



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Fourth Session - Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow

Geneva, Switzerland, 19-23 May 2013

Name and Type of Event	Demystifying Grassroots Partnerships: Building Community Resilience Consultation session
Date	Sunday 19 May
Reporters name	Ana Ramirez
Number of Participants	Approximately 45 persons

1) What were the key messages, outcomes and recommendations from your event?

The Community Practitioners Grassroots Academy in the afternoon for regional group discussions with grassroots leaders.

The key observations that were made include:

- The HFA can be a mechanism that grassroots leaders use to inform, influence, and bring disaster risk reduction awareness to local authorities;
- Disaster risk reduction prevention should focus on awareness and capacity building, not disaster response;
- Resources and funding should be directed into grassroots organizations; and
- Local to global authorities should have meaningful engagement and partnerships with communities.

2) Based on the Synthesis Report of the HFA2 consultation process up to the GP13, what are specific recommendations and concrete examples for the main topics, themes and issues to be addressed in the HFA2?

This discussion will be taking place tomorrow in the second half of the Academy by stakeholders who will consolidate and come into consensus of a collective statement.