

REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: **Your name:**

Event type (tick the box):

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

Event name (write the name below):

The Way Forward: Linking Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change

Number of participants -

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

Total: 59

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

If possible, record who raised these.

Challenges were identified as follows:

- While DRR – particularly humanitarian assistance – is often event-related and rather short-term in its interventions, the climate change community is characterized by long-term perspectives which go far beyond any political cycle of events. The long-term effects of climate change can be predicted, whereas precise information on climate-related extreme events which would be beneficial and of major interest to the DRR community are still difficult to obtain.
- The functional scale mismatch refers to the organization of the management of disaster and climate change adaptation by actors affiliated to different institutions and the related distribution of responsibilities that are often a challenge. The lack of coordination between different agencies and ministries involved in DRR and CCA is a factor that often leads to mismatches in addressing the problem and appropriate solutions.
- Weak links between the different types of knowledge and work of both communities (barrier of communication, joint programming and collaboration)

Key issues raised:

- Integration of DRR needs to be taken at national level.
- Define joint mechanisms of funding.

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

If possible, record who offered these.

- Strategies and measures for climate change adaptation and DRR need to involve various ministries (cross-sectoral character) as well as other stakeholders.
- Need to develop norms and indicators for a better monitoring of the implications of adaptation strategies, in order to be able to modify and re-direct adaptation and DRR measures.
- Need to recognize disasters as a chance and window of opportunity for change.
- Need to develop urban climate change adaptation strategies that incorporate DRR

- Need to improve dynamic social and economic vulnerability data and indicators as well as of information on different adaptation measures
- Need to develop quality/evaluation criteria and recommendations that strengthen cooperation and the integrative character of combined strategies
- Incorporate adaptation in reconstruction phases coupled incentives for cooperation.
- Identify common grounds for policy development.
- Highlight that successful adaptation leads to economic investments.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

- The need to develop global analytical tools.
- Joint mechanism of funding need to be defined.
- Pioneered territorial approach need to focus on sub-national level.
- Adaptive capacity is a key issue.
- There is lack of coordination across institutions at the same level of governance
- Need for a local disasters database to ensure quality decision-making.
- Importance of adopting a holistic approach to face development threats and talk as much possible to people to know the hazards.
- Disaster Risk Management is part of sustainable development.

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

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

- Active participation and interaction.
- General consensus on the link between DRR and CCA
- Agreement between all participants on the importance of disasters databases.
- Need for a comprehensive framework that could serve as a conceptual and practical orientation when putting the integration of DRR with CCA in practice.
- Need to outline a mechanism for funding to support integration of DRR in sustainable development.
- Need to agree on the targets and objectives of mitigation and adaptation strategies.