

International Workshop on Making Resilient Cities Campaign and Local HFA2 Consultations

10–13 December 2013, UNISDR ONEA/GETI Conference Hall, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Concept Note

1. Introduction

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) is pleased to convene a four day workshop ‘City to City learning, local level consultations for Post 2015 DRR Framework (HFA2)’ engaging the cities from the SAARC region, Iran and Korea as part of the *“Making Cities Resilient Campaign: My City is Getting Ready”* from 10–13 December 2013 in Incheon, Korea. The workshop will be held at the conference hall of the UNISDR Global Education and Training Institute for DRR in Incheon.

This workshop aims to examine the state of play of efforts made to protect cities and local communities from disaster risk and climate change, and to identify opportunities for promoting political commitment, social demand and local/city level implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Designed and organized in close partnership with Korean National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Korean National Disaster Management Institute (NDMI), Korean Society of Hazard Mitigation (KOSHAM), and Korea Water Resources Association (KWRA), and the SAARC Disaster Management Centre (SDMC), this event envisage to host high-level officials from 27 cities from Republic of Korea and 10 cities from the SAARC region.

This workshop will provide knowledge and information for the participating cities to better engage in HFA 2 consultations at the local level, equipped with City to City exchange of experiences. The programme aims to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, best practices and experience in implementing MCR campaign it’s 10 Essentials among participating cities. A special ceremony will be held for new Korean cities to sign up to the MCR global campaign. The programme also includes a training on the application of the *“Tools for the Assessment of School and Hospital safety for Multi-Hazards in South Asia”* developed through the partnership of SAARC Disaster Management Centre, UN Habitat and UNISDR. Taking this opportunity and as a follow up action to this partnership, the participating cities will identify key elements for school safety in the SAARC region as a contribution to the Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2).

2. Background

World Disaster Reduction Campaign, *‘Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready’* (MCR) aims to mobilize action by local governments to reduce disaster risk and become more resilient. By today, the Campaign has engaged over 1,550 member cities and established a growing network of experts and advocates for urban disaster resilience. Ten dedicated champions and 39 Role Model Cities are sharing their knowledge and experience in a wide range of areas, including flood management, early warning, earthquake reconstruction and legislation implementation at local level.

The Campaign implementation has shown that leading by example is often the most compelling way to engage others. Demonstrating innovative risk reduction solutions and their benefits through ‘City to City learning’ can inspire other cities to learn and take actions to build their own resilience.

The Global campaign MCR was launched in South Asia in June 2010, hosted by the National Institute of Disaster Management, Government of India, over 20 cities from the SAARC region has signed up for the campaign. Since February 2013, Korean cities were encouraged to join this campaign. As a result, 27 Korean cities have joined this campaign with a greater commitment to build resilience in their communities. After the introduction to Korean

cities of the Making Cities Resilient: 'My City is getting ready!' campaign in 2012 by the UNISDR-Office for Northeast Asia and the Global Education and Training Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction (ONEA-GETI), NEMA Korea and UNISDR facilitated active discussions to promote Korean local governments to join this initiative. The Korean campaign sign up approach is considered as a new model as UNISDR partnered with the national government to provide guidance and incentives for local governments to build resilient cities. Taking into account of this campaign's core elements, NEMA Korea and UNISDR have created a harmonized DRR assessment tool that can be easily adopted by local governments and also foster their DRR capacities.

3. Objectives of the Workshop

1. To provide build awareness on MCR Global Campaign it's 10 Essentials and tools for new Korean cities that have signed up in 2013 and launch an official MCR Campaign Sign up ceremony for 27 new Korean cities and Local Governments (LG)
2. To facilitate City to City learning among participating cities and build capacity to adopt and apply the *"Tools for the Assessment of School and Hospital safety for Multi-Hazards in South Asia"*;
3. To engage participating cities and LG s in HFA2 consultations with specific focus on urban risk mitigation and school safety.
4. To advocate for integration of safety of critical infrastructure into urban risk planning processes in South Asia region;

4. Expected Outcomes

1. Newly signed 27 Korean cities and LG's have received basic knowledge and understanding on the MCR campaign strategy, tools and developed better understanding on how to apply and implement the 10 essentials.
2. Recommendations to HFA 2 on Urban risk management, Local action, critical infrastructure safety with specific focus on school safety identified;
3. Participating cities share their experience and good practices in the areas of implementation of MCR 10 essentials, safety of critical infrastructures, school safety and risk sensitive urban planning. Effective strategies for promoting political advocacy discussed and partnerships/ networks have been built among participating cities.

Capacities developed to use the SAARC *"Tools for the Assessment of School and Hospital safety for Multi-Hazards in South Asia"*.

5. Participants- *Estimated 20 participants from SAARC region, Iran and 54 from Korea consisting of the following groups of representatives:*

- Mayors/deputy mayors or their assigned representatives from 10 cities from SAARC countries and 27 cities from Korea;
- Technical Officers and Experts from Construction/ Design Departments of City Councils/ Local Governments;
- Representative of the SAARC Disaster Management Centre/s (SDMC)
- DRR experts from Korean National Disaster Management Institute (NDMI), Korean Society of Hazard Mitigation (KOSHAM), and Korea Water Resources Association (KWRA).

A number of high level experts, scholars and policymakers will be also invited to make presentations and contribute to this workshop. (Special sessions will be organized for attending city Mayors).