgium)
- May/June: Africa (Venue TBC)
- May 27-29: Americas (Guayaquil Ecuador)
- June 23-26: Asia (Bangkok, Thailand)
- June: Pacific (Venue TBC)
- October: Europe (Madrid, Spain)
How can stakeholders engage in the consultative process?

• All stakeholders are encouraged to submit the outcomes consultations online for all to access at www.Preventionweb.net/posthfa.

• Please advise of your plans to carry out a consultation by notifying us of the date of the event.

• Member States continue to carry out national multi-stakeholder consultations that will feed into the upcoming Regional Platforms and the WCDRR

• Member States and relevant stakeholders will participate in the upcoming Regional Platforms with senior-level delegations with representation

• Modalities for formal stakeholder participation in the WCDRR will be guided by decisions of the UN General Assembly.
What is the role of Member States?

Member States are carrying out national multi-stakeholder consultations to:

- take stock of national local concerns in disaster risk reduction
- share views, expectations and recommendations on HFA2 in preparation to the upcoming Regional Platforms and WCDRR
- establish, strengthen or peer review, as appropriate, national platforms or similar mechanisms to facilitate consultations.
What are the preparatory committee meetings?

• Pending decisions of the UN General Assembly, two preparatory committee meetings will bring together Member States in Geneva in July and November 2014 to further elaborate a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and contribute to organization of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

• The preparatory committee meetings will consider the outcomes of all regional platforms, ministerial meetings and other consultations.
What is the formal process for agreeing on the HFA2?

- The 68th session of the UN General Assembly will define the process for agreeing on the HFA2 including its scope and modalities. In the meantime, the UN Secretary-General Report to the General Assembly guides the consultative process.

- There is an expectation that the preparatory process will be inclusive. With regards to rules and procedures on accreditation, due consideration may be afforded to organizations which have already participated in past sessions of the global and regional platforms and other forums for disaster risk reduction.

- In 2015, the UN General Assembly Resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the new framework are expected to be endorsed. This would be the final step for the formal adoption of the new Framework.
How can I follow the post-HFA process?

• UNISDR maintains a website dedicated to the post-HFA process which includes
  
  • announcements,
  • guidance and
  • Reports from consultative events

Please visit at: http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/
How will the HFA2 relate to the SDGs?

• Ensuring coherence and complementarity between the agendas of a post-2015 development agenda, a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and a global agreement on climate change is paramount.

• Outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference recognized disaster risk reduction and building resilience and reflected in various ongoing work streams. See: http://www.unisdr.org/2012/rioplus20/

• “Report of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda”, includes proposal for a target to build resilience and reduce deaths from natural disasters by x%.
What are the objectives of the WCDRR?

- In his report to the UN General Assembly (2013), the Secretary-General proposed that the third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015 may want to:
  - Review implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action.
  - Consider the experience gained through the regional strategies and plans for disaster risk reduction as well as relevant regional agreements.
  - Identify modalities of cooperation based on stakeholders’ commitments to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
  - Determine modalities to periodically review the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
What are the expected outcomes of the WCDRR?

• Subject to Resolutions of the UN General Assembly, the WCDRR may deliver:

  • A political declaration that:
  • celebrates the HFA;
  • clarifies the need for a 30-year timeframe for the new framework with periodic review, possibly through UN governance bodies;
  • clarifies of the relationship between HFA2 and the other existing DRR frameworks;
  • identifies the relevance of WCDRR outcomes for the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and goals.
  • The HFA2 itself.
  • Stakeholders’ commitments towards the implementation of HFA2.
Who can I contact for more information?

- Please visit the website dedicated to the post-HFA process: [http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/](http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/)

- Inquiries can also be sent to the following email address: isdr@un.org
Towards a post-2015 DRR Framework

- Requested by the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/66/199
- UNISDR is facilitating a multistakeholder consultation process and engages a full range of actors from Member States to civil society.
- Consultation events include the Global and Regional Platforms, national and local events, and targeted events of stakeholders, partners and networks.
- Expected to be adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 2015.

2013

- Consultations started in March 2012 (with some 89 events up to the Global Platform) through 2013...

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES AND REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Feb 13-15: Africa (Arusha, Tanzania)
- Mar 19-21: Arab States (Aqaba, Jordan)
- Sep 23-25: Europe (Oslo, Norway)

MAY 19-23
Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Geneva, Switzerland)

SEP-NOV
UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

2014

... and continues in 2014

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JUL 14-15
1st Preparatory Committee Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland)
Subject to an anticipated decision of the UN General Assembly in 2013

SEP-NOV
UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

2015

MAR 14-18 / SENDAI, JAPAN
The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will review the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and is expected to adopt a successor framework for disaster risk reduction.

SEP-NOV
UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction. The UN General Assembly Session will also consider the post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework for endorsement.
Thank you