



THEMATIC SESSIONS GUIDE

1. General directions

For the Thematic sessions one or more responsible organizations will lead the coordination of the session and define the structure of the session. The Coordinating/Responsible Organizations will present the session's summary matrix (Annex 1) and will appoint the responsible relator for the session.

2. Preparation for the Session

The thematic and parallel sessions could have one or more institutions in charge of the Session organization (See Annex 2). In order to support the coordinating organization, UNISDR will appoint a focal point from UNISDR (Annex 2) to facilitate the contact and support information required. The Coordinating entities will be in charge of:

- Provide to UNISDR focal point the name and contact name of the person identified as focal point of the Coordinating organization.
- Define / agree the session agenda.
- Define the methodology to be used.
- Define the suggested panelists and suggested list of organization representatives to be invited. The list must be define jointly with the key partners included in the session matrix (Annex 2 highlighted in green)

3. Goal of the Thematic session

- Take stock of the situation in the region regarding the session thematic area.
- Identify challenges and opportunities in the short and midterm 2012-2015.
- Identify the priority actions to be taken in the Region at regional, sub-regional and national level towards 2015.

4. Thematic session suggested structure

- General presentation of the session subject (Under the session's Coordinating organization).
- Dialogue and thematic discussion according to the methodological approach to be defined by the session's Coordinating institution (panel, round table, working groups, etc.)
- Conclusions and recommendations to be presented in the plenary session.

5. Outcomes:

- The session summary matrix will be handed over by the Coordinating Organization to the focal point to be appointed by UNISDR for this task (Annex 1).
- Conclusions and recommendations presented in power point format to be provided to the groups for the plenary session.



6. Coordinating/Responsible Organization Responsibilities

- Guarantee a geographic and gender balance and a representation of the different panelists and invitees during the session.
- Elaborate the session results in power point format to be provided to the groups for the plenary session.
- Elaborate the session summary matrix (Annex 1) to be handed over to the focal point of UNISDR.
- Likewise the Coordinating organization will be in charge of identifying the panelist to be considered in the session. It is requested to the Coordinating organization provides the list of panelists and the session agenda to UNISDR before July 30 2012 in order to be included in the agenda.
- Likewise, the Coordinating organization will be in charge of the logistic and costs for the attendance to the session of panelists and representatives identified (flight tickets, travel allowances, hotel reservations, etc.)

7. Available logistic support

- UNISDR will provide the computing equipment, projection, equipment, materials, wireless microphones and support staff needed on each session. Any other additional or specific requirement should be requested to the person appointed by UNISDR to support its session.



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Annex 1: Session summary matrix

Thematic session		Relator for report to plenary	
Thematic coordinator			

Action Level	Critical Factors	Priority Actions	Expected Outcomes 2012 / 2015 (per action)	Agencies and Key Agents	Successful Experiences/Good practices
Regional/Sub-regional					
National/Sub-national					
Local					



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Annex 2- Regional Platform sessions 2012

Sessions	Sessions Goals	Sub-subjects per Session	Coordinating Institution (Underlined)	UNISDR focal Point
Mechanisms, tools and instruments towards a disaster risk reduction framework beyond 2015	Contribute with the discussion of a new post-HFA DRR framework and identify areas of agreement or general guidelines regarding the tendencies, challenges and emerging solutions, connection with other important areas such as climate change adaptation, sustainable development and poverty eradication, environment and disaster preparedness, that could be reached as inputs to be considered by the participants of the Global Platform for DRR IV Session in Geneva, Switzerland, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HFA progress assessment and steps to follow regarding gaps in progress and the challenges faced. 	<p><u>UNISDR</u></p> <p>Key partners : 8-9 partners from different sectors</p>	<p><u>Julio Garcia</u> jgarcia@eird.org</p>
Public policies for DRR at national, regional and continental level	The goal of this session will be to synthesize through the discussion and review of concrete experiences, critical points in successful processes followed by the countries towards the development of national and regional policies that had generated important changes and progresses regarding the integration of DRR to development. Beyond the concrete experiences, the discussion will aim to identify a group of elements and critical steps within the national or regional policy formulation processes that had been successfully implemented and could be followed as guidelines to formulate a roadmap for a plan of action in countries and sub-regions, in order to tackle underlying risk factors within the sub-regional and national planning processes towards the fulfillment of the HFA priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key elements within the public policies development process. Progresses on DRR Governance (legal frames, regional frames, national platforms) Public policies on DRR within transversal subjects: Access to water and land, gender and DRR 	<p><u>CEPRENAC</u></p> <p>Key partners: CAPRADE, REHU, CDEMA</p>	<p><u>Raul Salazar</u> rsalazar@eird.org</p>



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<p>Public investment and financial tools for disaster risk reduction</p>	<p>To share experiences at local, national and regional level concerning different incorporation processes of DRR and CCA within the Public Investment National Systems, the Insurance and Financial risk transfer market systems, as well as funds or financial instruments for financial security in case of disaster, expecting to establish a success criteria linked to such experiences, identifying gaps and challenges to increase the relevance of DRR within the mechanisms and systems above mentioned, as well as recommendations for its implementation in the region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences on public investment processes. Mechanisms/Indicators of DRR and CCA investment monitoring within public policies Insurance and re-insurance systems and financial risk transfer and contingency credit mechanisms 	<p>IDB, BM</p> <p>Key partners: México, Perú, Costa Rica, Panamá, PNUD, Honduras, GIZ.</p>	<p><u>Julio Garcia</u> jgarcia@eird.org</p>
<p>Civil society participation in disaster risk reduction</p>	<p>Identify and promote processes and mechanisms of civil society and its linkages to public policies for DRR. Identify the current situation, barriers and limitations among them and how to promote its actions to favor DRR and humanitarian relief.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community participation DRR and private sector Volunteering for disaster risk reduction 	<p>Chile, IFRC</p>	<p><u>Margarita Villalobos</u> <u>mwillalobos@eird.org</u></p>
<p>Technical cooperation for disaster risk reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify lessons learned and challenges to the development and consolidation of regional cooperation mechanisms (horizontal/South-South, Triangular) for disaster risk reduction. To establish general guidelines for the strengthening of technical cooperation mechanisms on DRR and CCA in the Americas, within the sustainable development context (South-South and Triangular cooperation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRR Technical Cooperation Progresses and challenges Guidelines for the strengthening of DRR and CCA technical cooperation mechanisms within the sustainable development context. Relevant experiences in the technical cooperation area. 	<p><u>PNUD, OEA</u></p> <p>Key partners: SEGIB.</p>	<p>Ruben Vargas rvargas@eird.org</p>



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<p>Urban Risk in the Americas: A challenge for achieving the sustainable development goals</p>	<p>The session goal will be to promote the political commitment of local and national governments towards the urban risk reduction through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting progress on the enhancement of local government capabilities regarding disaster risk management and climate change adaptation within the decentralization process. • Identifying cooperation mechanisms at local, national, regional and global level to strengthen the local governments' capacity and knowledge on DRR and CCA aiming towards the reflection on both subjects during planning and development processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRR decentralization: increasing of local government capabilities • City to City interchange: capacity building instrument • Urban Risk Platform as a mechanism for capacity building interchange 	<p><u>FLACMA,</u> <u>UNISDR.</u></p> <p>Key partners : ONUHABITAT, ICLEI, IFRC, Thematic Platform</p>	<p>Sandra Amlang samlang@eird.org</p>
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1. Parallel Events

- Assessment of extreme events recovery processes with Haiti and Chile as a base. Reconstruction and early recovery (PNUD, WB, IFRC)
- Education and DRR (UNICEF, PLAN, UNESCO)
- Probabilistic Models (WB)
- Financial instruments for risk management (WB)

2. “Ignite Stage” :

Presentations during the whole day of projects and new Disaster Risk Reduction initiatives: “15 minutes to ignite a long lasting communication”.

The IGNITE Stage, is an space where the Regional Platform participants will have 15 minutes to present a project or initiative about Disaster Risk Reduction. The goal of this space is to expand the range of subjects discusses within the Regional Platform that go beyond those presented in the main sessions and parallel events.