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Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 - Consultative Event organized by Germany, Poland and UNDP

“The role of disaster prone countries in prevention and preparedness”

20 May 2013, 1400-1700 hrs, Geneva, Centre de Conférences de Varembé (CCV), Room A

Annotated Agenda

- 14.00-14.15 **Welcome and opening remarks**
- Amb. Hanns H. Schumacher, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany
 - Amb. Remigiusz A. Henczel, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland
 - Elizabeth Longworth, Director, UNISDR Secretariat
 - Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Development Programme
- 14.15-15.30 **Panel presentations** from country representatives: Best practices and Recommendations
- **Armenia** – Armen Yeritzyan, RA Acting Minister of Emergency Situations, *Preparing for disasters*
 - **Bangladesh** – Honorable Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, *Measures implemented in Bangladesh over the past two decades that have saved lives and reduced cyclone-related losses*
 - **Cuba** – Colonel Miguel Angel Puig, Chief of Operations, National Civil Defense, *Successful prevention and preparedness practices that have substantially reduced loss of life associated with tropical cyclones*
 - **Jordan** – Muhanned A. Hararah, Commissioner of Environment & Health Control, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority, *Prevention and preparedness at local level*
 - **Mozambique** – Dulce Chilundo, Director, National Emergency Operations Centre, *DRR best practices in Mozambique*
- 15.30-16.30 **Interactive, moderated discussion session** around the guiding questions: 1) What has been the most enabling factor in your preparedness/ DRR success story at national/ local level? What do you perceive as the biggest impediment? What can you recommend to overcome it? 2) What do you expect from international organizations and donors to support you in the area of preparedness? What has worked well in your cooperation with them and where/how could they perform better? 3) How can humanitarian and development actors link up better? How can disaster prone countries contribute to that?
- Moderator: Michel Le Pechoux, Chief of Section, Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF
- 16.30-17.00 **Synthesis of lessons learned** and identification of concrete recommendations and principles
- Jo Scheuer, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Team, UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery