



Name of Event: [Informal Plenary 2] Implementation of Outcomes of the Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action

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- 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 convened for its second session on Thursday co-chaired by Margareta Wahlstrom and Ambassador Dengo. The discussion focused on issues related to the implementation of the findings of the Mid-Term Review of the Hyogo Framework and in particular the issues of monitoring of progress, accountability, standardization of tools and approaches, as well as the institutional mechanisms required to oversee these approaches.

2) Key messages, outcomes, recommendations

- Need for better standardizing risk evaluation methodologies to allow a comparison between different types of interventions.
- The suggestions of targets to be reached by 2015, potentially using 2005 reports of progress as baseline.
- The need to strengthen the focus on the how and on regional and national level of action, potentially around a global action plan with a result management focus (example in the Caribbean)
- The role of a potential inter-Global Platform mechanisms and the composition was addressed by a number of interventions. It was pointed out the important

opportunity to revisit UNISDR mandate – recognizing this is the UN General Assembly responsibility ultimately. Current focus of UNISDR on coordination, advocacy, campaign and information is not enough to see real action. Requires more analytical work, setting standards. An expert group could look into this.

- A number of interventions encourage greater accountability and put forward the human rights model of evaluation amongst governments. This model (UPR) was presented as a dialogue with other governments, NGOs and other partners on what can be done to strengthen national work on a given topic. Need to take into account the fact that a lot of work is going on in regions. Would require a multi-layered system, within regions or between regions. Similarly the target set in human rights, for example to characterize institutions, not necessarily numerical, can assist in setting targets.
- The need for better tracking of DRR resources was called for and in particular the need for an expert group to follow-on the recommendations emerging from an Expert Workshop held in April in Helsinki on this topic.
- The point was made on the need to work at the regional level with intergovernmental organization, building on strong existing partnerships while engaging more actively to do more policy and standard setting support as well as contribution to mobilizing funding, but also looking at how funding can be spent.

3) Conclusions

- The MTR Advisory Group would be invited to extend its work, potentially with extended membership.
- A blueprint of the post-2015 work on disaster risk reduction would be developed and consulted on widely prior to next Global Platform Session. It would then be brought forwards to the UN General Assembly. It would be presented at a World Conference in 2015. It should also address issues which are not sufficiently covered in the current Hyogo Framework.