



Global Platform
for Disaster Risk Reduction
Fourth session, Geneva, Switzerland
19-23 May 2013

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Global Platform Update – 19 Days to Go!

Official Programme

The official programme for the Fourth Session of the Global Platform 19-23 May 2013 in Geneva is available online in English. Translations in the five other UN languages will be available by early May 2013. <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/>

Consultation and Preparation Days (19 and 20 May)

Many stakeholders will take advantage of the consultation and preparation days on Sunday and Monday, 19-20 May, to meet with their constituencies at the global level. In total, 44 events are scheduled for these days. Please note that some events are by invitation only while others are open to all. Governments for example are invited to region-based consultations and a meeting on disaster risk reduction in the post-2015 development agenda. Community representatives will discuss their role in resilience-building. The private sector will facilitate a business continuity and crisis simulation. Participants are encouraged to check the details of the consultation and preparation day events online at: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/programme/consultation>

Separate stakeholder consultations on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2) will be held in the morning of Monday 20 May. The aim is to have stakeholders at the global level to reflect on the ideas emerging from the HFA2 consultations, and inform the Global Platform sessions on 21-23 May. In the afternoon of Monday 20 May, from 15:00 to 17:30hrs, in Room 2 at the International Conference Centre, UNISDR will host a session with representatives from all morning stakeholder consultations to share their views on substance for a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2). A 'Synthesis Report on Consultations on a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2)' is available online at: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/>

Global Platform Outcome Documents

The **Chairs' Summary** reflects discussion points, recommendations and findings from main events and plenaries at the Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Chair's Summary has special significance as it will be guiding the work leading to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Japan in 2015. It will guide the consultations on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2) and the preparations for the World Conference in early 2015.

A **report on HFA2 consultations** at the Global Platform will reflect views on substance of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2) expressed at events and in official statements. The short report on HFA2 consultations at the Global Platform will be available at the end of May.

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A High Level Dialogue will produce a short **Communiqué** focusing on a few actions to help lead the way to 2015.

The **Global Platform Proceedings** will summarize all discussions held during the Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. The proceedings will be available end of June.

The UN Press Service and UNISDR will publish daily press releases. Daily updates will be made available through social media and other information mechanisms, including webcasts of selected events to allow remote participation to the Global Platform. All presentations and session summaries will be posted on the Global Platform website as they are received.

Education and Community Space

The Global Platform in 2013 will provide an Open Dialogue Area and playground from 20 to 23 May to feature educational and community practitioners' films, videos and games on disaster risk reduction in the -1 level of the Conference Centre. Organizations have the opportunity to showcase their work in an informal and dynamic setting. Expression of interest by organizations to exhibit material should be sent to rosec@un.org by 12 May 2013. All details are available at: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/>

Reminders:

- Field Visits on 24 May 2013: Putting theory into practice. Seats are still available for *Field Visit 1: Route du Grand St. Bernhard - Risk management along an international transit route* and *Field Visit 3: Seismic Risk Reduction – Earthquake resistant buildings and crisis management*. Please book online by Friday, 3 May 2013 at 18:00 CEST <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/programme/field-visits>
- All participants attending the Global Platform need to register online: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/registration/>
- Participants can collect their badges on Sunday 19 May to avoid queues on other days.
- Monday 20 May 2013 is a national holiday in Switzerland and public transport will operate according to a holiday schedule. Some restaurants and all banks will be closed. The Global Platform and the Geneva International Conference Centre will be fully operational.

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