

UN Plan of Action on DRR for Resilience – Roll out in Arab States region

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Commitment 1: Timely, co-ordinated, high quality assistance to all disaster-prone countries

1.1 Promote integration of DRR in CCA, UNDAF / UNPAFs) & recovery plans

> Systematic UNISDR support to UNCT programming since 2011, through:

- a) **17 (out of 22) Arab countries include DRR with varying prominence in CCA and/or UNDAFs** - some are completed, some ongoing. Newly adopted UNDAFs in Arab States **are increasingly making reference to DRR or climate change adaptation**
- b) **Good examples of DRR integration in UNDAFs and CCAs:** Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Algeria, Djibouti, Mauritania, Morocco, and Palestine and Tunisia. HoROAS signed UNDAF in Egypt.

1.2 Resource/ support UN RCs, UNRCOs and UN Country Teams to assist national and local institutions and int. partners' in countries to develop common visions, plans and programmes for DRR/ Climate risk

- **UNISDR support**, in partnership with UN RC and mostly UNDP COs, to facilitate strong **National Platforms for DRR** (COM, DJI, MAU, MOR, TUN).
- Engagement of **300 Arab cities** through **Making Cities Resilient Campaign**, facilitated exchange visits and capacity development through int. meetings.
- **Aqaba Declaration of Cities on DRR**, adopted at 1st Arab Conference, which has time-bound targets for Arab cities' resilience.

1.3 Assist countries to develop and enhance national and local risk assessments and risk information including on losses to disasters

- UNISDR, with strong support by UNDP Country Offices, has led the **establishment** and later updating of 10 **historical disaster loss and damage databases** since 2010 (**Comoros, Egypt, Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen**)

Commitment 2: Make disaster risk reduction a priority for the UN system and organizations within

2.1 Adopt policies and strategies and allocate resources to increase the level of commitment of each organization to disaster risk reduction for resilience

- **2013 First Arab Conference for DRR** (Aqaba, 21-23 March 2013) – (UNISDR Director)
- **Global Platform for DRR** (May 2013) and in the **High-Level Leadership meeting** co-chaired by the UN DSG and the SRSG for DRR (**UN Resident Coordinator of Algeria, Comoros, Lebanon, Mauritania and Jordan participated**)
- Introduction at the **UNDG Regional Coordination Mechanism** (RCM) meeting (November 2013)

2.2 UN organizations to align their strategies, policies and country level programmes on reducing risk and building resilience to the commitments of the Plan

- Conversion of pre-existing exchange group and launch of the Middle East and North Africa DRR Network (MENA DRR Network) as inter-agency group (UN/INGOs) convening 4/a to:
 1. Facilitate information sharing
 2. Plan joint actions for enhanced disaster risk reduction impact at regional and national/local level.

2.5 Enhance preparedness of the UN for effective support to nations and communities' emergency response and recovery efforts

- Training on Pre-disaster preparedness planning in support of national partners and UNCTs (Algeria, Lebanon, Saudi-Arabia, Qatar)
- UNDP (with EU/WB) organized training for Regional UN agencies senior staff on Post-Disaster Need Assessments (June 2014)

Commitment 3: Ensure that the reduction of the risk of disaster resilience is central to post-2015 development agreements and targets

3.2 Support consultations and efforts towards the development of HFA2

- **5 national HFA2 DRR consultations (Algeria, Comoros, Lebanon and Tunisia) - 4 regional consultations in Aqaba, Cairo (LAS), Lisbon, and Rabat - **UNISDR online survey – MENA DRR Network consultation** (October 2013)**
- **Arab stakeholder positions towards the post-2015 framework for DRR were summarized in a UNISDR commissioned study, presented at the 2nd Arab Conference for DRR**

Next Steps (for Debate)

Proposed next steps: Joint Work Plan and implementation matrix

- 1. Prepare Joint work plan (matrix around UN Plan commitments), supported by MENA DRR network UN agencies, to roll out the Plan in the region (Plan to include on-going work and expand where insufficient action is taken)**
- 2. Submit draft plan to UNDG RCM for approval**
- 3. Propose setting up Interagency WG of the UN Plan of Action for DRR for Resilience in the context of the UNDG-ROAS**
- 4. MENA DRR Network working group to serve as technical team**

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Work Plan content (to assist UN RCs to fulfill their role in supporting DRR):

- **Pilot joint UN support on specific 1-2 country/-ies rolling out UNDAF in 2015/16 (Algeria?)**
- **Provide further capacity development of UNCTs on DRR, climate change adaptation**
- **Develop further joint agency projects and programmes**

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