

As described in the Terms of Reference, the IRP at Kobe functions as the IRP secretariat and is responsible for convening IRP Steering Committee meetings and disseminating information on IRP activities and outcomes.

* IRP members: Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Hyogo Prefectural Government, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Labour Organization (ILO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Cabinet Office of Japan, Swiss Agency for Development and Coordination (SDC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA), the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

6-3. IRP Activities in FY 2013

6-3-1. “IRP’s International Recovery Forum 2014”

“The IRP’s International Recovery Forum 2014 ~ The Role of Private Sector in Disaster Recovery ~”, jointly organized with ADRC, was held in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan on 21 January 2014. Highlighting the important role of private sector in disaster recovery and reconstruction, the Forum showcased the lessons shared by policymakers, experts, and practitioners.



Fig. 6-3-1 “IRP’s International Recovery Forum 2014”

With over 155 participants from the national governments, international organizations, and universities around the world, the keynote speakers from IBM Japan/KEIDANREN, Federal Management Agency (FEMA), and Department of National Defense (DND) of the Philippines imparted the important message of engaging private sector in disaster risk reduction and recovery to further avoid greater economic losses. In addition, the speakers from International Organization of Employees (IOE), Development Bank of Japan, South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation Disaster Management Center (SDMC), El Colegio de Mexico, World Bank, Tohoku University, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and JICA presented specific initiatives that promote collaboration between private sector and public sector. The lessons from these initiatives are crucial in further accelerating the learning by conscious application to areas with similar situations.

The panel discussion, which dwelt on the role of private sector in the implementation of the

recovery component of HFA2 (post-2015 framework for DRR), proactively facilitated the exchange of new ideas and strategies to ensure that recovery is adequately reflected in the global framework. The panelists, comprising experts from FEMA, DND, IOE, Tohoku University, and JICA, recommended some actions to effectively engage private sector in DRR and recovery, including strengthening the platforms for sharing of information, legal frameworks for coordination, and business continuity planning. The outcomes of the discussions will inform the recovery component of post-HFA framework which will be presented at the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14-18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Japan.

The key dignitaries who also delivered relevant message on recovery and reconstruction included Mr. Katsuju Sasaki (Deputy Director-General of the Cabinet Office of Japan) and Mr. Toshizo Ido (Governor of Hyogo Prefecture).

6-3-2. Participation in the 4th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The 4th Session of the Global Platform for DRR organized by UNISDR was held from 19 to 23 May 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The IRP secretariat, the Cabinet Office of Japan and ADRC organized the Forum “Lessons on Recovery from Mega-Disasters” with the participation of 124 people from IRP partners, international and regional institutions, governments and NGOs, etc. The forum was also organized as the last session of the Expert Group Meetings on the Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE) and the completion of the “Recovery Status Report on the GEJE” was announced in the forum.



Fig. 6-3-2-1 Forum “Lessons on Recovery from Mega-Disasters”

Following the special remarks by Mr. Yoshitami Kameoka, Parliamentary Secretary of the Cabinet Office of Japan, and the message from Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, delivered by Mr. Akinori Sugimoto, Superintendent for Disaster Management of Hyogo Prefecture, Prof. Yasuo Tanaka of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman moderated a panel discussion with experts serving as panelists, namely: Mr. Roger Sutton, Chief Executive, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA), New Zealand; Prof. Yoshimitsu Shiozaki, Ritsumeikan University, Japan; Mr. David Trissell, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), USA, and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Nadeem Ahmed, Former Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Pakistan. Each panelist made a presentation on recovery experiences and good practices of each country.

They further explored measures for integrating recovery in development planning as well as

efforts towards effective recovery strategy and frameworks, and also highlighted the key strategic recommendations on recovery for HFA2.

IRP also took advantage of disseminating its brochures and publications to the participants in the Global Platform at the Market Place. In particular, Recovery Status Report on the Great East Japan Earthquake, along with other recovery reports and guidance notes on recovery, was showcased at the marketplace.



Fig. 6-3-2-2 Dissemination of the publications

6-3-3. “IRP Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning” (Philippines and other countries)

The International Recovery Platform (IRP) and Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) had facilitated “IRP Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning”, 19-21 February 2014 in Cebu City, Philippines. The main objective of the workshop was to provide technical assistance in formulating the recovery plans of local governments impacted by super typhoon Haiyan. With its experts in Cebu City, IRP/ADRC shared a collection of global experiences and lessons on disaster recovery, which served as reference in establishing a temporal link between preparedness, recovery, and sustainable development. The workshop was also aimed at strengthening the local capacities for integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in disaster recovery planning and long-term development programming.



Fig. 6-3-3 IRP Workshop on Disaster Recovery Planning (Cebu, Philippines)

Over 50 local government officials from the Provincial Government of Cebu, Provincial Government of Leyte, Provincial Government of Samar, City Government of Tacloban, Municipal Government of Palo (Leyte), and Municipal Government of Basey (Samar) participated in the workshop to explore strategies and actions on recovery and reconstruction from the super typhoon. Additionally, partners from UNISDR-GETI and Office of Civil Defense (OCD, Philippines) also participated to further contribute in the discussions and make sure that partners' knowledge and experiences are shared with the impacted local governments.

The acting administrator of OCD General Romeo F. Fajardo along with the administrator of the Province of Cebu Atty. Mark Tolentino and OCD-Region 7 director Ms. Dina Morante were present at the opening to grace occasion and inspire the participants to work collaboratively and effectively. During this event, the participants were exposed to various options to "build back better" after a disaster. A wide array of strategies and actions from the "IRP Guidance Notes on Recovery", developed by IRP, served as options in which the local governments can adopt, if suited to their respective contexts. The lessons on recovery, as compiled by IRP/ADRC from various experiences around the globe, provided an additional input to build on the existing initiatives of local governments. At the end of the workshop, each local government came up with an outline of Recovery Plan, including a list of strategies, actions, and responsible offices/organizations to implement the proposed actions.

In addition to the above-mentioned workshop in Cebu, IRP organized workshops in India, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Philippines (Makati City) and Lebanon in FY2013, with more than 200 participants in total.