

Name of Event: [Preparatory Event] Heads of Inter-government Organizations (IGOs) and Regional Platform Meeting

Date of Event: May 9, 2011

1) Outline

The meeting welcomed approximately 80 participants from the five UN regions, including regional and sub-regional IGOs and national Government representatives.

The delegates took note of the recent extreme and catastrophic events and the need for more and urgent attention for DRR considerations to be incorporated into the development planning process. They also recognized the increasing vulnerability and need to build resilience of SIDS and LDCs together with the recent disasters in G20 countries.

Building on the HFA Mid-Term Review, special emphasis was placed on the important role played by regional and sub-regional IGOs in fostering regional and cross-regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction in order to contribute to the acceleration of HFA implementation at the global, regional, national and local levels. Regional and sub-regional organizations should be empowered to better support and scale up national level action through better governance and mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction into key development sectors.

2) Key messages, outcomes, recommendations

Following extremely interesting and wide ranging discussions regarding the role of regional and sub-regional IGOs in regional and cross-regional cooperation, the following recommendations and priorities emerged:

- Strongly encourage that the upcoming Rio+20 global meeting and the second 5 years of the HFA be used to promote the integration of DRR and CCA in supporting development.
- Recognize the need for the strengthening of and provision of adequate resources to the UNISDR Secretariat to lead the process and to effectively support the growing uptake for DRR services at all levels.

- Review and refine the Global Platform process, inclusive of how the outputs of the Regional and National Platforms are embraced.
- Strengthen and support IGOs' role as mechanisms for effective implementation of recommendations arising from DRR platforms and other high-level meetings. As such, institutionalizing IGOs' role in the Global Platform context is both critical and urgent.
- Urged that greater efforts be made to use information management and communications technologies to deepen cross-regional cooperation and knowledge networking, trans-boundary risk identification and management and set common standards and indicators in support of measuring progress with mainstreaming DRR.
- Strongly recommend to foster cross-regional cooperation through the development of a global network of IGOs under ISDR's coordination. Such a policy networking of IGOs is required to enhance technology transfer, inter-regional DRR exchange facility, sharing of good practices and successful methodologies for DRR implementation and replication amongst countries.

As a follow-up to the first meeting of IGOs at a Global Platform, Peru informally offered to host a second meeting of regional IGOs in Peru in the course of 2011.