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

A number of stakeholders expressed that HFA2 should address the issue of transboundary challenges, as well as reducing social inequalities and poverty alleviation through financial support for local communities. A call was made to increase the number of National Platforms by 2015, which should be able to mainstream adaptation issues integrating the private sector into the efforts. Peer review processes for National Platforms could be a useful tool. Disaster resilience agencies need to address communities and women in particular. Indicators should be monitored by the communities.

The private sector needs to invest resiliently; an enabling environment pays off better than a regulatory approach. Encourage states to enhance cross-regional networking, adopting best practices. Transform risk management bringing in the private sector and communities together; attract other non-traditional development actors. Science and technology need to be more demand-driven, integrating social sciences, addressing a multisectorial approach at all level, eg. research, education and training. Science and technology should play a bigger role in data collection. Redress mechanisms for not implementing disaster risk reduction. Need to focus on small scale recurrent disasters underreported and to consider disaster risk reduction as a human right, bringing a legally-binding approach.

1) 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? (Please also list any issues that might not have been captured in the global discussions yet.)

- Need for monitoring mechanisms, targets.
- Inclusion of vulnerable people
- Specific goal for all stakeholders, specific goal for persons with disabilities, elderly people, women and children. Accessibility for disabled people.
- Linking climate change with disaster risk reduction.
- Decentralization to communities with financial resources to deliver.
- Disaster risk reduction an obligation under the national law to ensure accountability.