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**Name of Event: [Side Event] Refining the Agenda – Disaster Risk Reduction in Times of Climate Change**

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### **1) Outline**

How can the disaster risk reduction community address the envisaged effects of climate-related extreme events on humanitarian assistance and development assistance? Are all tools of disaster risk reduction equally important and useful in this context? What are the possibilities to enhance existing well known tools? Translation of concepts into action will be discussed.

### **2) Key messages, outcomes, recommendations**

The worlds' current humanitarian capacity is under risk to be overwhelmed by the unprecedented level of need which will be created by the increase of climate related disasters. All actors have to work together to address the challenges. The German government considers disaster risk reduction in general and for climate change adaptation in particular, a crucial issue for development cooperation and is increasingly providing substantial amounts at bilateral and multilateral level. Further developments should be scenario based and address the envisaged changes of climate but also the dynamics in the vulnerability of societies under risk.

### **3) Conclusions**

The Side event provided a good practice of cooperation between humanitarian and development actors with regard to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The presentation underlined the need for increased efficiency and flexibility of existing systems and tools. Climate change poses a challenge on existing instruments. At the same time increasing knowledge about the dynamics of risk provides opportunities which need to be explored. Future decisions need to be based on scenarios of future development.