Consultative Meeting for West African Parliamentarians on Disaster Risk Reduction: An Instrument for Achieving Millennium Development Goal
1-2 June 2010

Agenda

Tuesday 1 June 2010

8:00 – 9:00 Participants registration

9:00 – 10:00 Opening remarks:

1. Hon. Mr Abdou Sane, President of the Parliamentarian Network on Disaster Risk Reduction, National Assembly of Senegal
2. Ms Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for disaster risk reduction, United Nations
3. Hon. Mr Bécaye Diop, Minister of Interior in charge of disaster issues
4. Hon. Mr Mamadou Seck, Speaker of National Assembly of Senegal

10:00 – 10:15 Press Interviews
10:15 – 10:30 Tea & Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30 Chair: Ambassador Nora Schimming-Chase
Participants' Self Introduction and Technical Presentations:

- Global trends, progress and challenges in disaster risk reduction
  Ms Feng Min Kan, UNISDR
- Review the progress and challenges of African Parliamentarian Initiative in Climate Risk Reduction
  Ms Rachel Shebesh, Chair of Climate Risk Reduction Initiative

Followed by plenary discussion, questions and answers

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00 Presentations on disaster risk reduction and MDGs 1, 2 and 3

- Making disaster risk reduction to protect gains in poverty reduction
  Ms Rachel Shebesh, Member of Parliament of Kenya
- Making schools safer from disasters for achieving universal education
  Ambassador Nora Schimming-Chase
- Creating a synergy between gender and disaster risk reduction
  Ms Ana Cristina Thorlund, Programme Officer UNISDR

Followed by plenary discussion, questions and answers

16:00 – 16:15 Tea & Coffee Break
16:15 – 18:30 Presentations on disaster risk reduction and MDGs 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8

- Making disaster risk reduction a tool for achieving child and maternal health and major disease eradication
  Hon. Adama Cham, Member of the Parliament of Gambia
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- Making disaster risk reduction a tool to protect environment and adapt to climate change
  Mr Abdou Sane, Member of National Assembly of Senegal
- Building global partnerships for achieving disaster resilient MDGs
  Mr Cherif Elwaly Diop, Member of National Assembly of Senegal

Followed by plenary discussion, questions and answers

19:30 Reception offered by the National Assembly of Senegal

**Wednesday 2 June 2010**

9:00 – 10:30 Chair: Ambassador Nora Schimming-Chase
Recap of the main points of day one from plenary presentation and discussion by Ms Isabelle Kane
Questions and clarifications

10:30 – 10:45 *Tea & Coffee Break*

10:45 – 12:30
What are the responsibilities and actions that parliamentarians can take in order to integrate disaster risk reduction into policies and programmes for achieving Millennium Development Goals?

What are the responsibilities and actions that parliamentarians can take in order to increase national, regional and international investment for achieving disaster resilient Millennium Development Goals?

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary discussion on recommendations on parliamentarians’ Plan of Action in achieving disaster resilient Millennium Development Goals in West Africa

15:30 – 16:00 *Tea & Coffee Break*

16:00 – 16:30 Finalization and adoption of parliamentarians’ Plan of Action in achieving disaster resilient Millennium Development Goals in West Africa

16:30 – 17:30 Closing ceremony
  Vote of thanks by the representative of participants
  Closing remarks by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Interior

17:30 – 18:00 Press Conference on disaster risk reduction an instrument for Achieving MDG