

Briefing on the 3rd session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

*“Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow – Increased
Investment in Local Action,”*

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2011
13-15 June 2011, Colombo, Sri Lanka



Development of DRR as an international agenda

- 1990- 2000: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)
- 1994: Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action
- 1999: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)
- 2005: World Conference on Disaster Reduction
- 2007: 1st Session of the Global Platform
- 2009: 2nd Session of the Global Platform
- 2011: 3rd Session of the Global Platform



GPDRR 3rd Session

- Opened by UN SG, Baan Ki Moon
- 2,600 delegates attended
- 168 Governments
- 25 Inter-governmental organizations
- 65 non-governmental organizations
- Parliamentarians
- Private sector
- Local government
- Academic institutions
- Civil society and international organisations



GPDRR 3rd Session

- President of Indonesia, H.E Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono recognized as a Global Champion of Disaster Risk Reduction
- UN Secretary General committed his full support
- Japan offered to host the third World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015



Mid-term review of the HFA

- Significant progress occurring in implementation of HFA
- Especially in the passing of national legislation, establishment of early warning systems, and strengthening of disaster preparedness and response.



Mid-term review of the HFA

- Concerns:
 - the lack of systematic multi hazard risk assessments and early warning systems
 - factoring in social and economic vulnerabilities
 - the poor integration of DRR into sustainable development policies and planning at national and international levels
 - and the insufficient level of implementation of the HFA at the local level.



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Recommendations from the Chair's Summary

- accounting for disaster losses in a consistent and standardized manner
- tracking investments in DRR, including in risk reducing development, to provide clear evidence of the cost and benefits
- encouraging and increasing dedicated budget allocations for DRR
- providing clear guidance and criteria to improve the effectiveness of National Platforms



Recommendations from the Chair's Summary

- developing standards and indicators for measuring the effectiveness of DRR at all levels
- increasing investment in DRR at the local level
- raising public awareness of disaster risks
- encouraging the adaptation of innovative social protection mechanisms to reduce disaster impacts



Recommendations from the Chair's Summary

- anticipating and preparing emerging risks
- promoting mechanisms and partnerships that integrate climate change adaptation and DRR into development
- planning using regional summits and ministerial meetings to capitalize on the momentum achieved at the Third Global Platform



Recommendations from the Chair's Summary

- re-establishing the Advisory Group to guide the follow up to the Mid-term Review of the HFA
- and requesting the UNISDR be strengthened and resourced



Related links

- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - www.preventionweb.net/gpdr
- Mid-term review of HFA
 - www.preventionweb.net/go/hfa-mtr
- Global Assessment Report 2011
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