



Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Members,

The 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) will start on 13th of March 2015 and conclude on 18th at Sendai, Japan. The first and second UN WCDRR events were held in Japan (Yokohama in 1994 and Kobe in 2005). The second conference yielded successful outcomes, including the formulation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), which outlined international guidelines for action to reduce disaster risks within the time frame of 2005 to 2015. In 2012, the UN Assembly decided to convene the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to review implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and to adopt a post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The UNISDR serves as secretariat to the 3rd World Conference and coordinating the preparatory activities in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

In preparation to the 3rd WCDRR, Government of India participated in all the preparatory meetings held regionally and globally. India is playing a key role in the formulation of the post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, as its efforts during the decade of HFA (2005-15) is well recognised as its efforts are visible in the priorities 1 and 5 of the HFA (2005-15) and also in the preparedness to reduce fatalities is recognised in the Phailin and Hudhud Cyclone case.

Considering the experience gained in the implementation of the HFA, the 3rd WCDRR will be pursuing focused action across sectors by States at local, national, regional and global levels in the following priority areas:

- **Understanding disaster risk**
- **Strengthening governance and institutions to manage disaster risk**
- **Investing in economic, social, cultural and environmental resilience**
- **Enhancing preparedness for effective response, and building back better in recovery and reconstruction**

The WCDRR will be holding 34 working sessions on varied topics under DRR, 03 High level Partnership Dialogue meeting and 05 Ministerial Roundtable to adopt the post -2015 framework for DRR. The details can be viewed at www.wcdrr.org. At DM CoP we are planning to post queries on some of the key working session topics during the days of WCDRR and share the responses to the working session's discussions.

The DM Community of Practice will be conducting number of activities through collaborative efforts with number of stakeholders locally and globally to give updates on 3rd WCDRR being held in Sendai, Japan. Hence, we request members to participate in responding to the queries that we will be posting and linking with other online knowledge networks. The messages from members will be posted in UNDP and shared with the campaign Road to Sendai (WCDRR) and to update of any information on activities that you may be doing prior to and during WCDRR.

The present Community Update covers resources such as- "Disaster Recovery Toolkit" published by ADPC, The South Asia Women's Resilience Index (WRI) by Action Aid and a document on current status and best

practices of disaster loss data published by European Union. We request members to share information's to be shared with the community.

With warm regards,

G. Padmanabhan and Mahendra R,
Resource Team,
Disaster Management Community of Practice,
UN Solution Exchange.

Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#) UNDP, New Delhi.

From Risk to Resilience: South Asia Regional Framework for Sustainable Water Management



India Water Partnership (IWP) in collaboration with Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS), Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) Limited, SAARC Disaster Management Centre (SDMC) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) organised the event bringing representatives and experts together from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka. The discussions were on the South Asia regional experience, knowledge and case studies on efficient use of water to build more resilient societies to climate change and natural disasters. The event was held on 15th January 2015 at Pragathi Maidan, New Delhi. The details of program can be viewed at <http://www.gwp.org/India-Water-Week-2015>

Upcoming

From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#) UNDP, New Delhi

Education in emergencies e-learning course

Is organised by Human Rights Education Associates (HREA), from 04 Mar - 14 Apr 2015. The program is online and for more details about the e-learning course please click at

Community News

Consolidated Reply

[Developing India Disaster Risk Reduction Portal -Advice; Referrals.](#)

(Size: 264 KB).

From Our Partners

National Institute for Disaster Management, New Delhi

is conducting number of training programs, events and online courses. For more details please visit <http://nidm.gov.in/default.asp>

UNISDR along with various governments, international groups and networks are building consensus towards new global disaster framework. To follow the movement, please visit <http://www.roadtosendai.net/>

UN News

From [Mahendra Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

The UNIC February 2015 newsletter covers news and opinions related to Holocaust, Nuclear Ban Treaty, Inclusive policy, sustainability and Economic Growth in South Asia. For more details read at http://www.unic.org.in/items/Newsletter_Feb2015.pdf

Update your Profile!

It is our constant efforts to reach out to all the members, but unfortunately, our mails bounce back due to mail bouncing back as stating un-delivered. Hence, we are in the process of updating

<http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/39665>

World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Third UN World conference on disaster risk reduction (WCDRR) is being organised by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) at Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. The conference dates are between 14-18 of March 2015. For more details about the conference please click at www.wcdrr.org

Resources

From [Aslam Perwaiz, ADPC, Thailand.](#)

The “**Disaster Recovery Toolkit**” commissioned by the Tsunami Global Lessons Learned Project was executed by ADPC. The Toolkit comprises following components:

- Handbook for Disaster Recovery Practitioners, which sets the basic framework of recovery and reconstruction (R&R)
- Training Manual – Learning Workshop on R&R, designing training for practitioners drawing on the Handbook
- Technical Guidance Notes on land use, housing, livelihoods, and critical facilities

The document can be download at http://www.adpc.net/igo/contents/Our_works/TGLL/index.asp

It is requested of the reader to use the products in their work and widely circulate among the Government, Non-Government and others. For any future partnership, collaboration and technical assistance, please write to Mr. Gregory Pearn gregory@adpc.net

From [Prasad Babu, UNDP, India](#)

The new book Digital Humanitarians tells the compelling story of how mobile technologies, computer applications, and vast quantities of digital data work in concert with a dedicated global network of new humanitarians ready to shed light on disaster-affected areas in hours, not days and weeks. The book can be viewed at <http://www.digital-humanitarians.com/>

From [G. Padmanabhan, UNDP, India.](#)

This report presents a state of the art for recording disaster loss data in European Union member states. It summarize the contribution of experts from 15 EU Member States. A comparative analysis shows that methodologies for disaster loss data collection and recording in Europe are heterogeneous and that the available loss databases vary in their level of completeness and detail. The book can be read at http://drr.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Loss_Report_11182014.pdf

The South Asia Women’s Resilience Index

This report discusses The findings Of the South Asia Women’s Resilience Index (WRI), a tool that assesses countries’ capacity for disaster risk reduction and recovery and the extent to which the needs

members’ data base and request members to share the latest contact details to enable us to update our database. Please [click here](#) to update your contact (**Your Name, Organisation, Email Id and Mobile Number**).

Welcome to new Members

We welcome our new members for joining the DM Community of Practice and look forward for your active participation and contribution for knowledge enhancement.

We request you to spread word within your network and to Disaster Management professionals and practitioners about Solution Exchange Disaster Management Community and ask them to write to write to: se-drm@solutionexchange-n.net.in

India and WCDRR

India: Statement made at the 1st Preparatory Committee of the Third UN World Conference on DRR



An Official Statement made by His Excellency Dilip Sinha, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, India, at the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom 1) of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14-15, July 2014, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/1stPrepCom>

India: Statement made at the 2nd Preparatory Committee of the Third UN World Conference on DRR

of women are being integrated into national resilience-building efforts. This report was commissioned by Action Aid and supported by Australia Aid and Australian Government. To view the report click at [The South Asia Women Resilience Index.pdf](#)

UNDP and WCDRR overview

The document is a message from Ms. Helen Clarke, UNDP Administrator and the document gives overview of UNDP involvement in DRR across the world. The document also provides information of the focal points during the WCDRR at Sendai, Japan. The document can be viewed at [UNDP and WCDRR Overview.pdf](#)

Asian Disaster Management News

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center promotes a culture of building resilience through innovations and partnership. They publish Asian Disaster Management News (ADPC), to serve as a channel of communication and source of information for disaster risk management practitioners and development workers in Asia-Pacific. Online versions are available at: www.adpc.net. The online version of [Vol.21-2015](#) is about bringing Early Warning to Communities.

Job Opportunities

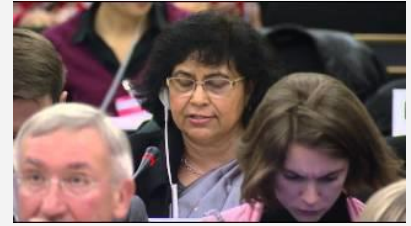
Vacancy: Programme Officer, P3, Central Asia and South Caucasus

Organisation: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia (UNISDR CA); United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

Location: Kazakhstan (Almaty)

Closing date: 3 Mar 2015.

For details click [here](#)



An Official Statement made by Her Excellency Sneh Lata Kumar, Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, India, at the 2nd Preparatory Committee of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 17th and 18th of November 2014, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/2ndPrepCom>

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the Disaster Management Community in India at se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in. In case your email doesn't support viewing this news update, please visit [UNDP India website](#) to read.

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