


# Global Task Force on Building Codes



**3GPDRR**

***“MAKING BUILDING CODES  
WORK FOR THE VULNERABLE:  
IMPROVING COMPLIANCE AND  
RETROFITTING”***

**12 May 12:30-13:30 Room 3+4**

**Great East Japan Earthquake/Tsunami  
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**UNESCO/UNISDR/RICS  
COGSS-DPE/BRI/GRIPS  
etc**

**GTFBC Implied Mandate** - Hyogo Framework for Action Priority 4: Apply building codes and retrofit buildings to 'substantially reduce disaster losses'

**Overall (GTFBC) Objective** - Promote participative development and implementation of building codes and retrofitting by communities and governments

Specific Objectives and Activities		How to tackle	By when	Lead collaborators
<b>1. Review the current state of adoption and implementation of building code, and find the gaps and opportunities</b>				
1.1	To collate and map current building codes, with comment about their validity and compliance	Research - including asking members, governments, relevant UN agencies, academic/professional institutions, civil society organisations and other contacts to provide data.	2012	To be identified. RICS DMC project (2011/2) plans to map this.
1.2	To collate and map current retrofitting projects and standards, with comments about their validity and compliance	Research - including asking members, governments, relevant UN agencies, academic/professional institutions, civil society organisations and other contacts to provide data.	2013	To be identified. RICS DMC project (2011/2) plans to map this.
1.3	To collate the current standards/guidelines for transitional shelters	Shelter Cluster and Shelter Centre members are working on this	2013	Global Shelter Cluster and/or Shelter Centre?
1.4	To promote action to address any identified gaps - through advocacy or direct project implementation by GTFBC or its members	Advocate urgent action to donors, governments and GTFBC members, including identifying pilot projects to address the gaps	2013	GTFBC secretariat and all members
<b>2. Compile case studies of government and community actions in building code development and application, and disseminate good practice models</b>				
2.1	To identify best practices for development, adoption, promotion and compliance of building codes in different contexts	Collate and disseminate the best practices from the research done for Specific Objective 1.1	2012	To be identified - core/working group?
2.2	To identify best practices for successful retrofitting projects and standards in different contexts	Collate and disseminate the best practices from the research done for Specific Objective 1.2	2013	To be identified - core/working group?
2.3	To identify a group of strategies that allow GTFBC to disseminate effectively the outcomes found in the execution of objectives 1 and 2	By asking all GTFBC members to propose strategies, including the partnership with communication and information organizations	2012	GTFBC secretariat and all members
<b>3. Promote adoption of policy framework for building codes/retrofitting for DRR by governments, and mutual support of related work with other campaigns</b>				
3.1	Develop basic guidelines for development of a policy framework for building codes and retrofitting	Identify the minimum standards based on work done by GTFBC members, governments and other civil society actors.	2013	To be identified - core/working group?
3.2	Generate greater support for building codes/retrofitting and also urban/land use planning through increased collaboration with governments, donors and other related campaigns	Build up greater linkages especially with key funders and campaigns (safer cities, schools, hospitals and shelter).	ongoing	To be identified - core/working group?
<b>4. Monitor and report progress in line with these objectives and overall HFA objectives</b>				
4.1	Develop monitoring system and agree specific targets/indicators	By getting GTFBC members to assist in development of this.	2011	To be identified - core/working
4.2	Annual internal report of GTFBC group against GTFBC specific objectives	By asking all GTFBC members to report on their activities related to building codes and retrofitting	March every 'even' year	GTFBC secretariat
4.3	Progress report at GP 2013 on GTFBC's specific objectives, and also against overall targets set by GP for building codes/retrofitting.	By asking all GTFBC members and national governments to report on their activities related to building codes and retrofitting	March every 'odd' (GP) year	GTFBC secretariat



# Key messages, outcomes and recommendations of the session

- It is important to establish strategies for dissemination and implementation of the standards/guidelines for transitional construction.
- It is essential to establish retrofit as a requirement to be included within legislated building codes/ compliance enforced standards
- It is most critical to establish improved and proven building codes compliance strategies through the study of the current approaches and practices for ensuring building codes compliance.
- Collaboration between donors and building experts is important to improve compliance of 'non-legislated' standards for retrofit or for non engineered building construction.