

Towards a post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to this online discussion on **'Including disaster risk reduction and resilience in post-2015 development goals - what are the options?'** A collaborative effort between the Global Thematic Consultation on Conflict, Violence and Disaster in the Post-2015 Development Agenda (co-lead by UNDP, PBSO, UNICEF and ISDR) and the Consultations on the post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action, led by UNISDR.

This discussion is co-moderated by UNDP and UNISDR beginning on the 7th November and continuing until 23 November 2012 (extended from 16 November) at <http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/dialogue/discussion/18/>.

As the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) draws near and coincides, everyone everywhere is engaged in developing a vision for the future. For this, various dialogues and critical reflections on what has been achieved and what needs to be done are being discussed. Key components of these processes are the Global Thematic Consultations on the post-2015 development agenda and on the HFA. Co-convened by civil society and the United Nations, these consultations aim to capture the voices of citizens around the world and form strategic coalitions of partners that can help shape the post-2015 development agenda.

The aim of the consultation is to be as broad and open as possible, in order to enable a multitude of voices to be heard from civil society, youth, academia, media, national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, governments, the UN System. You are strongly encouraged to share not only your views, but also engage with and bring forth the voices of the constituencies you represent, and who may not be able to participate online.

The recommendations emerging from your contributions will be incorporated into the 'Global Thematic Consultation on Violence, Conflict and Disaster in the Post-2015 development agenda' Report, to be presented at a high-level meeting in February 2013. This report will also be transmitted to the High-level Panel appointed by the Secretary-General. The recommendations from this discussion will also inform the post – HFA agenda.

To kick off the global conversation on disaster resilience and the post-2015 development agenda we invite you to reflect on the following set of questions:

1. How best can disaster risk reduction be reflected in the post-2015 development agenda. Additionally can we factor in the following:
 - a. Should there be a dedicated disaster risk reduction goal? and if so please elaborate.
 - b. How should we measure the achievement of this goal through targets and indicators?
2. For greater impact, should we better mainstream disaster risk reduction into other post-2015 goals and how?
3. Please indicate your preference for either 1 a) or 2 or both.

This discussion will be co-facilitated by Nazaré Albuquerque and Hanna Grahn of UNDP. If there are any further questions, comments or queries please feel free to contact nazare.albuquerque@undp.org.

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