

**Name of Event: [Informal Plenary 1] Implementation of Outcomes of the Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action**

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**Co-chairs:**

- Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Reduction
- Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Senior Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency

**1) Outline**

The Informal Plenary focused on the outcomes of the Mid-term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action, specifically those related to: a) Local, National and Regional Level Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action; b) Community Focus; and c) Cross-cutting Issues (including Gender). Those present were encouraged to share their insights and suggestions on the Mid-term Review process and how to take the Hyogo Framework for Action and Mid-term Review forward.

**2) Key Messages, Outcomes and Recommendations:**

- There is no room for complacency in disaster risk reduction the face of climate change; at this critical juncture, more efforts must be made to integrate disaster risk reduction into climate change adaptation and development and to accelerate the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (e.g. through disaster-proofing the Millennium Development Goals).
- Baselines must be determined and targets must be set in order to ensure the accurate monitoring of progress and to provide adequate support for decision-making and action; science and research should also be used more practically.
- There is a need to: a) move beyond involving only National Disaster Management Agencies in disaster risk reduction efforts; and b) engage intergovernmental organizations, regional bodies, local communities, the private sector and other civil

society partners more in disaster risk reduction in order to motivate and empower them to take action.

- Governance for disaster risk reduction must be improved, not only at the national and regional levels, but also at the international level; the UNISDR secretariat should have more resources at its disposal to continue the work that it is doing.
- National and Regional Platforms are viable instruments for the coordination of disaster risk reduction efforts; the Global Platform has also proved to be an effective forum. However, an inter-Platform mechanism may be useful for the acceleration of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction into development.

### **3) Conclusions**

The Co-Chairs concluded by summarizing the ideas and suggestions from the floor. The Hyogo Framework for Action is alive and well, as can be seen from the progress made at the local, national, regional and international levels (e.g. establishment of National and Regional Platforms, success of the Global Platform, creation of legislation). Still, although much progress has already been made, we cannot declare victory as yet, and we need to start thinking about the next phase of actions. More efforts need to be taken on risk assessments; cost-benefit analysis; technical hazards; setting of baselines, targets and standards; strengthening of guidance; improving governance for disaster risk reduction; and engagement of the intergovernmental organizations, regional bodies, the private sector and other civil society partners.