



Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction Meeting

12 - 13 September 2018
Tunis City, Republic of Tunisia

Date: 12-13 September 2018

Place: Laico Hotel, Tunis, Tunisia

The second meeting of the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction of 2018 will be held from 12 to 13 September 2018 in Tunis, Tunisia. The meeting will be organized by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Regional Office for the Arab States in cooperation and coordination with the League of Arab States and the Government of Tunisia.

The meeting will aim to:

1. Follow-up on the mandates adopted by the Arab coordination mechanism for disaster risk reduction at its first meeting held in Tunis in January 2018. This includes specifically the preparations for the 4th Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Arab-African Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction from 9-13 October 2018
2. Agree on the outcome documents of the platform, which is expected to be issued on behalf of the Arab region, in addition to the Arab contributions to the joint communique of the Africa-Arab Platform, as well as the completion of the Programme of Work for the Implementation of the Arab Strategy for Disaster Reduction for the years 2019-2020.
3. Agree on the role of major groups in the Arab region in disaster risk reduction.
4. Review developments and discuss the program, agenda and other logistical issues for the Africa Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Participants:

Participants will be mainly from the Arab region which includes but not limited to representatives of Member States (through the Sendai focal points), intergovernmental organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and various representatives of major groups (e.g. civil society, science and technology, youth, the private sector, etc.)



Agenda

Day 1: September 12, 2018

08:30 - 09:00 Registration of Participants

Session 1

Opening Session

Chair: Mr. Hedi Chebili, Director General of Environment and Quality of Life, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment

- 09:00 - 09:30
- *Welcome remarks by Mr. Hedi Chebili, Director General of Environment and Quality of Life, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment, Government of Tunisia*
 - *Opening remarks by Ambassador Shahirah Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States*
 - *Opening remarks and introduction to the agenda by Mr. Sujit Mohanty, Head, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

09:30 – 09:45 *Review the results of the first Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction meeting - Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

09:45 – 10:00 *Review of the results of the Arab Partnership Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab States - Mr. Ragy Saro, External Relations Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

10:00 – 10:15 *Presentation on the results of the Africa working group - TBD, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – ROA*

10:15 – 11:30 *Tour de Table: Reflections from countries on progress and priorities on disaster risk reduction*

11:30 – 11:45 **Tea/Coffee Break**

Session 2

Implementing the Arab strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction

Chair: Ambassador Shaherah Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States

11:45 – 12:30 ***Review of the Proposed Statute of the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction: The Role of Governments and Stakeholders.***

Presentation on the proposed Statute of the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction - Ambassador Shahirah Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States

Presentation followed by open discussion



12:30 – 13:00 *The Arab African Fund for Disaster Risk Reduction*

Presentation on the Arab African Fund for Disaster Risk Reduction - League of Arab States

Presentation followed by open discussion

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**

Session 3

Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

Chair: *Mr. Sujit Mohanty, Head, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Regional Office for Arab States*

14:00 - 15:00 *Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction: Developments in the preparations on logistical processes – Government of Tunisia*

Presentation followed by Questions and Answers - Government of Tunisia

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:30 *Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction: Agenda
Presentation of the Agenda - Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

16:30 – 17:00 *Inputs from countries and partners on programme*

17:00 – 17:10 **Wrap up and End of Day 1**



Day 2: 13 September 2018

09:00 – 09:10 Summary of Day 1 and introduction of the agenda for Day 2

Session 4 **Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction – Outcome Documents**

Chair: Mohamed Sghaier Ben Jeddou, Director General of Environment and Quality of Life, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment

09:10 – 10:30 *Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction Outcome Documents for Arab States: Key elements for the Tunis Declaration for DRR in the Arab States Presentation - Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

Presentation followed by open discussion

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 – 11:30 *Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction: Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2030 and its Program of Work for the years 2019-2020*

Summary presentation of the proposed programme of work 2019-2020 - TBD

Presentation followed by open discussion

11:30 – 13:00 *Focused group discussion on the programme of work*

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 14:45 **Presentations of group outcome**

14:45 – 15:15 *Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction: Role of Stakeholders Presentation - Mr. Ragy Saro, External Relations Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - ROAS*

15:15 – 16:00 *Presentations of draft voluntary action statements by Stakeholder groups*

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee Break**

Session 4 **Closing Session**

Chair: Mr. Sujit Mohanty, Head, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Regional Office for Arab States

16:15 – 16:30 *Meeting Summary and next steps - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction / League of Arab States*

16:30 – 17:00 *Closing Remarks - the Tunisian Government, the League of Arab States and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction*

End of Meeting