



SIDE EVENT: Concept Note

Tackling the role of governments, private sector and civil society organizations in fostering comprehensive Disaster Risk Management – Experiences from China and Germany

Schedule	Wednesday 22nd May 2013
Organizers	<p><i>Lead Partners:</i></p> <p>DKKV – Deutsches Komitee Katastrophenvorsorge Contact person: Birgit zum Kley-Fiquet, Project Manager E-mail: zum.kley@dkkv.org</p> <p>GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH Contact person: Stephan Huppertz, Disaster Risk Management Advisor, E-mail: stephan.huppertz@giz.de</p>
Background and Rationale	<p>Governance influences the way in which governments, public servants, the media, the private sector and civil society organizations are willing and able to account for disaster losses, assess risks systematically and coordinate their actions to manage and reduce disaster-related risks. Sufficient public awareness to recognize and address risk, coupled with the political will to set policy, allocate appropriate resources and translate policies into local action is crucial. Equally critical is the need for institutions with sufficient managerial and coordination capacity to manage and integrate the efforts of relevant sectors. In practice risk governance arrangements are still often inappropriate and disaster management institutions lack the political authority or technical capacities to influence important decisions. Despite the progress made under the HFA in many places the question remains how to move from ad hoc response to systematic and comprehensive disaster risk management? During the last 4 years China and Germany have been working closely together to support the application of a more coherent, effective and efficient risk and disaster management system.</p> <p>Experiences gained within this cooperation and Germany’s profound experience in disaster risk management lead to few lessons that are relevant to other countries and regions – ranging from underestimated role the private sector can play, to the benefit of sharing country specific experiences in order to develop a more comprehensive disaster risk management system that effectively connects the local with the national level. In order to foster this process, the German government has decided to assist countries to access tailor-made approaches, methods, services and products on comprehensive disaster risk management in response to their country specific interests and needs. The support promotes a match-making of capacity development services, of successful and replicable approaches and of state-of-the-art advice and equipment to strengthen the countries’ resilience to disasters.</p>
Session Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase awareness on the necessity to tackle disasters in a more comprehensive manner; particularly, by strengthening Government and

	<p>Community linkages in civil protection systems and involving the private sector interests and capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss the collective approach to Post-2015 on knowledge sharing, exchange of experiences and best practices
<p>Discussion agenda and structure</p>	<p>Moderated by: Ms. Astrid Skala-Kuhmann, Director Global Partnerships – Emerging Economies GIZ, Germany</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Welcoming remarks</u> by German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Ina Lepel, Deputy Director General for Global Affairs <u>Keynote presentation</u> : Mr. You Zhibin, Associate Professor, National Institute for Emergency Management (NIEM) of the Chinese Academy of Governance (CAG) “China’s efforts in addressing Disaster Risk Management” Mr. Gerold Reichenbach Chairman of the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV), Germany “Germany’s volunteer based civil protection and disaster management system – capacity development as the key to preparedness” <u>Panel Discussion</u> on “Learning from the Chinese and German Perspective - critical infrastructure, early warning & preparedness and capacity development in civil protection systems” (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Violeta Seva, Senior Adviser, Makati City, Philippines Mr. Aslam Perwaiz, Head, Disaster Risk Management Systems, ADPC, Thailand Mr. Albrecht Broemme: President of the Federal Agency for Technical Relief and Disaster Management (THW), Germany Mr. You Zhibin, Associate Professor, National Institute for Emergency Management (NIEM) of the Chinese Academy of Governance (CAG) Mr. Gerold Reichenbach, Chairman, DKKV, Germany <u>Questions/Comments</u> from the audience (10 minutes) <p><u>Recommendations and closing remark</u> by Ms. Astrid Skala-Kuhmann, GIZ</p>
<p>List of expected outcomes</p>	<p>The side event targets from a Chinese and German perspective different aspects of HFA Priority Action 1: Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation; Priority Action 2: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning; Priority Action 3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels and Priority Action 5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels</p> <p><u>Public Awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share good practices and lessons learnt in strengthening the roles of governments, private sector and civil society organizations within civil protection systems Increased awareness on the new global initiative

	<p><u>Networks across disciplines and regions; dialogue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened collaboration of government and non-government actors in developing, emerging and industrialized nations at different levels. <p><u>Recommendation for Post-HFA-agreement:</u> Define concrete steps and targets in strengthening multi-level and multi-stakeholder network approaches including public institutions, the private sector, research institutions and civil society organizations in DRR policy and programming.</p>
<p>Background documents</p>	<p>GIZ-Publication 2012: Sino-German Disaster Risk Management Project: http://star-www.giz.de/fetch/9X00j6Ucg001lQqQ09/giz2012-0097en-disaster-risk-management-china.pdf</p> <p>http://www.bbk.bund.de/SharedDocs/Kurzmeldungen/BBK/DE/2012/Deutsche_KatS_Experten_in_China.html</p> <p>Experiences in Disaster Risk Management within the German Development Cooperation: http://www.gfdr.org/sites/gfdr.org/files/Chapter_9-Germany-Experiences_in_Disaster_Risk_Management_within_the_German_Development_Cooperation_0.pdf</p>