



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Europe Briefing and Consultation on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction “Engaging Stakeholders in delivering the 2017 Global Platform outcomes”

Friday 9 December 2016, 10:00-16:30, Room IV, Palais des Nations, Geneva (tbc)

CONCEPT NOTE

1. Background

As a follow-up to a series of extensive consultations undertaken over May-June 2016 with countries (through the UNISDR Support Group) and stakeholders (through an Online Dialogue), a provisional agenda for the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was developed and endorsed by Mexico.

A new round of consultations with countries and stakeholders on the provisional agenda was launched on 8 August, resulting in the development of a final draft agenda for the 2017 Global Platform based on compiled comments. The final document was endorsed by the Government of Mexico and the Support Group’s Task Force on the 2017 Global Platform after its first meeting (27 September 2016).

A few topics of priority importance towards meeting the 2020 and 2030 Sendai Framework and SDG targets are emerging from the endorsed agenda and are being proposed to support the outcomes of the 2017 Global Platform and build longer-term partnerships. They include:

- Public and private investments to reduce economic losses from disasters;
- Supporting the development of national and local strategies and plans for disaster risk reduction by 2020;
- Addressing the vulnerability of LDCs, LLDCs, SIDs and other countries in special situations;
- Building coherence with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Risk insurance to build resilience;
- Promoting the availability and access of Early Warning and risk information;
- Expanding the scope and quality of disaster loss databases.

2. Europe Briefing and Consultation on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

A “Europe briefing and consultation with stakeholders on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction” will be held on Friday, 9 December 2016, from 10:00-16:30 in Geneva. The event will be held back to back with the Swiss NGO DRR Platform meeting scheduled from 6-8 December 2016 in Bern, Switzerland.

Objectives

- To brief stakeholders on the Global Platform’s practical and the substantive developments linked to sessions where organizing teams are engaged and the Leaders Forum;
- To engage stakeholders in the development of the elements of the 2017 Global Platform outcomes and ensure that their concerns and priorities are duly addressed; and
- To clarify engagement of stakeholders in the 2017 Global Platform processes, including the nomination of chairs and speakers of sessions, and the process for making substantive input to various sessions of the GP.

Expected audience

- Approximately 30-40 representatives from key civil society groups from Europe (NGOs networks, women groups, children and youth, persons with disability, community / indigenous leaders, academia and science and technology) representatives will be invited to contribute to the consultation on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction preparations and development of outcome documents.



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Format:

The Europe Briefing and Consultation will be held in line with the following format.

- An **online pre-consultation** on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will be organized through VOICE prior to the Geneva briefing (28 November-2 December). The online consultation will build on a consultation paper highlighting the thematic focus areas proposed for targeted discussions among stakeholder groups (see Annex 1). Views and contribution from the online pre-consultation will be collected through a report and presented by a VOICE representative at the Europe Briefing and Consultation in Geneva
- A **briefing and consultation around the 2017 Global Platform** preparations, substantive issues, key expected outcomes and development of outcome documents will take with the following agenda:
 - Introduction by SRSR Glasser
 - Joint briefing by Mexico and UNISDR on the 2017 Global Platform preparations, including substantive developments and logistical aspects.
 - Update on recent consultations on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Substantive consultation through the Working groups' discussions on stakeholders' engagement in the 2017 Global Platform's sessions, Leaders Forum and the development of outcome documents.
 - Sessions discussion will highlight stakeholders' priorities and challenges in implementing the chosen topics, and their planned contribution and leadership in supporting implementation at and beyond the 2017 Global Platform.
 - Compilation of comments and production of a short outcome report
- A **welcome coffee and sandwiches** will be served to participants.

Invitation process: A generic email invitation will be circulated through stakeholder groups and civil society networks (GNDR, Voice, Sphere, ICVA etc.) to reach out to key civil society representatives.



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ANNEX 1

CONSULTATION PAPER

A few important topics selected to meeting the 2020 and 2030 Sendai Framework and SDG targets are emerging from the endorsed agenda. They are reflected in the list below to further engage stakeholders in supporting the outcomes of the 2017 Global Platform and building longer-term partnerships around the proposed topics.

PRIORITY TOPIC	QUESTION
<p>1. Addressing the challenge of reducing the rapidly escalating economic costs of disasters (key theme of the Leaders Forum)</p> <p>Possible areas of focus of the discussion can include how to make public and private investments risk sensitive, how to improve land use planning, how to foster a build back better approach in disaster recovery and reconstruction, and make agriculture and rural livelihoods resilient.</p> <p>The outcome of this session will be a High Level Communiqué, which will be drafted in close consultation with countries and other stakeholders ahead of the meeting.</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents to address the challenge of reducing the rapidly escalating economic costs of disasters?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>
<p>2. National and local disaster risk reduction strategies integrated with climate change and sustainable development plans.</p> <p>This topic can address important elements of capacity building, supporting mechanisms to improve contents of disaster risk reduction plans and strategies, the use of risk information, target setting and indicators, how to support and promote the review of existing plans and strategies, how to improve the disaster risk reduction planning process, and how to engage stakeholders in the design of these plans.</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents to support the development of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies integrated with climate change and sustainable development plans?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>
<p>3. Reducing the vulnerability of countries in special situations</p> <p>This topic can address extensive risks and slow onset disasters such as drought. The session can also focus on developing countries' special vulnerability, and on how to make tourism resilient, to improve ecosystem protection and</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents to reduce the vulnerability of countries in special situations?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>



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<p>revitalization and to promote resilient agriculture and rural livelihoods.</p>	
<p>4. Coherence between the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p>This topic can focus on building coherence between the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2017.</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents in order to promote coherence between the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>
<p>5. Availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information</p> <p>This topic can focus on Sendai Framework target “g”.</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents in order to promote the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>
<p>6. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction</p> <p>This topic can focus on the importance of institutionalizing national recovery frameworks to enhance risk governance, ensure recovery readiness and increase efficient and effective recovery and reconstruction operations.</p>	<p>What commitments or initiatives would you like to see in the outcome documents in order to enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction?</p> <p>What can your group contribute to and how?</p>