

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 7TH SESSION OF AFRICA WORKING GROUP ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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### Priority 1: Understanding disaster risk

Level	Action	Timeline
Continental	Establish standardized methodology, guidelines, procedures and tools based on scientific evidence and local and indigenous knowledge for risk assessment and analysis	2018
Regional	Generate and disseminate risk knowledge and information for decision making, including for cross-border and cross-cultural issues	Continuous
National	Institutionalize risk assessment and analysis for risk-informed decision making in all sectors	Continuous
Local	Engage and sensitise communities in risk assessment and analysis and application for decision making	Continuous

### Priority 2: Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk

Level	Action	Timeline
Continental	Establish a dedicated structure for coordination of disaster risk reduction in the African Union	2017
Regional	Set up mechanisms for exchange of DRR/M best practices, lessons learnt and experiences among member states	2016
National	Formulate, improve and sustain policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks for DRR and integrate into sustainable development strategies	2018
Local	Decentralize powers and resources to catalyse actions at the local level	2018

### Priority 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience

Level	Action	Timeline
Continental	Establish continental trust fund for efficient management of disaster risk management and ensure linkage with existing disaster management funds	2018
Regional	Establish functional risk transfer and financial and social protection mechanisms	2018
National	Establish and allocate resources for disaster risk reduction investment plans	2017
Local	Implement micro-insurance and social safety net programmes	2020

### Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

Level	Action	Timeline
Continental	Effectively coordinate preparedness and integrate preparedness measures for effective response	Continuous
Regional	Establish/strengthen multi-hazard early warning systems for early action and response	2018
National	Establish/strengthen emergency coordination centers	2018
Local	Establish / strengthen multi-disciplinary disaster risk management mechanisms	2020