

## 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      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Informal Plenary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Event    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other            |

Event name (write the name below):

Accessing space-based information to support disaster risk reduction

Number of participants -

Total: 60

*(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.*

- What is the difference between the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and the “SPIDER Global Thematic Platform” being launched in this event?
- (ICSU) It is important for scientists also to have access to such space-based information, so that they can also conduct applied research regarding how to make use of such information in the context of disaster-risk reduction.
- (NGO) How can NGOs have access to space-based information to support their efforts on disaster risk reduction and in the case of disaster response?
- (UK – Cabinet Office) Taking into consideration the fact that existing opportunities and mechanisms focus on disaster response, is there a complementary mechanism to access space-based information for disaster risk reduction?

### 2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

*If possible, record who offered these.*

- (UN-SPIDER) In an effort to coordinate inter-institutional efforts within each one of the KPAs of the Hyogo Framework of Action and across scales (international, regional, national, and local), ISDR established two complementary tracks for such coordination. One such track are the Thematic Partnerships through which ISDR partner organizations can collaborate and provide guidance on particular themes that are relevant to the reduction of disaster risk and the implementation of the HFA. The “SPIDER Global Thematic Partnership”, which was launched at this special session, would belong to this category of thematic partnerships.
- (UN-SPIDER) Taking into consideration the framework of thematic partnerships as envisioned by ISDR, UNOOSA (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs) through its UN-SPIDER Programme is establishing the “SPIDER Global Thematic Partnership” to contribute to the access and use of space-based information to support disaster risk management. This global thematic partnership is envisioned as the forum where all partners (international, regional and national) will meet and work together, promoting an exchange of experiences, lessons learned, and best practices regarding how to ensure access and use of such information.

### **3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:**

The event included presentations by the UN-SPIDER Programme, GEO, ADRC, ESCAP, and DLR which provided the setting to launch the “SPIDER Global Thematic Partnership” and the discussion of ESCAP’s Regional Platform as vehicles to promote synergies among space agencies and the disaster-risk management community. The discussion conducted within the special event allowed participants to raise questions concerning how to access space-based information and to comment on expectations concerning the use of such information in the case of disaster-risk reduction, which will be taken into consideration during the implementation of the “SPIDER Global Thematic Partnership”.

The main message to get include in the final report of this Second Session is that during this 2<sup>nd</sup> GPDRR Session the “SPIDER Global Thematic Partnership” was launched and that this Thematic Partnership will contribute to the access and use of space-based information to support disaster risk management. This global thematic partnership is envisioned as the forum where all partners (international, regional and national) can meet and work together, promoting an exchange of experiences, lessons learned, and best practices regarding how to ensure access and use of such space-based information.

### **4) Your additional thoughts on the event:**

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

The special event allowed participants to become aware of efforts conducted by a variety of agencies concerning the use of space-based information for disaster-risk reduction, and it allowed representatives of such agencies to establish direct contact with participants who are interested in this issue.

Furthermore, the special event, in conjunction with other activities conducted within the scope of the global platform for disaster risk reduction, has allowed UN-SPIDER, ESCAP, GEO, ADRC, and GEO to reach members of the ISDR system and to make them aware of the benefits of using space-based information for such purposes.