

Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction of the Americas

Investing for resilience - Third Session - Santiago de Chile -26-28 November, 2012









1. Regional Platform Sessions 2012

Sessions	Sessions Goals	Sub-subjects per Session	Coordinating Institution (Underlined)
Mechanisms, tools and instruments towards a disaster risk reducction 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.	HFA progress assessment and steps to follow regarding gaps in progress and the challenges faced.	UNISDR Key partners: 8-9 partners from different sectors
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.	 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 	CEPREDENAC Key partners: CAPRADE, REHU,CDEMA
Public investment and financial tools for disaster risk reduction	To share experiences at local, national and regional level concerning different incorporation processes of DRR and CCA within the Public	 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 	IDB, BM Key partners: México, Perú, Costa Rica, Panamá, PNUD, Honduras, GIZ.
Civil society participation in disaster risk	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	Community participationDRR and private sectorVolunteering for disaster risk	Chile, IFRC









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reduction	to favor DRR and humanitarian relief.	reduction	
Technical cooperation for disaster risk reduction	 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) 	 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. 	PNUD, OEA Key partners: SEGIB.
Urban Risk in the Americas: A challenge for achieving the sustainable development goals	 The session goal will be to promote the political commitment of local and national governments towards the urban risk reduction through: 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. 	 DRR decentralization: increasing of local government capabilities City to City interchange: capacity building instrument Urban Risk Platform as a mechanism for capacity building interchange 	FLACMA, UNISDR. Key partners: UN HABITAT, ICLEI, IFRC, Thematic Platform

2. Parallel Events

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

3. "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.





