

## SUMMARY OF THE WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

### Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshops on “Urban Risk Reduction: Implementing Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 at Local Level” convened by

UNISDR ONEA-GETI on 17-20 May 2016 in Moscow, Russian Federation



Over the past 20 years disasters have affected 4.4 billion people, caused USD 2 trillion of damage and killed 1.3 million people. Natural disasters affected people living in developing countries and the most vulnerable communities within those countries. Over 95 percent of people killed by natural disasters are from developing countries.<sup>1</sup>

Current and future challenges of mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in development planning demand new approaches, mechanisms, sets of skills and competencies that need to be identified and strengthened in order to form the basis of increasing public demand and political commitment to local actions and budget allocations. Lack of appropriate knowledge on the subject, and the absence of mainstreaming in current organizational and government strategy are key existing challenges.

Urban risk is continually increasing. It has been estimated that, more than 50 per cent of the world's population is living in urban areas. Urbanization is taking place at an unprecedented rate. In the next 20 years, the world's population is predicted to increase by an additional two billion. By 2030 more than 60% of the world's population is expected to live in cities, with record concentrations in large urban conglomerations and megacities in the developing world. Vulnerability of cities to disasters is on the rise especially as poor people settle in high-risk urban areas. Unfortunately, planning and development of cities has given little consideration to the consequences of hazards such as earthquakes, hydro-meteorological

<sup>1</sup> Extreme Weather and Natural Disasters, 2012

risks and others. The implication of this reality is the need for countries to focus their collective energies to create a safer world for urban dwellers and develop a series of innovative approaches to meet this challenge.

In this regard, building resilience and adapting to climate change is crucial for cities. Efforts to build resilience in cities can benefit from integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with existing efforts in disaster risk reduction and other similar planning processes.

The workshop was organized and convened jointly by **EMERCOM of Russia All-Russian Scientific Research Institute of Civil Defense and Emergency Management (Federal Science and High Technology Center FSHTC), Bauman Moscow State Technical University (BSTU) and UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA-GETI).**

The workshop was attended by All-Russian Scientific Research Institute of Civil Defense and Emergency Management key staff members as well as professors and designated trainers from Bauman Moscow State Technical University (BSTU) and officials and experts from state and local governments and other local actors.



The Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop provided an opportunity to participants and contributed to:

- Better understanding of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 implementation and national and local level and role of governments
- Enhanced knowledge and skills in designing and delivering training for cities/local governments on DRR, specifically to undertake self-assessment of resilience, using the LGSAT, City Resilience Scorecard and new Sendai Framework Local Urban Indicators tools and to develop or update of city disaster risk management plan (or City Resilience Action Plan)
- Increased political commitment and social demand for disaster resilient development, adapted for climate change, aiming for sustainable development.
- Mapping out the strategies and road-maps for follow up in other cities and municipalities of the country.
- Increased engagement of national actors in the field of national development and planning with the DRR and CCA Agenda and enhance country planners and decision makers' ability and commitment to promote DRR and CCA through relevant systems, policies and processes.
- Participants learned about the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Global Campaign and how its assessment and planning tools, materials and approaches may be used to build local resilience to disasters.
- Participants acquired new skills and capacities on City Resilience Action Plans development and implementation, based on MCR Campaign 10 Essentials to make their cities resilient to disasters.

The workshops main outcomes and agreed next steps included:

- **Trained team of Russian National Trainers on the basis of Bauman Moscow State Technical University (BSTU).** Team of 18 National trainers has been identified, and trained at the workshop with an aim to scale up the UNISDR ONEA-GETI training modules and City Resilience Assessment and planning tools in all regions of Russian federation and provide technical support to the first four Russian cities who already expressed their interest and applied to become members of MCR Global campaign.
- **LGSAT and Resilience Scorecard Assessment Tools and UNISDR GETI Planning tools were translated into Russian and integrated into the FSHTC and BSTU educational courses content and the curriculum.**
- **Ministry of Emergency Situations (MoES)/EMERCOM of Russia has officially designated and mandated the Federal Science and High Technology Center (FSHTC) of its Institute of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (ICDEM of EMERCOM) as key focal point in Russia for introduction and scaling up the MCR Global Campaign in the country.** Dr. Igor Vladimirovich SOSUNOV (Deputy Head of ICDEM of EMERCOM) and Dr. Irina Yurievna OLTYAN (Head of FSHTS) were nominated as key focal points to liaise with UNISDR for successful introduction and scaling up the MCR Campaign in Russia.
- **Rector of Bauman Moscow State Technical University (BSTU) Dr. Anatoli Alexandrovich ALEXANDROV during the personal meeting expressed his interest to widen the partnership with UNISDR ONEA-GETI and assigned Mr. Dmitri KOPITOV as Focal Point for liaising with UNISDR as well as instructed his staff members to speed up the process of translation, adaptation and integration of the UNISDR-GETI's Urban Risk Reduction: City Resilience Assessment and Action Planning Training course remaining and upcoming new materials, modules and tools into the BSTU educational curriculum.** He also expressed interest to organise and convene more joint training events with UNISDR GETI and exploring opportunities of jointly designing and offering new joint training courses both in Russia and in other Russian speaking countries in the region.
- **First 4 Russian cities expressed their desire and requested FSHTC and BSTU to support their application process to join MCR Global campaign.** During the workshop separate/ individual meeting sessions were held with delegates from Norilsk, Irkutsk and Sochi cities to provide them more detailed information on how to sign up for the campaign and to explore opportunities for interested Russian cities on how to get needed technical support directly from the FSHTC and the BSTU in Moscow who were identified and mandated by EMERCOM Russia as the National Hubs for local experts, information and materials for the MCR Global campaign.
- **FSHTC and BSTU agreed to jointly convene another joint training workshop scheduled on the last week of July 2016 and requested UNISDR GETI's technical support and sending Russian speaking experts.** The aim of the follow up workshop will be to use newly certified team of National trainers to train together in Moscow 4 groups of officials and experts from selected first 4 Russian cities to join MCR Global Campaign on June 2016.
- **Draft Roadmap and Action Plan for starting up in bigger scale engagement of Russian cities into MCR campaign** have been discussed and developed and roles and responsibilities of the FSHTC and BSTU were defined and agreed to start leading this process in Russia and possibly in the region with other CIS countries that speaks Russian

language.

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