

Disaster risk reduction and climate change:

Key Issues

- Disaster risk reduction and risk management were included in the Bali Action Plan; the AWG-LCA held a special workshop on the topic at Poznan.
- Unprecedented challenge; multiple and complex issues; urgency with Copenhagen now close.
- New mood of cooperation present, and new initiatives – Global Green New Deal, G20, G8, etc.
- Current efforts to distinguish (i) areas of convergence, (ii) areas of divergence, and (iii) areas impeded by lack of information.
- Financing is the critical issue – who funds what and how it will be governed.

Disaster risk reduction and climate change: **UNISDR Strategy**

- Raise awareness of synergies between disaster risk reduction and adaptation.
- Support UNFCCC processes and UN System initiatives.
- Assist Governments and national actors to link their disaster risk reduction and adaptation efforts.
- Promote the development of information and tools and the use of the Hyogo Framework.
- Promote action on climate change within the disaster risk reduction community.

Disaster risk reduction and climate change: Activity Highlights

UNFCCC-related

- Inputs to AWG-LCA workshop on risk-related issues.
- Joint submissions to UNFCCC processes.
- Financed national DRR experts to join UNFCCC delegations.
- Co-organized UNFCCC Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction under Nairobi Work Programme, Havana.

Other

- IPCC Scoping Workshop on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters*.
- Interagency processes (IASC, UNDG, SG Climate Change Task Team).
- Regional Consultations on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Latin America and Caribbean.

**IPCC-30 has since agreed to undertake an IPCC Special Report on this topic.*

Disaster risk reduction and climate change: Upcoming activities

UNFCCC-related

- Submissions, side events, briefings for negotiators, and assisting national DRR experts to join UNFCCC delegations
- Assist national consultations on CCA and DRR.
- UN interagency initiatives, including with IASC.

Other

- Global Platform: High- level plenary on climate change.
- Studies and guidance on: experience in linking CCA and DRR; insurance and DRR; lessons from HFA; linkages in funding mechanisms.
- Support to high-level policy forum pilots: Vietnam and Philippines
- Co-sponsorship of the IPCC Special Report preparation.

Disaster risk reduction and climate change: Messages for Capitals

UNFCCC-related

- Include disaster risk reduction as a critical element of adaptation in the Copenhagen agreement.
- Ensure that national UNFCCC delegations include disaster risk reduction experts.
- Support UNISDR efforts to build information and tools.

Hyogo Framework-related

- Implement disaster risk reduction plans as a quick-win climate change strategy.
- Target funding to reduce disaster risks in vulnerable developing countries.
- Participate in the Global Platform and make commitments there.

IPCC-related

- Support national experts to participate in new IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters.

