



## NIGERIA STATEMENT AT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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Nigeria delegation wishes to thank the Chairman for the opportunity to give our statement. Nigeria is happy to partner with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to promote a resilient nation and communities.

Nigeria has, through the development of relevant plans, procedures, guidelines and strategies continue to implement the five key priorities of the Hyogo Framework for action (HFA). Programmes and advocacy visits have been carried out at the Federal, States and Local governments levels in Nigeria to ensure that Disaster Risk Reduction is mainstreamed into national development plans, policies and programmes.

With the consequences of climate change and global warming steering us in the face, we believe we have to increase the tempo of our activities in DRR and enlist the support of every one in confronting the hazards risk in our country.

The year 2012 was one of the most challenging for Nigeria in recent history with the unprecedented flood that ravaged several States of the country, affected over 7 million people, displaced 2.3 million people, killed over 363 persons and destroyed or damaged about 597,476 houses. The comprehensive Post Disaster Needs Assessment

conducted from November 2012 – March 2013 with the support of the World Bank and Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), United Nations, Development partners and relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies put the estimated total value of infrastructure, physical and durable assets destroyed at US\$9.6 billion. The total value of losses across all sectors of economic activity was estimated at US\$7.3 billion. The combined value of these damages and losses was US\$16.9 billion,

The flood was a classical case of how disasters can reverse development in a developing country like Nigeria. However the calamities wrought by the 2012 floods offer for our country an important window of opportunity to address difficulties and long-standing development issues. It brought all stakeholders together as never before to address the consequences of the flood, plan to reduce the vulnerability of our people and increase their resilience.

Nigeria appreciates the collaboration with the UNISDR in engaging the citizens on the Post 2015 Hyogo Framework for Action. As we approach the end of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015, we wish to state that, we have noticed some gaps between principles as practice of DRR at the country level. Consultation on Post 2015 in six geo-political zones and the Federal Capital in Nigeria gave us the indication that the participation of women and children will be critical to the successful implementation of any framework on DRR beyond 2015.

We would want to see more participation of the people at the local level and the inclusion of conflict resolution as major area of risk reduction. The global community has indeed benefited a lot from the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 as blue print for disaster risk

reduction. We propose that the gap identified in the implementation of the framework in different nations should be addressed to take the benefit of the HFA beyond 2015.

In conclusion, we are delighted to host the Special Representative of the Secretary General on ISDR, Margareta Wolstrom in Nigeria from 17 -19 June 2013. The visit is part of our advocacy strategy to increase political will at the highest level in disaster risk reduction, and encourage the participation and collaboration of major stakeholders in disaster risk reduction in building a resilient nation and communities.

Thank you.