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*Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow
Increased Investment in Local Action*

PROGRAMME



In collaboration with the World Reconstruction Conference

Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and World Reconstruction Conference

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Chair of the Global Platform:

Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Opening of the World Reconstruction Conference:

Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati
Managing Director of the World Bank

Venue:

International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)
17 rue de Varembé, Geneva, Switzerland

For all information, please visit the Global Platform website:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011>

World Reconstruction Conference website:

<http://www.wrc-2011.org>

Official Programme

Tuesday 10 May - Friday 13 May

Preparatory Meetings and Events

Sunday 8 May - Monday 9 May



Test the siren of Meghauri's early warning system, Nepal © Practical Action Bangladesh

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United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

At the end of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in July 1999, the International Programme Forum adopted the Geneva Mandate on Disaster Reduction, together with the strategy document “A Safer World in the 21st Century: Risk and Disaster Reduction.” The Forum recommended that an international cooperative framework for disaster reduction be maintained and strengthened.

In december 1999, General Assembly Resolution 54/219 created the UNISDR, as a successor of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction. In 2001, Assembly resolution 56/195 mandated the secretariat to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations system and regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields.

In 2005, the Assembly, through resolution 60/195, endorsed the “Hyogo Declaration” and the “Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters” adopted by the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan. The Hyogo Framework for Action has tasked the ISDR secretariat with supporting the implementation of the strategic objectives identified therein.



International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Food and Refreshments

A coffee and refreshment bar is open from 07:30 to 17:30 hrs from 9 to 13 May. The conference centre has a cafeteria style restaurant open from 12:00 to 14:30 hrs. Please note that eating and drinking are not permitted in the meeting rooms. There are no dinner facilities provided at the conference centre. There are a number of restaurants near the conference centre including:

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Chemin Louis-Dunant 13, 1202 Genève, Suisse
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Restaurant Japonais Sagano
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Avenue de France 33, 1202 Genève, Suisse
T. 022 734 41 00

Restaurant Ariana
Rue de Montbrillant 83, 1202 Genève, Suisse
T. 022 740 07 67

Restaurant New Shanghai
Rue de Montbrillant 90, 1202 Genève, Suisse-
T. 022 734 00 81

Restaurant des Nations
Rue de Montbrillant 87, 1202 Genève, Suisse
T. 022 734 35 45

Geneva Public Transport

A free day pass for public transport (bus and train) is usually available to guests staying in hotels in Geneva. A transportation map can be found at: http://www.tpg.ch/index.php/tpg/horaires/horaire_normal

Geneva Hotel List

Please contact the Global Platform Help Desk at the conference centre.

For more information, please visit the Global Platform website: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011/>

Foreword: From Risk to Resilience

The 11 March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan is a sobering reminder that well planned actions based on human precision can seem almost extemporaneous when confronted with nature's imprecision. In the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the world was riveted to images of the destruction as reports of the numbers of dead and missing grew into figures no one wanted to hear. Numbers that defied the billions of dollars spent by a country that was well aware of the daily risks threatening its population and determined to minimize if not prevent the suffering that accompanies the pernicious visitations of natural hazards.

Do we give up in the face of such odds? No. Consider that for those who are already familiar and comfortable with the notion, "disaster risk reduction" already existed long before the term came into use. The process today is merely the modern equivalent of attitudes adopted by communities after their catastrophes in past centuries. What is new is the almost 20 year old concept of ownership by the most vulnerable people; national policies that are responsive to human needs as well as the empowering of local people; and a sense of knowing that, development without resilience is not sustainable. Managing risk is therefore an inescapable part of our way of life. Yet this in itself is now not enough. We are now compelled to do more - to move from simply managing our risks towards building sustainable cultures of resilience.

Plausibly, the thrust to build such cultures began with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and Disaster Mitigation Branch in the 1970s. Today it is now the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), a collaboration of scientific, academic, political, economic, legal, civil, governmental and private sector entities, who took the internationally-agreed 1999 Geneva Mandate to build a culture of resilience using the Hyogo Framework for Action for Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA) as a guiding tool. The resulting "Hyogo-effect" is a mindset of safety-conscious development processes that gave rise to a voluntary monitoring process, the formation of national laws and institutions underpinned by a system of national focal points and platforms. The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which meets every two years, is the manifestation of these commitments.

From 8 to 13 May 2011, the Third Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction will convene in Geneva, Switzerland. The event brings together leaders, opinion makers, practitioners and experts to commit to action and set the future course of disaster risk reduction. The main theme of the Third Session of the Global Platform "Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow – Increased Investment in Local Action", is the chapeau of three main topics: Reconstruction and Recovery; Economics of Disaster Risk Reduction; and Alliances with Climate Change and Development.

Given recent events and the need for urgent action, the Third Session of the Global Platform comes at an important time. The Third Session will build on the findings and recommendations of the Second Session in 2009 as well as the results of the Mid-Term-Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action, the 2011 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction, and, the 2010 publication "*Natural Hazards, UnNatural Disasters: The Economics of Effective Prevention.*" The Third Session also features the World Reconstruction Conference (WRC), organized by the World Bank, that will add to the policy dialogue for more effective support to countries in recovery and risk reduction.

The main outcome document of the Global Platform will be a Chair's Summary that will outline actions and set the priorities for the disaster risk reduction community.



Roundtables

Roundtables have been organized in cooperation with governments and participating organizations on issues of importance for the disaster risk reduction agenda. In particular these roundtables feature representatives from government, private sector and local authorities. Their outcomes will feed into the Chair's Summary and final proceedings of the Third Session of the Global Platform.



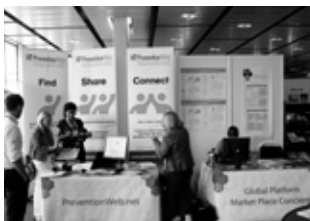
Featured Events

Featured events highlight a particular area of work in disaster risk reduction. Featured events in 2011 include a briefing of the Global Assessment Report; dialogue with parliamentarians and mayors; discussions on education, health, climate services for managing risks, preparedness, as well as a briefing on the recent publication *Natural Hazards, UnNatural Disasters: Economics of Effective Prevention*.



Side Events

Hour-long side events will take place each day during the lunch break where they will address a variety of topics and issues of interest, clustered around main themes and topics of the Third Session. Recognition goes to the side event organizers for support in partnership-building through joint organization of these events.



Market Place

The Disaster Risk Reduction Market Place will be open from 08:30 to 18:30 hrs from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 May and from 08.30 to 14:00 hrs on Friday 13 May. The purpose of the Market Place is to provide a dynamic venue for showcasing major projects, products, new ideas and approaches that support the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action. The Market Place area with stalls is located in the main entrance hall of the conference centre. In addition, an "ignite stage" will provide further opportunity for participants to highlight their achievements, challenges and innovative ideas.



World Reconstruction Conference

The World Reconstruction Conference will feature a number of events centred on recovery and reconstruction including a High Level Policy Panel, Thematic Sessions, Roundtable Discussions, and an Innovation Forum. Detailed session descriptions as well as background notes can be found at <http://www.wrc-2011.org>

Preparatory Meetings and Events at a Glance

Preparatory meetings and events provide participants with an opportunity to meet on Sunday 8 May and Monday 9 May 2011 in advance of the commencement of the formal programme of the Third Session. Preparatory meetings and events are listed below. Updates, where made, can be found on the website: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011/>
Preparatory meetings and events are closed sessions (invitation only) unless otherwise specified as an open event.

Sunday 8 May	Time	Room	Level
Media Training for Journalists and Media Focal Points for National Platforms	09.00 – 17.00	14	2
Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction - ISDR Science and Technical Committee	14.00 – 18.00	B-CCV	CCV building
Red Cross Red Crescent Day: The value of Volunteers in Reducing Risks and Growing Sustainable Communities (open event)	14.00 – 17.00	A-CCV	CCV building
Monday 9 May	Time	Room	Level
CEPRENAC: Disaster Risk Reduction analysis in Central America: Context and Future Actions	08.00 – 11.00	2	0
Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction: Learning Event on Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction	09.00 – 11.00	5	3
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Meeting	09.00 – 12.00	7+8	2
Climate Change Negotiators Preparatory Meeting	09.00 – 12.00	18	-1
African Group on Disaster Risk Reduction	09.00 – 12.00	3	0
Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab Region: Progress and Challenges	09.00 – 12.00	4	0
Pacific Regional Group Orientation Meeting	09.00 – 12.00	13	2
ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management	09.00 – 12.00	C-CCV	CCV building
Media Training for Journalists	09.00 – 17.00	14	2
UNISDR Donors Group Meeting	09.30 – 12.30	B-CCV	CCV building
REHU MERCOSUR: Progress on Disaster Risk Reduction	10.00 – 12.00	6	3
CDEMA: Strategic Issues and Positions for Third Session of the Global Platform	10.00 – 12.00	E-CCV	CCV building
European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction	10.00 – 12.30	A-CCV	CCV building
International Consortium on Landslides	10.00 – 17.00	D-CCV	CCV building
SAARC Disaster Management Centre – Launch of South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network Portal	11.00 – 13.00	5	3
DKKV and IFRC: Early Warning Preparatory Meeting	13.00 – 15.00	5	3
GFDRR Consultative Group Meeting	13.30 – 18.00	A-CCV	CCV building
Global Task Force on Building Codes	14.00 – 16.00	18	-1
Heads of IGOs and Regional Platforms	14.00 – 17.00	3	0
National Platform Meeting: Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction through Better Governance	14.00 – 17.00	4	0
Preparatory meeting for Mayors, Local Governments and Making Cities Resilient Campaign (open meeting)	14.00 – 17.00	6	3
Shelter Sector: Preparatory Meeting	14.00 – 18.00	13	2
Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Health	14.00 – 18.00	C-CCV	CCV building
Parliamentarian Preparatory Meeting	15.00 – 17.00	E-CCV	CCV building

Official Programme at a Glance

Tuesday 10 May	Time	Room	Level
Featured Event: Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction	09.00 – 10.15	1	1
Featured Event: Mayors' and Parliamentarians' Perspectives on Legislation and Implementation	10.30 – 12.30	1	1
WRC Roundtable: Strengthening Local Recovery – The Key to Building Back Better	10.30 – 12.15	3+4	0
Roundtable: Preparedness	10.30 – 12.15	2	0
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	12.15 – 13.15		
Featured Event: Education and Safe Schools	12.45 – 14.15	2	0
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	13.15 – 14.15		
Opening Ceremony	14.30 – 15.15	1	1
Plenary: Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow – Increased Investment in Local Action	15.15 – 16.30	1	1
Roundtable: Ensuring a Return on Investment in Local Action	16.45 – 18.30	2	0
Roundtable: Addressing Wildland Fire Risk	16.45 – 18.30	3+4	0
Official Plenary Statements	16.45 – 18.30	1	1
WRC Thematic Sessions: 1. Urban Housing Reconstruction and Land Management	16.45 – 18.30	7+8	2
2. IT Innovations – Reconstruction 2.0	16.45 – 18.30	5	3
3. Assessment-led Reconstruction	16.45 – 18.30	18	-1
4. Post-Disaster Response in Fragile and Conflict Situations	16.45 – 18.30	6	3
Reception hosted by Switzerland	18.30 – 20.00	Restaurant	1

Wednesday 11 May	Time	Room	Level
World Reconstruction Conference (WRC) High Level Policy Panel: Responding to Natural Disasters - A Long-Ignored Development Challenge	09.00 – 10.45	2	0
Roundtable: Public Investment – Where Disaster Risk Reduction Really Makes a Difference	11.00 – 12.45	2	0
Roundtable: Engaging the Private Sector	11.00 – 12.45	3+4	0
WRC Thematic Sessions: 5. Monitoring and Evaluation of Disaster Recovery Operations and Programmes	11.00 – 12.45	18	-1
6. Rebuilding Life-important Infrastructure: The Case of Water and Sanitation	11.00 – 12.45	6	3
7. Lessons Learned from Large-Scale Reconstruction Programmes	11.00 – 12.45	5	3
8. Environmentally Sustainable Recovery	11.00 – 12.45	7+8	2
Official Plenary Statements	11.00 – 12.45	1	1
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	12.45 – 13.45		
Featured Event: Natural Hazards, UnNatural Disasters – Economics of Effective Prevention	13.15 – 14.45	2	0
Featured Event: Protecting Public Health from Disaster Risks	13.15 – 14.45	3+4	0
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	13.45 – 14.45		
Plenary: The Economics of Disaster – Effective Financial Instruments to Reduce Risk	15.00 – 16.30	1	1
WRC Thematic Session: 9. Shaping Institutions for Reconstruction: Options and Trade-offs	16.30 – 18.30	7+8	2
10. Protecting and Empowering Vulnerable Groups in Recovery	16.30 – 18.30	5	2
Informal Plenary 1: Implementation of Outcomes of the Mid Term Review of the Hyogo Framework of Action	16.45 – 18.30	2	0
WRC Roundtable: Rebuilding and Protecting Critical Infrastructure – Lessons from Japan and Other Catastrophes	16.45 – 18.30	3+4	0
Official Plenary Statements	16.45 – 18.30	1	1
WRC Innovation Competition Presentations: New Approaches to Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction	18.30 – 20.00	Ignite Stage	0

Thursday 12 May	Time	Room	Level
Plenary: Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Alliances for Resilience	09.00 – 10.30	1	1
Roundtable: Managing Watersheds for Urban Resilience	10.45 – 12.30	3+4	0
Roundtable: Children for Resilience	10.45 – 12.30	2	0
WRC Thematic Sessions: 11. Innovations in Disaster and Climate Risk Financing for Developing Countries	10.45 – 12.30	18	-1
12. Reviving of Livelihoods and Local Economy	10.45 – 12.30	7+8	2
13. Providing Sustainable Health and Education Services in Disaster Recovery Programs	10.45 – 12.30	6	3
Official Plenary Statements	10.45 – 12.30	1	1
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	12.30 – 13.30		
Featured Event: Operational Climate Services for Managing Socio-Economic Risks linked to the Changing Climate	13.00 – 14.30	2	0
Side Events (see programme and schedule for details)	13.30 – 14.30		
Official Plenary Statements	14.45 – 18.30	1	1
Roundtable: Making Disaster Risk Reduction Gender Sensitive	14.45 – 16.30	3+4	0
Roundtable: Safety Nets for Disaster Risk Reduction	14.45 – 16.30	2	0
Roundtable: Mountains of Risk	14.45 – 16.30	A-CCV	CCV building
Informal Plenary 2: Implementation of Outcomes of the Mid Term Review of the Hyogo Framework of Action	16.45 – 18.30	2	0
WRC Roundtable: The Way Forward – Moving Towards a Sustainable Reconstruction and Recovery Framework	16.45 – 18.30	3+4	0
United Nations Sasakawa Award 2011 Ceremony	18.30 – 19.30	3+4	0
Reception	19.30 – 20.30	Restaurant	1
Friday 13 May	Time	Room	Level
Joint Summary Outcomes Global Platform and WRC	09.00 – 11.30	1	1
Closing Ceremony	11.30 – 12.30	1	1
Side Event: Next Steps on Chair's Summary	12.45 – 14.15	2	0

Ceremonies and Receptions

Opening Ceremony

(Tuesday 10 May 14.30 – 15.15 Room 1)

Distinguished delegates are cordially invited to the opening of the Third Session of the Global Platform and the World Reconstruction Conference.

Opening keynote speech will be delivered by:

H.E Mr. BAN Ki-moon,
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Welcome address will be given by:

Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati,
Managing Director of the World Bank

Statements from invited dignitaries will follow. The opening session will be an opportunity to outline future plans and commitments to achieve international and domestic goals in risk reduction. As global and domestic institutions pursue the goals of sustainable development, it is only with strong leadership at the highest levels that investments can be protected and lives saved.

Reception hosted by Switzerland

(Tuesday 10 May 18.30 – 20.00 Restaurant)

All participants are welcome to attend a reception hosted by the Swiss Confederation at the Conference Centre.

United Nations Sasakawa Award 2011

(Thursday 12 May)

(Ceremony 18.30 – 19.30 Room 3+4)

(Reception 19.30 – 20.30 Restaurant)

The United Nations Sasakawa Award recognizes excellence in reducing disaster risk for a safer, more sustainable world. The candidates - individuals and institutions - have carried out outstanding and internationally recognized action that contributes to the strategic goals and priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015. In 2011 the focus of the award is on local action in line with the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and the overall theme of the Global Platform. All participants are welcome to attend to this high-profile event, which will be followed by a reception.

Closing Ceremony

(Friday 13 May 11.30 – 12.30 Room 1)

Distinguished delegates are cordially invited to the formal closing of the Third Session of the Global Platform. An invited guest will deliver a speech on future risk.



Opening Ceremony

Tuesday 10 May

14.30 – 15.15