Second Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, 21-23 October 2008

Provisional Agenda

**Tuesday 21 October**

09.00-14.00  Registration

14.00-14.45  Opening Session

14.45-15.00  Break

15.00 – 15.15  Update on progress made in the region since First Regional Conference in Cairo, April 2007

15.15-17.00  **Session 1: From Disaster Response to Risk Reduction and Management**

15.15-16.00  Presentations

Presentation 1:  Why we have to reduce and manage disaster risk? A regional perspective,

Presentation 2:  What does risk reduction and management mean? Need for a paradigm shift,

Presentation 3:  How to manage disaster risk?

16.00-17.00  Discussions

**Wednesday 22 October**

9.00-11.00  **Session 2: Disaster Risk Management - Experiences to learn from**

9.00-09.45  Presentation of three experiences, by 2 national and 1 regional representatives

09.45-10.30  Disaster Risk Management – practical steps to get started; followed by a moderated discussion
10.30-11.00 Break

**11.00 - 17.00 Session 3: Disaster Risk Assessment**

11.00-12.30 Presentation 1: What is a risk assessment?

Presentation 2: Example of a risk assessment at Urban Level – how it was done and how it has been used?

Presentation 3: Example of a risk assessment in rural context

Presentation 4: Risk assessment at National level, a good example – how it was done and how it has been used?

Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45 Presentation 5: Disaster Risk Assessment in the context of climate change

Special feature: Climate Resilient Cities Primer

Discussion

14.45-16.00 4 working groups on:
Urban and rural development
Environment, climate change and water resources

16.00-16.30 Break

16.30-17.30 Reports from Working Groups and discussions

**Thursday 23 October**

**9.00-11.15 Session 4: Participants reflections on their need for and interest in carrying out risk assessment (in relation to their mandates)**

9.00-10.30 Reflections from country representatives on the previous two days discussions and presentation, on possibilities for improving risk management and assessment.

10.30-11.15 **International agencies respond to the reflections of country representatives.** What can international agencies offer in terms of partnership and technical assistance to help address the country needs?
11.15-11.45  Break

11.45-12.30  **Sessions 5: Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Monitoring and Reporting**

Global Risk Assessment Report 2009, (GAR), presentation on the global process
Presentations on national contributions to the GAR process

12.30-14.00  Lunch

14.00-17.00  **Session 6: How can we together improve Disaster Risk Reduction and Risk Assessment in MENA region?**

14.00-15.30  4 Working Groups

15.30-16.00  Break

16.00-17.00  Presentation of recommendations
Final remarks
Closing