

**Name of Event: [Roundtable] World Reconstruction Conference: The Way Forward - Moving Towards a Sustainable Reconstruction and Recovery Framework**

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**Panellists:**

- Mr. Alan March, Assistant Director General, Humanitarian and Peacebuilding Branch, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) (Co-chair)
- Mr. Zoubida Allaoua, Director, Finance, Economics and Urban Development Department, World Bank (Co-chair)
- Mr. Zhao Peng, Deputy Director, Emergency Coordination and Security Division, Economic Construction Department, Ministry of Finance, China
- Mr. Pablo Allard, National Reconstruction Program Coordinator, Ministry of Housing and Urbanization, Chile
- Mr. Praveen Pardeshi, Commissioner, Amravati, India
- Mr. Bakri Beck, Former Deputy Chief for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, National Agency for Disaster Management, Indonesia
- Mr. Mian Shaukat Shafi, Senior Project Implementation Officer, Asian Development Bank, Pakistan
- Mr. Maxx Dilley, Chief, Disaster Reduction Team, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP
- Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Deputy Director, UNISDR
- Mr. David Taylor, Executive Advisor, Collaboration and Innovation, World Vision International
- Ms. Aimee Ansari, Humanitarian Policy Representative, Oxfam International
- Ms. Shahnaz Arshad, Senior Urban and Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank

**1) Outline**

This roundtable discussed the key outcomes from the World Reconstruction Conference. It summarized the conclusions of the thematic sessions and attempted to prioritize them in terms of need for action, integrating them into an improved model of the reconstruction process. There was a realistic discussion of constraints which the reconstruction community will face in trying to improve

and harmonize processes. Finally, the session attempted to lay out concrete tasks to be achieved over the next year. Priority recommendations, as identified in this session, were delivered to the broader disaster risk reduction community and the Chair's summary of the Global Platform.

## **2) Key messages, outcomes, recommendations**

- Developing an effective global framework for:
  - Better defining roles and responsibilities within clear institutional arrangements;
  - Effectively capitalizing on the strengths of each stakeholder;
  - Clearly placing countries in the driver's seat on decision-making/resource allocation;
  - Providing in-time relevant knowledge and lessons learned; and
  - Assisting in the establishment of robust and transparent quality and result monitoring systems.
  
- Improving systems and instruments for recovery and reconstruction finance;
  - Providing access to reliable reconstruction financing;
  - Building capacity to manage the surge of resources;
  - Effectively integrating the resources of non-traditional donors; and
  - Tapping into the financial capacity of the global capital market.
  
- Establishing a global reconstruction and recovery knowledge practice, linking practitioners, and providing open access to data and information.

## **3) Conclusions**

Participants called for:

- The development of an effective, global, sustainable reconstruction and recovery framework;
  
- Improvement of systems and instruments for recovery and reconstruction finance;
  
- The establishment of a global reconstruction and recovery knowledge practice that would link practitioners and provide open access to data and information.

Key partners, including GFDRR, UNISDR, and the World Bank pledged their commitment to carry forward these recommendations as a part of the continued effort towards disaster risk reduction.