

Building a “Global Network of NGOs for Community Resilience to Disasters”

Preliminary Consultative Meeting

Geneva, 25-26 October, 2006

FINAL AGENDA

Background Information

The ISDR secretariat is currently initiating the process of developing a “*Global Network of NGOs for Community Resilience to Disasters*”, with the aim to strengthen its links with the NGO community and advance its efforts to reduce the impact of disasters at the community level. The Global Network would provide NGOs with an opportunity to share information and knowledge, increase their voice and visibility, and get easier access to global resources for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and related activities.

In order to build the leadership and ownership of NGOs, and enable the secretariat to better facilitate the development of the “Global Network”, ISDR is holding a preliminary consultative meeting with a small group of representatives of non-governmental organisations and NGO networks worldwide. Participants will share a common background in DRR and a strong commitment to addressing disaster risk reduction issues with a specific focus on the sub-national and community levels. NGOs are invited to actively contribute to the meeting and take a proactive role in the development of the Global Network.

Objectives of the Meeting

Based on the draft Concept Note and Background Paper prepared by the ISDR secretariat (see Preparatory Requirements), and building on participants’ previous experience in developing NGO networks and addressing DRR issues, the meeting will aim to stimulate discussions on the following topics:

- What would be the purpose and added value of the Global Network of NGOs?
- What would be the incentives for participation and involvement?
- What criteria would ensure a broad participation of stakeholders?
- What mechanisms should be established to sustain the network in the medium and long term?
- What should be the network structure and governance?
- What would be the means to measure its performance (quality and quantity)?

Expected Outputs

As a result of the meeting, it is expected that substantive comments and observations on the “Global Network of NGOs” concept will be put forward, and that a shared understanding of and commitment to the global network will be reached. Next steps and actions will also be discussed and agreed upon.

Date and Venue

The consultative meeting will take place on 25-26 October 2006 at the International Environment House II (IEH II), Chemin de Balexert 7-9, CH-1219 Geneva, Switzerland.

Meeting Language: The meeting will be held in English only.

Preparatory Requirements

Each participant is required to review the “Global NGO Network” Concept Note and the draft Background Paper prepared by the ISDR secretariat, the latest version of which will be circulated in due course. This will allow for efficient use of time, and will contribute to stimulating lively and productive discussions.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

The ISDR secretariat will cover the cost of a return air ticket from the home country to Geneva, as well as terminal expenses and a DSA (Daily Subsistence Allowance) at the official UN rate for the duration of the meeting. Regarding the issuance of the tickets and DSA please contact Mr. Michele Cocchiglia: cocchiglia@un.org (copy to Sam Hammond – hammonds@un.org). We will proceed to issue the tickets and DSA only upon receipt of your confirmation letter and travel details.

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Wednesday, 25 October

9.00 – 9.30	<i>Welcome and introduction</i>	<i>Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, ISDR secretariat</i>
9.30 – 9.45	<i>Review and adoption of the agenda</i>	<i>Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, ISDR secretariat</i>
9.45 – 10.00	Presentation by Tearfund	<i>Mr. Marcus Oxley, Tearfund</i>
10.00 – 10.15	Presentation by the BOND DRR Group	<i>Ms. Oenone Chadburn, BOND DRR Group</i>
10.15 – 10.30	Presentation by the Interagency Working Group on Emergency Capacity Building	<i>Mr. Warner Passanisi, ECB Project</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Presentation by the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)	<i>Mr. Manu Gupta, ADRRN</i>
10.45 – 11.00	Presentation by Duryog Nivaran	<i>Mr. Amjad Bhatti, Duryog Nivaran</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 – 11.45	Presentation by the Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (DiMP)	<i>Ms. Leigh Sonn, DiMP</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Presentation by the Huairou Commission	<i>Ms. Suranjana Gupta, Huairou Commission</i>
12.00 – 12.15	Presentation by the International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA)	<i>Ms. Adelia Branco, IRHA</i>
12.15 – 12.30	Presentation by Focus Humanitarian	<i>Mr. Hadi Husani, Focus Humanitarian</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13.30 – 13.45	Introduction to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR)	<i>Mr. Reid Basher, ISDR secretariat</i>
13.45 – 14.00	Background and rationale for the “Global Network of NGOs”	<i>Mr. Michele Cocchiglia, ISDR secretariat</i>
14.00 – 14.15	Lessons learnt from the development of previous NGO networks	<i>Ms. Zenaida Willison, UNDP</i>

14.15 – 15.30	<p>Working groups discussing the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What would be the purpose and added value of the Global Network of NGOs? ▪ What would be the incentives for participation and involvement? ▪ What criteria would ensure a broad participation of stakeholders? ▪ What mechanisms should be established to sustain the network in the medium and long term? ▪ What would be the network structure and governance? ▪ What would be the means to measure its performance (quality and quantity)? 	
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16.00 – 17.00	Continuation of previous session	
17.00 – 18.00	Groups presentations, Questions & Answers	

Thursday, 26 October

9.30 – 10.00	Presentation and review of main points emerged from discussion on day one	
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Further discussion on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What may be the major focus activities of the Global Network (up to June next year)? - How do we move forward and advance the development of the Global Network? 	
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 – 12.30	Working group session for drafting the ToR for the “Global Network of NGOs”	
12.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch Break and collection of DSAs at the Palais des Nations</i>	
14.30 – 15.30	Presentation, revision and adoption of the draft ToR for the Global Network of NGOs	
15.30 – 16.00	Conclusion of the meeting	