



The Second Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Under the Patronage of H.E. The Prime Minister of Egypt

14-16 September 2014, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

AGENDA

Day 1 : Sunday 14 September 2014

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.

09:30 – 11:00

Official Opening of the Conference

Opening remarks by:

- Gen. Khaled Fouda, Governor of South Sinai, Egypt
 - H.E Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - H.E. Ms. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - H.E. Mr. Ahmed Bin Helli, Deputy Secretary -General of the League of Arab States
 - H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Mahlab, Prime Minister, Government of Egypt
- Delivered on his behalf by H.E. Dr. Laila Iskandar, Minister of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlement, Egypt

11:00 – 11:05 *All Participants meet for a group PHOTO – Quick Round in MARKET PLACE
Followed by Coffee / Tea Break*

11:05 – 11:30 **Press Conference / Exchanges with the Media (Closed)** **ROOM LUXOR**

11:30 – 13:30 **Celebration of the Implementation of HFA 2005-2015:**

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *This session will review the outcomes and commitments of the first Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and highlight progress made on the Arab Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction 2020. Presenting the initial findings of 10 Year review of progress on the implementation of HFA in the Arab region will facilitate identification of gaps and areas of priority for DRR actions post-2015. The session will also highlight some of the good practices on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action in the Arab region.*

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Media and Communication Department, League of Arab States

Review of Outcomes and Commitments in 1st Arab Conference on DRR

H.E. Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States

Assessment of progress on HFA implementation in the Arab Region

Dr. Fadi Hamdan, Director of the Disaster Risk Management Centre in Lebanon



Highlights of Good Practices from the Arab Region on Disaster Risk Reduction

- Dr. Eng. Mohammad Amer, Head of Crisis, Emergency and Disaster Risk Reduction Sector, the Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt
- Dr. Jamal Qtaishat, Secretary of Jordan National Building Council, Jordan
- Engineer Loay Qaisi, Emergency Response Coordinator, Governorate of Hebron "Al Khalil", Palestine.
- Mr. Khalifa Al Kaabi, National Crisis and Emergency Management Authority, United Arab Emirates
- Mr. Mohamed EL Halaissi, Vice President Metropolitan Area of Agadir, Morocco

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 High Level Dialogue on the Development of a Global Disaster Risk Reduction Framework by 2015

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *This session will outline the consultative process leading to the Third World Disaster Risk Reduction Conference in Sendai, Japan in March 2015 and introduce the pre-Zero draft of the post-2015 Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. The session will inform participants of the outcomes of consultations in the Arab region at regional, national and local levels to develop the region's input to the post-2015 agenda. The session will highlight the importance of coherent approaches to disaster risk reduction that enables the achievement of sustainable development goals.*

Moderator of this Event: Mr. Hosam El-Sokkari, Media Consultant and President of MeSocial.me

Chair: H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva & Co-Chair of the Bureau of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

H.E. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Mrs. Fatma Al Mallah, Advisor on the Global post-2015 DRR Framework, former Special Advisor on Climate Change to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States

H.E. Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States

H.E. Dr. Laila Iskandar, Minister of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlement, Egypt

16:00 – 17:00 Official Statements Session

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL Chair: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Media and Communication Department, League of Arab States

Statement to focus around political and voluntary commitments for post-2015 DRR agenda, restricted to 3 minutes each, requested in advance, presented by Head of Delegations

16:00– 17:30 Urban Risk in Arab Region and the Aqaba Declaration Commitments



Side Event
ROOM LUXOR

This side event will highlight the urban risks in the Arab Region and hold discussions that will summarize the Arab region local government recommendations to the Post2015 Agenda and Habitat III. The session will aim to address the questions of how urban resilience should be addressed as part of the Sustainable Development Goals and how the Arab Region suggests contributing to the implementation of the set targets within the Aqaba Declaration for disaster risk reduction in Arab cities. In addition to that, the event seeks commitment by partner cities to an Arab Region Urban Resilience Programme.

Chair: Mrs. Lea Valaulta Naamneh, Country Director Iraq and Jordan and Deputy Regional Director, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Bassraoui, Executive Officer, United Cities and Local Government (UCLG)

- Dr. Kishan Khoday, Regional Cluster Leader for Climate Change and Resilience, UNDP Regional Center for Arab States
- Mr. Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, Regional Office for Arab States, UNISDR
- Dr. Khaled Metwaly, South Sinai Assistant Governor, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- Dr. Abdelrahman Abudoam, Director of Demarsi institute for disaster and refugee studies of the International University of Africa, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Eng. Khaled Abo-Aisheh, Director of Planning, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), Jordan
- Ms. Aline Rahbany, World Vision Lebanon
- Mr. Matthew Flynn, Human Settlements Officer, UNHABITAT Egypt.
- Ms. Katja Schaefer, Human Settlements Officer, UNHABITAT Egypt.



Day 2 : Monday 15 September 2014

08:00 – 09:30 Building Resilience by Linking Community Based Early Warning Systems to Informal Safety Nets – Case of Somalia
Side Event
ROOM LUXOR

Chair: Mr. Abdullahi Yussuf, Country Director, Care International - Somalia

- Mr. Abdirizak Nur, FEWS NET Somalia Deputy Representative
- Dr. Georgina Jordan, Somalia Resilience Programme (SomRep), Quality Assurance and Knowledge Manager

08:00 – 09:30 Role of Science and Technology in Disaster Risk Reduction

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *This session will introduce the global perspectives on the role of science and technology in reducing disaster risk and will look at how to improve the science and policy dialogue to ensure that decisions are informed by science. The session will also aim at prioritizing the science related issues from Arab Region that are important to building local resilience to disasters that needs to be further addressed in a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The session will look at opportunities for enhancing scientific collaboration and networking in the Arab Region*

Chair: Prof. Dr. Virginia Murray, Advisor for Disaster Risk Reduction, Public Health England, member of the Global Scientific & Technical Advisory Group on DRR

- Prof. Dr. Djillali BENOVAR, Built Environment Research Labs (LBE), University of Science & Technology Houari Boumediene (USTHB), Algeria
- Prof. Dr. Jalal Al Dabeeq, Director of Urban Planning and Disaster Risk Reduction Center, An-Najah National University, Palestine
- Prof. Dr. Rudiger Klein, Executive Director, International Integrated Research on Disaster Risk, Beijing, China.
- Dr. Ahmed Badawi, Head of Egyptian national seismic network at National Research Institute for Astronomic and Geophysics (NRIAG), Egypt

9:30 – 11:00 Towards Informed Risk-Sensitive Development

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *The Arab region is still characterized by lack of scattered evidence when it comes to reveal natural hazards, vulnerabilities and disaster risks and related losses and damages. This session will illustrate recent findings to better assess the full extent of the challenges faced by disaster risks in Arab States. It will also permit to share good risk governance practices as an inspiration to move towards more risk-sensitive development practices in the region.*

Chair: Mrs. Lea Valaulta Naamneh, Country Director Iraq and Jordan and Deputy Regional Director, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)

Key Intervention by H.E. General Adel Labib, Minister of Local Development, Egypt

Disaster Risk Trends and Investments for a Safer Future

- Mr. Marc Gordon, Risk Knowledge Section, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk



Reduction

- Dr. Kenan Bagci, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries.
- Dr. Azhari Gasim Ahmad, Islamic Development Bank
- Mr. Hicham Ezzine, Disaster Risk Reduction and Loss Database expert, Morocco

Risk Governance for Resilience and Risk Reduction

- Dr. Takeya Kimio, Visiting Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency
- Dr. Mohamed Belazougui, Director, Centre for Applied Seismic Engineering, Algeria

11:00 – 11:30 Tea / Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30 Climate risks and the changing landscape of food security in the Arab Region

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *This session will introduce the linkages between DRR and climate change as highlighted in IPCC Special Report on Extreme Events and IPCC WGII input to the 5th Assessment Report 2014 focused on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. The session will also discuss the changing landscape of Food Security– using DRR to address interlinked challenges for post 2015.*

Chair: Professor Dr. Ayman Abou Hadid, Arid Land Agricultural studies and Research Institute (ALARI), Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, Egypt

Moderator: Dr. Carlo Scaramella, World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Deputy Director – Regional Bureau for North Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe

- Prof. Dr. Virginia Murray, Advisor for Disaster Risk Reduction, Public Health England, member of the Global Scientific & Technical Advisory Group on DRR
- Prof. Wadid Erian, Senior Advisor for DRR and Climate Change, League of Arab States (LAS)
- Dr. Hammou Laamrani, Advisor for the Adaptation to Climate Change in the Water Sector in the MENA Region, League of Arab States (LAS)
- Prof. Ayman Al-Ouda, Leader of Conservation Agriculture Program, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), Syria

** Expert panellists: above presenters + Mme. Lucia Oliveira, ACF Spain Country Director in Egypt; Dr. Pasquale Steduto, FAO Regional Deputy Director - regional bureau for the Near East.*

13:30– 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 High Level Dialogue on Role of Governments (National and Local) in Building Resilience and Reducing Disaster Risk

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *An opportunity to bring together leaders from national and local governments to illustrate the gaps and challenges faced in the Arab region in current disaster risk reduction practice. It will aim to address these gaps and suggest input to be reflected in the post-2015 DRR agenda as well as in national and local infrastructure development planning. The high level leaders will be invited to propose forward looking steps to ensure national-local coordination efforts in the Arab region are*

being promoted, supported and financed.

Moderator of this Event: Mr. Hosam El-Sokkari, Media Consultant and President of MeSocial.me

- H.E. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
- H.E. Mohamad Sadek Abo Watfa, Deputy Minister of Local Administration, Syria
- H.E. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of TevraghZeina, Mauritania
- H.E. Musa Hadid, Mayor of Ramallah, Palestine
- Mr. Omar Hamza, Director-General of Municipalities, Ministry of Interior, Lebanon
- Mr. Khalifa Al-Kaabi, Head of Unit, National Crisis and Emergency Management Authority, United Arab Emirates

16:00 – 17:45 Children and Youth Input to the DRR Dialogue and post-2015 agenda

Main Session
SUMMIT HALL *Following the consultation of 1,800 Arab youth and children on what they consider as major challenges they are facing, this session seeks to adopt the MENA Children and Youth Statement on DRR as a contribution to the definition of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and the Third World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction agenda, which serves to strengthen children and youth position as agents of change.*

Chair: Mrs. Inas S. Mekkawy, Head of Women, Family and Childhood Department, League of Arab States.

Moderator: Ms. Rachele Traboulsi, World Vision Lebanon

- Dr. Fadi Hamdan, Director of the Disaster Risk Management Centre in Lebanon
- Mr. Miled AbouJaoude - Programme Design & Quality, Director, Save the Children International, Lebanon
- Mr. Antony Spalton, DRR Specialist, UNICEF New York
- Dr. Maria Luiza Galer, Emergency and Humanitarian Action Coordinator, World Health Organization Sudan
- Mr. Majid Shangab, Youth Representative of Major Children and Youth Group (MGCY)
- Ms. Rudaina Fahim Halasa, Head of Protection Section, Ministry of Education, Jordan

17:45 – 19:00 Climate Change in Cities

Side Session

SUMMIT HALL *This side event will address climate change issues in Arab cities and highlight that despite urban areas are being particularly vulnerable to climate change, cities also have enormous opportunities to adapt to impacts, increase their resilience and mitigate disaster risks. The session will showcase examples from cities with different urbanization patterns and challenges of dealing with climate change. It will also aim to build partnerships between different city actors dealing with climate impacts and address issues to be included in the Arab region DRR post-2015 process.*

Moderator: Mr. Saber Osman, Technical Advisor, "Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Informal Urban Resilience". GIZ – Egypt

- H.E. Musa Hadid, Mayor of Ramallah, Palestine
- General Mohammad Al-Bendary, Secretary-General of Cairo Governorate, Egypt
- Eng. Hussein Al-Hasanat, Director of Planning, Petra, Jordan



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- Mr. Abderrahman Amor, Mayor, President of the Environment Commission of the Regional Council of Souss Massa Draa, Rural Municipality of Irigh N'Tahala Tafraout, Morocco.
 - Mr. Karl Philipp Schuck, Head of Component "Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Informal Urban Resilience". GIZ - Egypt

16:00 – 19:00 Indicators to measure progress against the achievement of DRR Targets (post-2015)
Side Session **by invitation for closed group (HFA focal points only)**
Luxor Room



Day 3 : Tuesday 16 September 2014

08:00 – 09:30 UN Delivering as One for Disaster Risk Reduction: Implementing the UN Plan of Action on DRR for Resilience
Side Event
SUMMIT HALL

This session - open for all interested Arab Conference delegates - provides an opportunity to understand and discuss how the UN can assist Arab national and local efforts to reduce disaster risk through implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience adopted in 2013.

Chair: H.E. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

- Mr. Amjad Abbashar, Head Regional Office for Arab States, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- Ms. Alia A.G. Al-Dalli, Manager, Regional Centre Cairo, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Mr. Carlo Scaramella, Deputy Director, WFP Regional Bureau for North Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe
- Ms. Cristina Amaral, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Algeria

08:30 – 09:30 Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR)
Side Session
LUXOR ROOM

- Dr. Tarek Sadeq, First Economic Officer, Sustainable Development Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (UNESCWA)
- Ms. Luna Abu-Swaireh, Regional Programme Officer and Climate Change Coordinator , United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

09:30 – 11:00 Role of women as change agents for disaster risk reduction and resilience

Main Session
SUMMIT Hall

Progress reported over the past decade on the implementation of HFA indicates that gender-disaggregated data on losses, vulnerabilities and capacities still lacking or weak and the contributions of women and girls, visible especially at community level, remain largely isolated from government, private sector and multi-stakeholder decision-making in disaster risk reduction. In the Arab region, women empowerment faces several challenges among them being absent from decision-making processes in the disaster management context in the Arab region, while they play a pivotal role in community resilience and social cohesion. The session aims at highlighting the role of women in disaster risk reduction and exploring the role of women as change agents for disaster risk reduction in the Arab region including identification of critical challenges and vision to enhance women role and improve gender equality in the context of risk reduction and community resilience.

Chair: H. E. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Media and Communication Department, League of Arab States

- H.E. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Teveragh Zeina, Mauritania



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- Dr. Widad A. Rahman, Ahfad University, Sudan
 - Ms. Neveen Mohsen, UNDP Egypt
 - Ms. Hala Salem and Ms. Mona Khodeiry, beneficiaries of Bioenergy for Sustainable Rural Development project, Egypt.
 - Dr. Awatif Alshargabi, Gender Specialist, Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience, Yemen

11:00 – 11:30 Tea / Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Effective Preparedness for Disasters and the post-2015 DRR Framework

Main Session *This session will focus on how to accelerate efforts and actions for effective preparedness and build on progress achieved so far but also plan to bridge identified gaps in post-2015. The session aims to identify inputs for the post-2015 DRR framework to ensure a more focused results-oriented and efficient preparedness action at regional, national and local levels.*

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Chair: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Media and Communication Department, League of Arab States

- Ms. Masayo Kondo, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA)
- Mr. Abdelqader Abu Awad, Regional Disaster Response Advisor, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA)
- H.E. Colonel Mohammad Ben Zayani, Deputy Secretary-General of Executive Office of the Arab Interior Ministers Council
- Dr. Mohammad Al-Smearan, Governor for the General Safety and Environmental Department within the Ministry of Interior and Secretary of the Supreme Council for Civil Defense, Jordan.
- Mr. Mohamad Bin Dali, Head of Department of Aid, Youth and Disaster Management, National Red Crescent Society, Morocco

13:00– 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 Civil Society Involvement in DRR in Arab States and Recommendations for a post-2015 Framework for DRR

Main Session *This session seeks to highlight the important role that civil society organization can play as a core partner for disaster risk reduction, as will be illustrated through success stories from the Arab and other regions. It serves to promote inclusion of civil society in DRR in Arab States and to contribute with civil society recommendations to the post-2015 DRR Global Framework.*

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Chair: Dr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development

- Dr. Magdy Allam, Chairperson, Arab Union for Youth and Environment
- Mr. Richard Rumsey, WVI Global DRR Coordinator
- Dr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development
- Mr. Essam Nada, Regional Development Coordinator –Northern Africa & Western Asia, Global Network for Disaster Risk Reduction



16:00 – 17:30 Closing Session of the 2nd Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Main Session Chair: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Media and
SUMMIT HALL Communication Department, League of Arab States

- Dr. Sherif Badr, Chairman, The Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center, IDSC
 - Mr. Amjad Abbashar, Head of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) -Regional Office for Arab States
 - Ms. Luna Abu-Swaireh, Regional Programme Officer and Climate Change Coordinator, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), Regional Office for Arab States
- Summary of Conference proceedings
- Recommendations and Voluntary Commitments from Stakeholder Groups
- Conference Conclusions and Outcomes “Sharm El Sheikh Declaration”