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REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: 16 June 2009 Your name: Yoko H. / Luna A.S.

Event type (tick the box):	Event name (write the name below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-session	Addressing the Humanitarian Challenges of Climate Change – National and Regional Perspectives on the role of Disaster Risk Reduction
<input type="checkbox"/> High-level panel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Round Table	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informal Plenary	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Number of participants -

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

Total: 85

**(including Chair
and 5 panelists)**

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

Panel:

Mr. Kasidis Rochanakorn, Director, OCHA Geneva (Chair)
Mr. Carlos Costa Posada, Minister of Environment, Colombia
Mr. Abbas Zabarah, Secretary General, Yemen Red Crescent Society
Ms. Choice Okoro, Outreach Officer, OCHA Reg. Office for Central and East Africa (ROCEA)
Mr. Walter Cotte, Secretary General, Colombian Red Cross
Mr. Carlo Scaramella, Climate Change Coordinator, WFP

- Outcomes of the recent IASC Consultation meeting on 25 May 2009 for assessing humanitarian impact of climate change were shared with the participants.
- Yemen presented an example of national consultation on climate change (CC) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) to strengthen national mechanism to agree on common action for CC.
- Colombian Red Cross also shared its lessons learned from recent disasters (volcano eruption and violence in the country etc) by highlighting importance of common understanding on DRR and CC in different sectors such as water, health, etc.
- WFP highlighted importance of the fact that CC affects the people, in particular, the most vulnerable communities.
- Minister of Environment, Colombia stressed that there are still considerable misunderstanding and confusion on CC, and that Government is still not yet effectively reaching out to communities to help their understanding on CC.
- A divide between humanitarian agencies and development agencies exists in the area of CC.

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

If possible, record who offered these.

- DRR provides long term foundation for climate change adaptation.
- Community-focused programmes can be effective. (i.e. Food-for-Assets projects, livelihood, working with pastoral communities, promotion of purchasing local products etc)
- IASC can bring a structure for strengthening common understanding by different actors (i.e. development actors and humanitarian actors)
- A round table on CC is suggested to effectively involve different sectors at different levels and to ensure their participation.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

- Different actors need to work together in a coordinated manner to address humanitarian challenges of CC.
- There is no need of creating a new institution. Instead, existing networks and institutions can be connected and used.
- IASC can bring together various agencies for CC by reaching out different ISDR partners, government, NGOs, etc.

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

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

The event attracted large audience, which shows their strong interests on the theme presented.