

Break Out Session 1: Group No. 1

Obstacles and Challenges to Effective Capacity Development for Disaster Risk Reduction actions to overcome

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<p>Insufficient understanding or appreciation of DRR-specific capacity development needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how risk is created. Focus on roots and causes. • Identify main players • Capacity coordination • Harness political support (work with parliamentarians, local authorities, etc.) • Legal framework needs to be in place (work with Congress). • Look at existing opportunities • Look across levels (local, national, regional, global) and sectors. • Leadership, negotiation, communication competencies need to be developed among those involved in DRR. • Build capacity for society as a whole (children, youth,...) – and not only work with experts • Capacity development efforts will only be sustained if there's a strong DRR governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units across different sectors of government (coordinated). • Political actors (i.e. parliamentarians). • Private sector (incl. financial services, construction businesses). • Need a strong system at national level / institutional framework to coordinate the other sectors (applies to all the below).

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<p>Other (1): More awareness of risk across sectors, including financial</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more cost-benefit analysis to increase awareness (better analysis of return on investments, also to engage different actors and sectors). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRR experts needs to be able to speak the language of different sectors (i.e. banking). • Media (positive messages!)
<p>Other (2): (need more) DRR education in university curricula.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate better what's available, across different fields. Create <i>demand!</i> • Need to understand that cadres trained now in universities will implement DRR beyond 2030. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities • Media

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<p>Over-reliance on training and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust and well documented plans for organizations (drawn from existing national and international standards) • (training needed but) Three realms that need to be synchronized: i. sectors (competences), ii. Higher ed and technical institutions, iii. formal education (happens on a continuous basis). • Need to take stock of what it takes to implement SF. How countries are addressing each of the SF priorities (.e.g understanding risk). • Lack of systematic mapping. • Embed capacity dev strategies within national DRR plans and strategies (overcome the <i>ad-hocism</i> of cap dev in DRR) • Before the above need to ensure dev plans need to integrate DRR (across sectors). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not only through disaster management units but all sectors (integrating DRR in their plans). • School, university • Institutions • Private sector.

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<p>A lack of access to or existence of facilities, programmes, or resources to support awareness, knowledge, and skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes they exist but they are not taken advantage of because of lack of awareness (example of DRR courses within MA Global Affairs at NYU under attended). • Not lack of programs but need integrate into formal institutions and curricula (too much <i>ad-hocism</i>) • Need to use tech more for DRR training (e.g. online platforms) • Need to make existing programs and resources inclusive. • Disseminate better – <i>problem is with the demand!</i> • Need to use university knowledge for cost-benefit analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities • Media (positive stories!)
<p>Failing to provide access to or support for DRR CD opportunities for staff that are not traditionally involved in DRM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't focus on 'staff', focus on 'institutions' not traditionally involved in DRM. • Comprehensive approach • Include sub-national level 	

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<p>Insufficient availability of resources (human, technical, financial, other)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link up with those implementing SDGs (particular 1, 11, and 13 as entry points but don't leave others unattended!) – harness the resources available for SDG implementation. • Need to focus energy in cost-benefit analysis to have evidence-based arguments to incentivize investments in DRR. • Cooperation rather than competition! Don't need more resources only for DRR but DRR included across sectors and accounted for in existing resources. • More positive approach to maximize resources and collaboration! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest level of authority at national level empowered to coordinate across sectors. • Local levels who are the first affected and first responders in time of emergency, so that they also manage resources in the most efficient manner. • Use universities for cost-benefit analysis.

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<p>Insufficient understanding or appreciation of DRR-specific capacity development needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Road mapping from risk assessment to define capacity development needs based on existing capacities leading to developing action plans and implementation defined action plans</u> • Within countries there is demand but no one to help link DRR between sectors and making the links with resilience building. • Advocacy and coordination is needed for DRR capacity building to go beyond NDMOs and must include research agencies and others especially the implementers. • When we train people we must move beyond academic and go into practical training – what do we do after training? (Competency based skills training) Need to continue training after the workshop • Must recognize the Government as being the main player who can pave the way for others being involved such as NGOs and allocate a budget. • Understanding risk and how to do risk assessments must be understood at all levels in institutions. • Mindsets must be changed so that the concept of “Risk” must be incorporated from the beginning in all sectors, particularly in planning. • Use of national platforms must be emphasized and to have an inclusive approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • National Platforms

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<p>Over-reliance on training and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to build institutional capacity and not just individual capacity to account for staff turnover • Twinning Government to Government and individual to individual approaches should be adopted • Need to mainstream and embed DRR training into other national trainings and human resource management at all levels. • Need to incentivize countries and institutions to include DRR in training • All institutions should dedicate funds for DRR and incorporate into their planning to ensure sustainability of training programs. • Raising public awareness of DRR within the concept of “Risk Management” • Need to identify what training is needed and institutionalize. • Certification of professions, training and volunteers. • Suggest supporting overseas scholarships to reduce education / training costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Training systems in country • Institutions • Government leading multi-sector stakeholders • National Platforms

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<p>A lack of access to or existence of facilities, programmes, or resources to support awareness, knowledge, and skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable access is needed • Global and National integrated platform for training/learning is needed • Other sectors must understand how DRR is relevant to them and their work. • Governments and donors should balance funding allocations for all 4 phases of disaster management • Utilize the existing learning systems of multi-lateral organizations (e.g. WHO, FAO, ILO) in contributing to the learning of nations and individuals • The excellent reach of regional organizations to penetrate into the national levels should be better utilized. • Should look to develop risk management courses and standards in the university level training of disaster management • Need to document real disaster event responses to assess current effectiveness and capacity. These should be used to inform training and learning needs. • Need to showcase good examples and where things did not work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNISDR could start the integrated platform with academic institutions picking up work • The Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) • UN agencies • Regional Organizations and IGOs

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<p>Failing to provide access to or support for DRR CD opportunities for staff that are not traditionally involved in DRM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to increase capacity on non-disaster sectors to understand DRR and include them in the national platforms. • Encourage non-disaster related Ministries and politicians into DRR strategy development and planning. • Need to target practitioners who implement disaster risk reduction, and not just the coordinators. • Need to simplify and tailor language for multi-sectors to understand the concept of DRR. 	
<p>Insufficient availability of resources (human, technical, financial, other)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to incentivize non-government sector partners (e.g. tax deductions) so they can be more interested in DRR engagement. • Need to assess where the resources are needed. • Need to look at resource pooling and not silo of work. • Language needs to be tailored when targeting different sectors • Better evaluation of activities is needed to collect evidence and address needs and design more effective programs and policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • National Platforms

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<p>Little or no ownership of CD programs and projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Capacity development” language appears to only be used when talking about overseas assistance and not internal national development. • Countries would like to avoid dependency on external training, but most training comes from overseas. • Development partner activities must be aligned with national priorities. • Need to incentivize donors to work with countries on what they need and not what the donor wants. Countries often don’t know how to say no to donors. • Need to encourage use of national platform to increase local ownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Platforms

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Insufficient focus on sub-national capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of national platforms to increase local level ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National platforms
A lack of standardized indicators for the evaluation of DRR capacity development efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nil

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Lack of general awareness and knowledge of risk drivers and the role stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
A focus on non-conflict areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
Other (1):	<p><u>Over-arching themes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we tailor approaches to the sectors • Must be broad stakeholder engagement • Must be sustainable • Use knowledge centers and not just academic centers • Use of language is essential when talking to different sectors (e.g. private sector) • Need to sell DRR activities as part of the SDGs and not just Sendai Framework. • Focus on the priorities 	

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<p>Failing to provide access to or support for DRR capacity development opportunities for staff that are not traditionally involved in DRM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion DRR into the education training institutions, school curricula with associated accreditation • Other groups to engage include famers, workers, bankers, women, faith groups, planners, architects, engineers, social workers, health professionals and their professional organisations and the many others with associated accreditation • Peer to peer learning with workshops and recognition of engagement all actors from national to local with accreditation • Sharing of learning between countries and good practice and accreditation schemes • Accreditation mechanism to be developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By engaging with public sector at national, local and municipal government • Department of Education engagement for building school and academic curricula • Ministry of planning, economic development and finance. • Faith groups engagement • Private sector engagement and business continuity • Development of new communication systems • using media skills to engage all particularly after a disasters

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Additional challenges

- **GENDER issues should not result in any group being left behind**
- **Incentives such as recognition of knowledge by accreditation for individuals and organisations and financial mechanisms**

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<p>Insufficient availability of resources (human, technical, financial, other)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement and authority of the Sendai Focal point in a country is crucial. • Mapping of capacity at national level would be necessary to understand what's there and what's needed. • For FPs and NPs to report against the Sendai Framework there is a need of stronger political support. • For successful implementation of Sendai Framework, CD is not limited to training but also exchange programs and forums, technical assistance, peer review and other options. • Capacity needs are yet not well captured in legal instruments such as the need of technical, administrative, financial capacities that allows. • Understanding of new risks (cascading impact of cyber, nuclear, industry) needs to be developed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNISDR should provide a detailed guideline on the positioning of the FP allowing addressing the full scope of Sendai. • UNISDR should do an analysis of National Platforms and provide guidance to MS. • Better information sharing amongst national platforms • Stronger engagement of Media.

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<p>Little or no ownership of CD programmes and projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRR capacity development programmes needs to be connected to local/ national/international development plans of the government (such as strategy or legislation) for it to be sustainable. • Terminology matters a lot when trying to build ownership. Private Sector engagement in capacity building processes is still lacking. • Local governments have the maximum need for capacity building as they have the best understanding of their risk. • Full scope of the SFDRR and linkages with 2030 agenda and its SDGs is not well understood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need of examples that highlight and failure the way countries have addressed. • Prevention-web could play the role.

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<p>Insufficient focus on sub-national capacity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National government provides sub-national and local governments with capacity to develop and implement relevant local DRR strategy (decentralization with resources) & facilitate local actors to access CD funds - National government should ensure that national strategy is built upon local strategy and provide ownership at the sub-national level - Provide scalable and low-cost awareness raising & trainings on this issue with local level (e.g. ToT or online learning) - Local DRR platform to help strengthen the vertical and horizontal coordination in the country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Government & sub-national government - Donor agencies should have allocation mechanism to support local actors

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<p>A lack of standardized indicators for the evaluation of DRR capacity development efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard set of indicators exists overtime by the effort of CADRI which has been used in 30 countries' assessment. 20/30 countries have used this to monitor the CD for DRR Plan. These indicators should be more promoted. • CD for DRR projects and programmes should be aligned with the national CD strategy to measure also the longer-term impact of the CD efforts to the implementation of CD for DRR strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CADRI - National DRR platform

Other comments

Obstacles that needs to be spelled out clearer:

- Lack of incentives for CD for DRR
- The timeframe of internationally funded CD efforts is usually too short to measure the impact
- Lack of understanding on the roles of sectors play in DRR
- Lack of enabling environment & convening power to avoid fragmentation

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A focus on non-conflict areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and ID who can capacitate: look to neighbors, e.g. regional assistance during ebola • Embed capacity development at start of interventions, both during emergencies and where conflict is recurring. Stakeholders need to be involved in the interventions. • Integrate conflict-sensitive approaches in DRR, and risk-sensitive approaches in conflict prevention. • Pre-conflict: Build capacity and awareness of protecting key infrastructure (often targeted during conflict and most vulnerable to disaster) e.g. health, education, critical infrastructure • Understand and capacitate ‘pre-conflict’ on how to avoid conflict. • Address underlying risk of ‘inequality’ and reinforce <i>inter-community</i> dialogue. • Promote good governance: due to “power grabs” and fragmentation, coordination is key, as well as use of local trusted actors • If possible, ID the key capacities that need to be strengthened. Undertake hazard and vulnerability assessments. • Strengthen institutions, wherever they exist, understand ‘who’s left’ (post-conflict) • Focus on capacitating trusted local/national actors • Capacitate Regional bodies on national challenges • Integrate/target capacity building of peacebuilding processes

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<p>A focus on non-conflict areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key intermediary organizations, especially Civil Society, during post-conflict situation when country rebuilding. • ID ‘key enabling agents’ according to the context (Red Cross/Red Crescent – as a neutral agent, community/ grassroots level, academia, CSOs) • ID and target those ‘who are left’ post-conflict (e.g. elderly, women, children) • Regional bodies as a liaison between government and UN; risks are shared and Regional Orgs can help coordinate • Capacitate and utilize regional and global peacekeeping forces both pre- and post-conflict identified by government. • Broad participation from national to local, local authorities and NGOs • Local/national/regional CSOs and humanitarian actors need to be capacitated to remain as a neutral actor. • Local population, who best understand change (pre-conflict) • Media in raising public awareness 	

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Insufficient understanding of how to tailor and deliver programmes at various scales		
Challenges of effective communication channels, including age, gender, ability		