UCLG and ICLEI

Members of the ECOSOC as major group
Organizing partners for the 3rd WCDRRR and the 2 PrepCom

- Identify Local and Regional Governments to participate at the Prepcoms and coordinate their statement. One local elected leader will deliver the statement on behalf of the group.

- OPs use their own networks to build and decide on the statements of the Local Governments and facilitate participation to the PrepComs and WCDRR.

- UCLG and ICLEI coordinate the process of mobilisation and participation of Local and Regional Governments
In May 2014 UCLG and ICLEI started an information and mobilisation process as follows:

- Sending notes and briefing to members on the WCDRR to set the scene
- Present the issues and challenges of the WCDDDR
- Help members to register and attend the PrepCom
- Invite members to attend the PrepCom
- Send a draft statement to collect thoughts, ideas and amendments from members
With the support of UNISDR a coordination meeting was held on the 14 July morning to:

• Discuss the draft of the official statement
• Distribute the roles for different sessions and agree on the messages that we want deliver
• Illustrate our main messages with concrete examples of Local and Regional Governments involvement in DRR
More than 35 representatives of Local and Regional Governments were registered to the first PrepCom from:

Argentina, Colombia, Italy, France, Indonesia, Mauritania, Cameroun, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, RD Congo, Tanzania, Switzerland, Iran, Neetherlands, India.

During 2 days the group attend all the sessions and especially the 3 workshops and the Chair’s dialogues.

The statement of LRG was presented by Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick, Lady Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania.
Focus on LRGs Statement

This statement is based on feedback from consultations with local governments which started in early 2012, including outcomes of the Regional Platforms and the 4th Global Platform for DRR.

This includes 63 dedicated local consultations where the views of local and national authorities on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction have been sought.

These consultations were supplemented by the results of the local government self-assessment reports from 500 cities and municipalities from 40 countries.
Focus on Local and Regional Governments Statement

The statement call for a real recognition of the role of LRG in the field of DRR, since they are on the front line in the event of disasters and have an increasingly important role to play in protecting people, property and infrastructure.

Local and regional government leaders recommend that the new disaster risk reduction framework should continue and further strengthen the key role of local authorities by effective decentralization with the principle of active citizen engagement and participation to ensure local risk reduction and resilience.
Focus on Local and Regional Governments Statement

The statement also underline the importance of:

Integration of local risk information and engagement of local governments in national decision-making process which otherwise will induce new risks from future policies. With regards, national platforms and mechanisms with similar functions for disaster risk reduction should include local authorities.

Inclusion of urban development and land use plans to address DRR and CC adaptation.

Ensure allocation of budget and promote community-based disaster risk management by involving those at risk though planning, decisions and implementation - particularly women and the most vulnerable as agents of change.

Reinforce public awareness and education.
Still too much to do to convince Central Governments and the International Community about the role and the place of Local and Regional Governments in DRR strategies, but this sentence (Preamble page 3) give some hope.

Leadership, capacities, and resources for disaster risk reduction of local communities and authorities are essential, together with partnerships between local authorities, communities, civil society and business in the planning and implementation of local level disaster risk management;
Next steps

CO-CHAIRS' CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR GROUPS

9 September, 18 September, 2 October and 9 October, the co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference will hold consultations in Geneva with Major Groups on the pre-zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

17-18 November, Geneva, Second Prepcom
Discussions on the Zero-Draft

14-18 March 2014 WCDRR, Sendai, Japan