

Full name of the Session Workshop

Education for Disaster Risk Reduction and Safer Schools in Communities at Risk

Organizers

Thematic cluster/platform on Knowledge and Education

Focal point in the secretariat

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Venue and Date

International Conference Centre (ICCG), Geneva, Switzerland

Room 3

Wednesday, 6 June 2007 from 9h30 to 12h30

Language of the workshop: ENGLISH no interpretation service available.

Introduction

One of the five priority areas of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster: (HFA) is Priority for Action 3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels (HFA 3). The workshop on Education for Disaster risk reduction and Safer Schools in Communities at Risk to be held during the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva on 6 June 2007 is proposed to review the progress made, identify existing challenges and propose the way forward to accelerate the implementation of the HFA 3.

It is expected that about 110 participants will attend this workshop, including representatives of Member States, UN agencies, international/regional organizations, civil society, academia, media, NGOs, private sector experts involved in disaster risk reduction.

Objectives

The workshop will consist of multidisciplinary discussions on education for disaster risk reduction and safe schools issue, focusing on national and local implementation of disaster risk reduction projects, which will provide an opportunity for participants in the Global Platform to exchange good practices, lessons learnt and to provide guidance on education for disaster risk reduction. The workshop will contribute to the United Nations International Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2015) aiming at the integration of education into sustainable development strategies. The main objectives of the workshop will be to discuss:

- how to promote and advance activities in the areas of disaster risk reduction in school communities and safe schools initiatives;
- how to develop content guidelines for disaster risk reduction curricula in schools;
- how to infuse disaster risk reduction in educational events and activities in the education and sustainable development sectors in order to introduce and integrate disaster risk reduction issues.
- the opportunity, timeliness and scope for the organization of an International Conference on Education for Disaster risk reduction;

Related documents and guidelines

- Priorities for Action 2005-2015. In Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015. Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. Extract from the final report of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction. Kobe, Japan, 2005.
- “Let Our Children Teach Us!” - a review of the Role of education and knowledge in disaster risk reduction. This review examines good practices to reduce disaster risk through education, knowledge and innovation. It looks critically and strategically at current activities in order to identify gaps, opportunities in the form of synergism and partnerships.
- More relevant information and documents can be found at the web page of Thematic cluster/platform on knowledge and education:
<http://www.unisdr.org/eng/task%20force/working%20groups/knowledge-education/knowledge-education.htm>

Format and preliminary agenda

Scenario for 2,45 hours:

1. Introductory part

Chair or meeting: Mr. Boniface Gambila Adagbila – Regional Minister of Upper East Region of Ghana.

- Welcome address by Dr. Marco Ferrari, Deputy Head Department for Humanitarian Aid - Switzerland, (Former Chairman of the Main Committee at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction) - 5 min;
- Introductory remarks from co-presenter at the workshop – 5 min ((Badaoui Rouhban UNESCO – ISDR Thematic Platform on Knowledge and Education convener and Paola Albrito UN/ISDR)
- Interventions by a Student

2. Panel roundtable and interactive part

second part: Panel round table and interactive discussion/debate part - 200 minutes - this part includes a combination of presentations by countries, répliques by panelists (5 to 6 panelists) and open debate with audience.

Moderator of this part: (Mr. David Archer co-founder / board member of the Global Campaign for Education, Head of Action Aid International Education)

Panel formed by: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) (Mr. Aloysius J Rego, Director and Team Leader, Disaster Management Systems Team), Council of Europe (Eladio Fernández-Galiano, Executive Secretary European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)), France (Olivier Schick, Association Française pour la Prévention des Catastrophes Naturelles (AFPCN)), Zimbabwe (Mr. Desmond Mudombi, Disaster Management Coordinator, Zimbabwe Red Cross), WMO (Dr. Maryam Golnaraghi, Chief, Natural Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Programme).

Keynote presentation by an invited speaker - 10 min Ms. Mandisa Kalako-Williams, Director Disaster Emergency South Africa)

- National speakers: each national speaker would avail of a 10 mns presentation. Each of the below 4 topics will be followed by 5 min for the répliques of panellists, and 10 mns for open debate.
 - **School safety:** Iran (Mr Farokh Parsizadeh Director of Public Education International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, IIEES), Japan (Prof. Tatsuya Fujioka, Professor of Joetsu University of Education);
 - **Formal education:** Russia (Mr. Vladimir N. Kakusha, Deputy Head Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense Emergency and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (CEMERCOC)), Madagascar (Mr. Rakotomalala, Secrétaire Exécutif du Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC)), Germany (Prof. Dr. Gerd Tetzlaff, chairperson DKKV advisory board - German National Platform)
 - Community-based education:** Viet-Nam (Mr. Dang Vang Dao, Disaster Management Programme Manager, Vietnam Delegation, IFRC) ; Panama (Ms. Una De Reyes (Ambassador Permanent Mission Panama);
 - Global public awareness/media:** - USA (Rebecca Scheurer, Senior Advisor for Disaster Preparedness and Planning at ARC), Panama (UN/ISDR-Ruth Custode Confirmed)

Wrap up remarks from Mr. Badaoui Rouhban (UNESCO – ISDR Thematic Platform on Knowledge and Education convener)

4. Conclusions by Chair/Moderator

Requirements for the room

- Panel type room equipped, for 130 participants;

Specific requirements/comments

- Funding for speakers (to be provided by interim organizing committee inviter)

Planned outputs

The Workshop on Education for Disaster risk reduction and Safer Schools in Communities at Risk will be an important part of the Global Platform sessions and complement the outcomes of the Plenary meetings. The main expected outcomes of the workshop are the following: further networks on education for disaster risk reduction will be strengthened, new partnerships created, gaps/sharing of priorities will be identified, the way forward to accelerate the implementation of the HFA 3 will be proposed.

Risk Red: Marla Petal – Rapporteur