8TH SESSION OF AFRICA WORKING GROUP (CORE) FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION


ANNEX

Recommendations for Implementing Sendai Framework in Africa
## PRIORITY 1: UNDERSTANDING DISASTER RISK

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| Continental | Establish standardized methodology, guidelines, procedures and tools based on scientific evidence and local and indigenous knowledge for risk assessment and analysis | 2018 | • Consult with diverse stakeholders for different approaches and methods used for risk assessment & analysis  
• Establish an interactive knowledge sharing platform with a library of existing methodologies for risk assessments and analysis for different risk contexts.  
• Establish risk surveillance guidelines and capacity  
• Develop action plan for addressing existing gaps with respect to risk assessments and surveillance | • Knowledge management system with inventory of existing methodologies for risk assessments and analysis  
• Identification of gaps to be addressed with respect to risk assessments and surveillance  
• Improved capacity with respect to risk assessments, analysis and surveillance | AUC, UNISDR, RECs |
| Regional | Generate and disseminate risk knowledge and information for decision making, including for cross-border and cross-cultural issues | Continuous | • Establish an interactive knowledge sharing platform with risk information and knowledge  
• Undertake studies to develop risk information, including on new risks and man-made risks  
• Generate risk information packages for different cultural, gender, and age groups  
• Facilitate awareness and knowledge sharing on risk via online platform  
• Establish or enhance protocols for sharing cross-border risk information and knowledge | • Risk information and knowledge shared widely with stakeholders  
• Improved availability of information and knowledge on risk  
• Increased awareness of cross-border risks | RECs |
| National | Institutionalize risk assessment and analysis for risk-informed decision making in all sectors | Continuous | • Establish national data/information sharing platform  
• Mobilize resources for risk assessments, monitoring and analysis  
• Establish/strengthen technical committees/task forces to advise on different risks  
• Operationalize post-event reviews (e.g. Post-disaster need assessments)  
• Establish/strengthen DRR databases (including disaster loss and impacts) | • Increased awareness of risk products  
• Increased capacity to undertake risk assessments and analysis  
• Risk-informed decision making | National DRR/M Agencies |
| Local | Engage and sensitize communities in risk assessment and analysis and application for decision making | Continuous | • Train (vulnerable) communities on participatory risk mapping  
• Equip local communities with tools for monitoring and analysing risk  
• Share risk mapping products with local stakeholders to increase awareness  
• Engage key informants to gather indigenous knowledge on risk | • Increased awareness on risk  
• Increased capacity for risk assessment, analysis and application at local level | National DRR/M Agencies and local DRR/M authorities assisted with relevant sector experts |
## PRIORITY 2: STRENGTHENING DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE TO MANAGE DISASTER RISK

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| Continental | Establish a dedicated structure for coordination of disaster risk reduction in the African Union | 2017     | • Assessment of actors and mandates working in DRR/M. What kind of DRR/M activities are being undertaken inside and outside the 3 departments of AUC?  
• Creation of TOR towards establishment of coordination unit on DRR/M | • DRR/M coordination strengthened  
• DRR/M knowledge shared and enhanced  
• Regional and sub-regional platforms are strengthened  
• DRR/M effectiveness enhanced | DREA in collaboration with other departments (Peace and Security, Political and Social Affairs etc.) |
| Regional  | Set up mechanisms for exchange of DRR/M best practices, lessons learnt and experiences among member states | 2016     | • At RECs level, create platform for exchange of information involving multiple stakeholders including politicians and legislators  
• Strengthen inter-RECs experience sharing and exchange of lessons learned under auspices of AUC  
• Regional mechanism for lessons learned | • Regional knowledge shared and enhanced  
• Regional and sub-regional platforms are strengthened  
• DRR/M effectiveness enhanced | RECs exchange is coordinated by the RECs themselves  
inter-REC exchange coordinated by AUC |
| National  | Formulate, improve and sustain policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks for DRR and integrate into sustainable development strategies | 2018     | • Review, assess and formulate policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks on gaps and strengths according to the Sendai Framework using available tools, such as the IFRC-UNDP Checklist on Law and DRR  
• Create or reinforce national DRR/M platforms  
• Creating synergies between climate coordination and DRR coordination mechanisms | • Policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks are put in place that ensure sustainable development | National institutions, with support from partners (RECs, AUC and other relevant partners) |
| Local     | Decentralize powers and resources to catalyse actions at the local level | 2018     | • Replicate as practicable as possible the national level platforms and initiatives to the local level  
• Promote and enhance community-based/managed DRR/M institutions | Policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks are put in place that ensure sustainable development | National & sub-national actors |
## PRIORITY 3: INVESTING IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FOR RESILIENCE

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| Continental | Establish continental trust fund for efficient management of disaster risk management and ensure linkage with existing disaster management funds | 2018     | • Advocacy work targeting Ministers of finance/planning/DRM on the relevance of Trust fund  
• Concept paper of the fund  
• Guideline on Governance of the fund  
• Guideline on operationalization of the fund  
• Draft continental policy documents of the trust fund  
• Convene and organize conference of Ministers (Finance, Planning & DRM) to establish trust fund  
• Invest in risk insurance (e.g. ARC) | Continental level trust fund established and operational  
Continental level trust fund established and operational | AU through Ministers of finance/planning/DRR set up or establish the fund, harmonize and integrate DRR strategies at continental level, WB (fund manager), AfDB/WB (fund manager) and UNISDR (technical support for DRR implementation, monitor and follow up in line with Sendai) |
| Regional    | Establish functional risk transfer and financial and social protection mechanisms              | 2018     | • Include risk transfer in regional DRR policies/strategies/measures  
• Develop/review regional multi-hazard early warning systems (i.e. risk assessment, warning, communication, preparedness and response) | Risk transfer, financial and social protection mechanisms established and operational at regional levels | Private entities (undertake losses and damage assessments  
ARC (to operate risk insurance)  
AfDB/WB (mobilize resources for insurance and supply resources to private/public insurance companies)  
Countries (demonstrate relevance for DRR) |
| National    | Establish and allocate resources for disaster risk reduction investment plans                   | 2017     | • Advocacy for the establishment of national trust fund,  
• Advocacy for design of DRR investment plan  
• Review national policies/strategies/measures to include DRR trust funds  
• Promote community based DRR approach with a trust fund  
• Diversify livelihoods  
• Develop contingency reserves | DRR investment plan is established  
DRR investment plan is established | National government (provide premiums, prepare DRR investment plan, strengthen DRR at community level)  
Central Banks (custody of trust funds) |
| Local       | Implement micro-insurance and social safety net programmes                                      | 2020     | • Advocacy on DRR including indigenous knowledge at community levels  
• Sensitize communities on DRR policies/strategies/measures at local level  
• Develop guidelines/procedures on microfinance and micro-insurance  
• Propose laws, regulations to incentivize private sector investments in micro-finance, micro-insurance and social safety nets  
• Organize clearing houses to discuss and agree on stakeholders compensation following investments in micro-insurance | Micro insurance & safety net established & operationalized | Governments and parliaments (laws, regulations, advocacy, sensitization)  
NGOs (advocacy, sensitization, collection and sharing of best practices)  
Private sector (investment, capacity building of communities on microfinance)  
Banks (operate micro-finance and micro-insurance funds)  
Local governments (establish, monitor and evaluate micro-insurances and safety nets programmes) |
### PRIORITY 4: ENHANCING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR EFFECTIVE RESPONSE, AND TO ‘BUILD BACK BETTER’ IN RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

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| Continental | Effectively coordinate preparedness and integrate preparedness measures for effective response | Continuous | • Create & operationalize a coordination mechanism for Disaster & Risk management  
• Support & coordinate existing disaster interventions on disaster preparedness & response  
• To facilitate the establishment of dialogue forum/platform/network for sharing of best practices for Disaster & Risk reduction | • Disaster & Risk management is better coordinated & harmonized  
• Interventions of international institute are better coordinated (in terms of financing, information sharing & decision making)  
• Best practices better disseminated | AUC, RECs; International agencies/partners  
AUC & partners |
| Regional | Establish/strengthen multi-hazard early warning systems for early action and response | 2018 | • Harmonize & establish operational, regional multi-hazard EWS & effective Response mechanisms  
• To strengthen the capacity of RECs to respond to transboundary disasters | • Harmonized multi-hazard EWS & effective response mechanisms established  
• Regional capacity to respond to transboundary disasters enhanced | RECS, Regional implementation Centres (include ACMAD, ECCAS, SDAC, etc.)  
RECs & partners |
| National | Establish/strengthen emergency coordination centres | 2018 | • To create & strengthen national institutions for disaster preparedness & response & management  
• To develop national strategy for effective preparedness & response  
• To develop increment comprehensive contingency preparedness & response plan  
• Consistent training of personnel & simulation exercises | Emergency preparedness, response & recovery plans institutionalized with roles & responsibilities identified | Member states, RECs, & partners |
| Local | Establish / strengthen multi-disciplinary disaster risk management mechanisms | 2020 | • To Mobilize and coordinate civil society organization, NGOs, civil based organization & local communities for disaster preparedness & response  
• To promote the use of indigenous knowledge  
• To establish appropriate communication network to strengthen preparedness and EW  
• To promote decentralization of authority and budget | Local level capacity of preparedness and response enhanced | National & local authorities, CSO, NGOs, Youth, Women & vulnerable groups |