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***Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters***

*22nd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum: Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting cooperation and security in the OSCE area*  
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**Foundations of the global work on disaster risk reduction**

**Establishment of UN Disaster Relief Office (1971)**  
*“to promote the study, prevention, control and prediction of natural disasters”*

**International Framework of Action for the IDNDR (1989)**  
*“fostering international cooperation in the field of natural disaster reduction”*

**Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action (1994)**  
*“to achieve a safer world by the end of this century”*

**Geneva Mandate on Disaster Reduction (1999)**  
*“to shift from a culture of reaction to a culture of prevention”*

**Hyogo Framework for Action (2005)**  
*“building the resilience of nations and communities”*



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World Conference on  
Disaster Risk Reduction

14 to 18 March 2015, Sendai City, Japan



UN General Assembly Resolutions 67/209 (Dec 2012) and 68/211 (Dec 2013) decided to convene the Third World Conference on DRR with the following objectives:



- ✓ Review the implementation of the HFA over its 10-year term.
- ✓ Consider experiences gained at regional and national levels.
- ✓ **Adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.**
- ✓ Identify modalities for cooperation based on commitments.
- ✓ Determine modalities for periodic review.



UNISDR was requested to serve as the secretariat of the WCDRR



Groups participating in HFA2 consultations

**PUBLIC SECTOR**

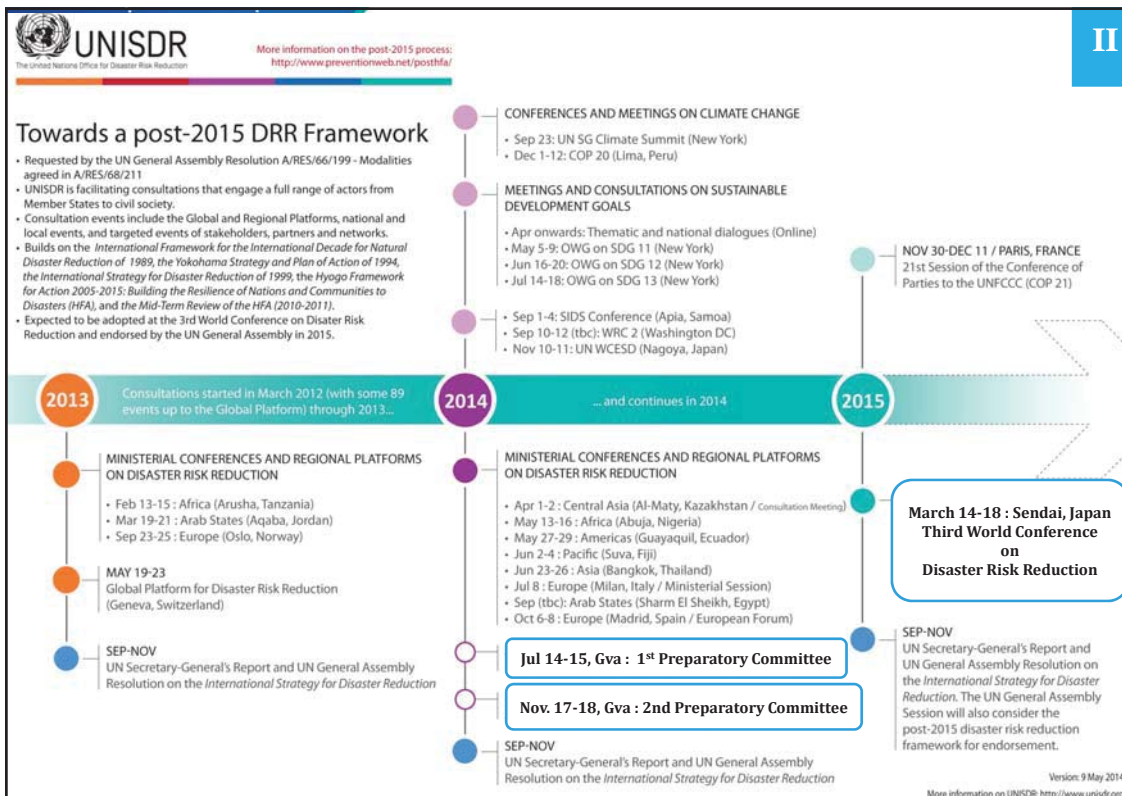
- National governments
- Intergovernmental Organizations
- Local governments - Mayors
- Parliamentarians



**PRIVATE ACTORS**

- Businesses
- Academic and Scientific Community
- NGOs and Civil Society Organizations
- Self-organizing communities
  - Women's groups
  - Children
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Elderly





**II**

## Results of Regional and stakeholders consultations: key issues

- Coherence and mutual reinforcement** of the three international agreements in 2015: DRR, SGs and climate change.
- Public-private partnership.** To curb disaster losses trend.
- Benefits of investing** in disaster risk reduction.
- Support population at risk.**
- Broadening the scope** : emerging risk; environmental and technological risk; trans-boundary disaster risk management and natural resources management; multi-sector and multi-hazard approach, etc.
- Continued capacity development,** research and use of science and technology.



**Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**  
**Preparatory Committee**  
 First session  
 Geneva, 14-15 July 2014



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**Provisional Agenda**

Monday 14 July 2014		08h30	9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
Capacity												
ROOM XVIII: PLENARY	641 p.		Opening, Procedural items 09h-10h	Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction 10h-13h				Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction 14h-18h				
ROOM XXIV: BREAKOUT	260p			Technical workshop 1: Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework (Part I) 11h-13h			Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45	Technical workshop 2: Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework (Part II) 15h-17h				
Tuesday 15 July 2014		08h30	9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
ROOM XVIII: PLENARY	641 p.		Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (cont.) 9h-13h				Considerations on the post-2015 framework for DRR (cont.) 14h-17h			Report, Arrangements 2nd PrepCom, Conclusion. 17h-18h		
ROOM XXIV: BREAKOUT	260p		Chair's dialogue with major groups 9h-10h30	Technical workshop 3: Investing in disaster risk reduction 11h-13h			Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45	Technical workshop 4: Mutual reinforcement of DRR, SDGs and climate change agreements 15h-17h				
<b>Legend:</b>		Intergovernmental Segment (interpretation in 6 UN languages)										
		Multi-stakeholder Segment (in English, no interpretation)										

**The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**  
 March 14-18, 2015, Sendai, Japan (Provisional draft – Rev 23 April 2014)

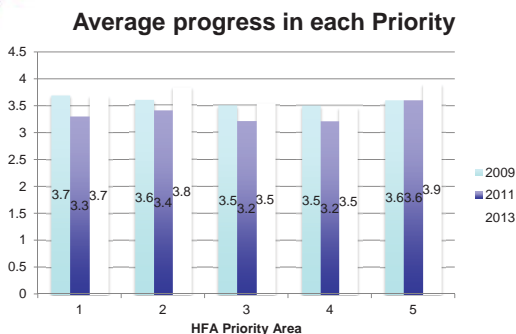


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	Friday Mar. 13		Saturday Mar. 14			Sunday Mar. 15		Monday Mar. 16		Tuesday Mar. 17		Wednesday Mar. 18	
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Inter-Governmental Segment	Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (as necessary)		Opening	Plenary Organizational matters	High Level Forumii	Plenary Official Statements						Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR, Declaration and Commitmentsiii	Closing
						Ministerial Roundtables							
						Stakeholders						Dialogue with Major Groups	
Multi-stakeholder Segment	Informal Preparatory & Stake-holders Meetings					Thematic/HFA Sessions							
						Official Side Events							
Public Forum			Symposium, Fora, Public Events etc. <i>(Diverse locations: International Center, Tohoku University, Sendai Civic Auditorium, Sendai Prefectural Auditorium, Mediatech Sendai, Yume Messe)</i>										
			Film Festival, tbc										
			Exhibitions, including Architect Exhibition, tbc										
Social Events					Reception by Host Country			Reception by Host City			Risk Award Ceremony	Sasakawa Award Ceremony	
			Study Tour									Study Tour Excursion	

- i OP 10 of GA Resolution A/RES/67/209
- ii OP 10 of A/RES/68/211
- iii OP 13 of A/RES/68/211
- iv High-level segment identified in OP 11 of A/RES/68/211
- v OP10 of A/RES/67/209, OP 12 of A/RES/68/211

### Average Progress in Each Priority Area - HFA Europe, some comments



*Progress has been made but challenges become greater every year with more frequent disasters.*

**Policies and programmes** are in place, but need integration in sectors.

**Risk identification** up-to-date and more effective people-centered EWs.

More application of **science and technology**.

Increase **resources for DRM at local level**.

**Public-private partnerships:** Private sector to consider as actor and partner for DRM.



### The European Forum for DRR (EFDRR), Oslo Sept 2013: special focus on CC Adaptation and DRR

- ✓ Members confirmed their **commitment to contribute towards HFA2 with special focus on DRR and CCA and local Level implementation** of the HFA and Governance and Accountability.
- ✓ Endorsement of the document **"How to mainstream DRR and CCA" in Europe**. The document is set as part of the contribution to the HFA2 consultation.
- ✓ Members agreed to organize a **local level HFA 2 consultation** in Italy (2014) inviting the municipalities that have joined the campaign in Europe.
- ✓ Establishment of a new **Working Group** which will focus on **"Governance and Accountability"** and joins the two existing working groups; "CCA and DRR" and "Local level implementation of the HFA"







**Pilot project:**  
*Strengthening the capacity of coordination mechanisms for DRR in the OSCE Region*

**Objective:** build long-term institutional capacities for disaster risk reduction in target beneficiaries

**Target beneficiaries:** Countries in East Europe and Central Asia.

**Project Duration:** 01/03/2014 – 31/03/2015

**Budget:** 400,000 CHF



**Donor:** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



**Activities and Expected Results:**

- Strengthened capabilities of targeted beneficiaries in DRR governance.
- Promote standard disaster losses databases.
- Enhanced institutional cooperation among beneficiaries institutions.
- Participation in consultations on the post-2015 framework to be adopted at the Third UN World Conference on DRR.

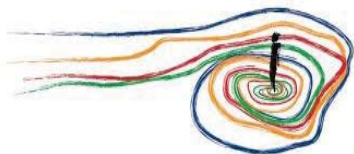


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*Thank you for your attention.*

*Let's continue working together to build the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.*



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