



REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: Your name:

Event type (tick the box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | High-level panel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Round Table |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

Event name (write the name below):

SPHERE revision workshop

Number of participants -

Total:35

(Please count or estimate this, as not all will be recorded in the list.)

1) Key questions or issues raised, main challenges or constraints identified (say, max 5):

If possible, record who raised these.

Main challenges;

- Quality of training at the local level
- Ensuring relevance to local conditions
- SPHERE is a rights based document; should we undertake a rights based assessments. Needs assessment needs to look at practically integrating vulnerability assessment.
- Need for a more proactive approach to capacity building
- Debate around whether to develop a companion guide on DRR – Climate change adaptation – Environmental degradation.
- Need a standard on coordination
- Humanitarian assistance can go on for too long; develop standards around the transition to development. Local recovery starts from day one.
- Users – written by and for INGOs, but used by governments, even militaries.

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

If possible, record who offered these.

Ensure a **risk approach** is comprehensively included throughout SPHERE.

Link training and guidelines more effectively. Provide resources that are usable at the community level, e.g. visual / pictorial

Develop a companion guide on DRR, environmental degradation and climate change adaptation using the SPHERE companion model.

Re-evaluate why we are using SPHERE based on the actual users

Add a DRR/environment /CCA common standard

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

The SPHERE guidelines are relevant to several of the priority actions as set out in the HFA.

The revision of the SPHERE handbook presents a tremendous opportunity to highlight key aspects of DRR and climate change adaptation and influence practice among the humanitarian community.

Humanitarian assistance can go on for too long, yet local recovery starts from day one. Both SPHERE and the HFA need to be fundamentally re-orientated to supporting local recovery and the rights of local populations as called for in the Tsunami Evaluation Coalition evaluation

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

(E.g. on tone and success of event, unresolved issues, commitments made by participants, etc.)

It was a participatory event with attendees engaging strongly in the issues. There was a range of opinion on the scope of SPHERE, but a wide recognition that the humanitarian community needs to get better at supporting local recovery.