

**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?

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| 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 |