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Name and Type of Event	The Power of the Peer Review – HFA implementation through government eyes (Consultation meeting)
Date	Monday 20 May
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Number of Participants	Approximately 26 persons

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

- Mechanisms, such as a review by peers of efforts to implement the HFA, can prompt political reform and a more integrated consideration of disaster risk management across government institutions and within public investment portfolio.
- The peer review provides a much better understanding and more accurate picture of the results on the HFA Review (National Reports), and can contribute to reducing the gap between policy and implementation in future planning cycles.
- Peer review explores new facets of international cooperation that can strengthen domestic accountability and knowledge sharing in a customised feedback process.

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?

The process of peer reviewing can go some way to addressing the issues of accountability and responsibility of government institutions in identifying and systematizing effective disaster risk management approaches.

Peer review can also leverage the involvement of a more inclusive range of public stakeholders in the implementation and review of HFA implementation, for as long as a critical mass of institutions have been motivated to invest in the peer review process, or commitment comes from the highest executive office. This also facilitates the sustainable application of the ensuing recommendations.

Review by peers facilitates transfer of knowledge and expertise through a transparent sharing of experience and learning, in an environment of constructive improvement.