

# Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning

## Note of Introduction

UNISDR has been awarded with the EC project called "Strengthening Region based Capacities in Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning". The project aims globally at enabling high risk countries to establish the temporal link between preparedness, recovery and sustainable development by strengthening capacities for integrating DRR in disaster recovery planning (both pre- and post –disaster) and programming.

The key components of the project include:

### **Overall Objective**

*To reinforce the capabilities of national governments through the regional inter-governmental organizations and ISDR partners, in Disaster Recovery Planning so that most high risk countries could have a seamless access to such expertise within their respective regions and plan for a better integration of risk reduction concerns in all phases of the recovery process, building on the existing assessment of risks.*

***Indicator:** Each of the five regions (which include the sub-regions) of the world has at least one regional organisation which is able to provide technical support to its member states on disaster recovery planning either directly or through an established network of practitioners from national, regional and global levels*

***Expected Result 1:** Representatives of government bodies, National Platform members (including CSOs) and UNCTs in approximately 15 countries globally have the knowledge of integrating of disaster recovery planning into their national DRR plans, UNDAFs and other planning/programming instruments as relevant*

***Expected Result 2:** Guidelines developed for integration of DRR into*

- Recovery planning*
- PDNA process*
- Sectorial guidance notes on recovery*
- Monitoring and evaluation of recovery impact*

*Under this component, the project will compile information on existing training material, adapt and translate for specific regional or country needs. Ensure that existing guidance on recovery planning, early assessment of sectoral needs, key experiences on institutional arrangements for recovery and implementation of recovery plans in sectors have integrated disaster risk reduction approaches and expertise are available.*

Recovery planning is a process that requires involvement of different organisational and sectoral partners. With the central and / or local government in the lead (subject to the scale of the process), it enlists the engagement of regional inter-governmental

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organisations, UN Country team, national platforms members (as available), the multi-lateral development banks and the European Union. Moreover, the expertise required from different development sectors like health, education, infrastructure, shelter, etc. expects the involvement of different government ministries, departments and sectoral leads from UN and the donor community.

The primary target group includes functionaries from government and regional organisations which would create a standby capacity at the regional level available to any high risk country desiring recovery planning support. The primary participants would be government officials who will be engaged in recovery planning - from the national platform, as well as from supporting Ministries, such as public works, health, education, etc. In addition, staff from local and city government as well as international and national agencies will be involved, linking with the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. National Platform members and donor community are also potential trainees. Key civil society organizations will also be engaged in the training. For example the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies and other community based actors play a critical role in the relief, rehabilitation and recovery. Engaging them will also enhance their capacities.

For the national level trainings we propose a three day event, participants including those who wish to be trained in recovery planning, as well as who can serve on a roster of experts for deployment in the region if the need arises. They will serve as a reserve of recovery experts, both within the country as well as for possible overseas short term deployment, as required by the regional IGO. The training will empower the participants to draw upon global best practices for recovery and reconstruction. Have a look at [www.recoveryplatform.org](http://www.recoveryplatform.org) Each workshop can engage up to 40 participants, all costs, including domestic travel of participants, training material, venue, equipment, resource persons, etc. will be covered.

What we hope to achieve, in the very long term, is develop a mechanism for technical assistance to member states of the regional IGO for recovery planning. The mechanism will draw upon a roster of experts in select member states who may be deployed (1, 2-3 persons only) to a member state after a disaster to advise the government on recovery planning, in case the government desires such support. The experts will receive regular updates on the knowledge on recovery planning from IRP so the skills are upgraded. The IGO secretariat can play a coordinating role, with full technical support of IRP and UNISDR.

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## Tentative Schedule

Day 1	
09:00~09:30	<b>Opening</b>
09:30~10:00	<b>Introduction to Disaster Recovery</b>
10:00~10:30	<b>Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning</b>
10:30~10:45	Tea Break
10:45~12:30	<b>PowerPoint Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Recovery Planning Scenario</b></li> <li>- <b>Infrastructure</b></li> </ul>
12:30~13:30	Lunch
13:30~14:30	<b>Shelter</b>
14:30~17:00	<u>Workshop 1: Shelter &amp; Infrastructure</u> (including 15 minutes tea break & group presentations)
Day 2	
09:00~11:00	<b>PowerPoint Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Health</b></li> <li>- <b>Psychosocial</b></li> </ul>
11:00~11:15	Tea Break
11:15~12:30	<b>Climate Change</b>
12:30~13:30	Lunch
13:30~14:30	<b>Environment</b>
14:30~17:00	<u>Workshop 2: Health, Psychosocial, Climate Change, &amp; Environment</u> (including 15 minutes tea break & group presentations)
Day 3	
09:00~09:45	<b>Financing Recovery</b>
09:45~12:30	<b>PowerPoint Presentations</b> (including 15 minutes tea break) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Gender</b></li> <li>- <b>Governance</b></li> <li>- <b>Livelihoods</b></li> </ul>
12:30~13:30	Lunch
13:30~16:00	<u>Workshop 3: Gender, Governance, &amp; Livelihoods</u> (including 15 minutes tea break & group presentations)
16:00~16:30	<b>Telling Live Lessons</b>
16:30~17:00	<b>Closing</b> (evaluation & feedback)