



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

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<b>Name and Type of Event</b>	Information and Knowledge Management for Disaster Risk Reduction (IKM4DRR)
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<b>Number of Participants</b>	57

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

#### **Information and knowledge management are fundamental for building resilience and informed decision-making.**

A framework for information and knowledge management for disaster risk reduction has been drafted from the outputs of a two-month online dialogue of over 300 persons from all continents, and the contributions of 57 IKM4DRR workshop participants representing 30 countries including 11 governments and five intergovernmental organizations from all regions.

The framework outlines the areas required for effective and concerted information and knowledge management for disaster risk reduction. Elements of the framework include:

- Creating the enabling environment - People, Policy, Leadership
- Elements of KM systems - Planning, Design, Content, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Communication - Internally and externally

In addition, a stocktaking exercise of DRR knowledge systems was undertaken, and the IKM4DRR community of practice was formed. An action plan from now until 2015 has been agreed upon, including the submission of an IKM proposal to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction conference in 2015 and HFA2.

**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?**

Information and knowledge management are a pillar to enhanced coordination, action and implementation of the HFA2 across all its priorities. Informed decision-making rests on the implementation of a framework for information and knowledge management in HFA2. The framework shall address:

- The enabling environment, including the professionalization of its people, and the leadership, policy and standards required in addition to the capacity and public awareness issues included in the HFA2 consultation summaries;
- Knowledge systems, including standard practices for planning and design to support the monitoring and evaluation;
- Guidance for communication at all levels, inclusive of internal and external, public and inter-organizational.