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Presentation on the progress made in the Implementation of the HFA in the Region of the Americas

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1. **Make DRR a priority**: Ensure that reducing disaster risk is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation

2. **Know the risks and take action**: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risk - urban risk assessments - and ensure early warning

3. **Build understanding and awareness**: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels - PARTICIPATION

4. **Reduce risk**: Reduce underlying risk factors - PLAN AND ENFORCE

5. **Be prepared and ready to act**: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels
Mixed progress towards achieving the HFA
Reviewing progress at all levels

• Three separate but interlinked HFA review tools and methodologies for regional (and sub-regional), national and local levels
• Self-assessment through consultations with multiple stakeholders
• Led and owned by intergovernmental organisations, national and local governments respectively
• Reviewing their own progress and achievements, gaps and challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction efforts
Reviewing progress in disaster risk reduction: the 2011-2013 process of monitoring HFA progress at local, national and regional levels

2012

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May

Global and regional analysis

Regional progress reviews

National progress reviews

Local progress reviews

2013

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2013

IR - Interim Reporting  FR - Final Reporting
Objectives

– Engage a wide range of stakeholders to secure their active participation and contribution to the preparatory process in developing a Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction

– Review success and lessons learnt, identify challenges and solutions to risk reduction and resilience building, especially at national and local levels

– Deepen understanding and knowledge of issues imperative to making socio-economic development resilient to the impact of natural hazards
Approach

Consultation process: participatory and inclusive approach, involving all stakeholders, especially organizations at national and local levels through:

– Organizing consultative meetings
– Facilitating on-line discussions
– Organizing or participating in thematic consultations
– Integrating post-2015 consultations into major conferences related to DRR and development at all levels (e.g. Regional Platform for DRR for the Americas, 26-28 November 2012, 7th CDM conference 2012)

Detailed information available at:
http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/?pid:507&pif:3
Over 50% of world population live in urban settlements

Prediction for 2030: 2 billion new urban habitants
Increase in economic loss and – increased vulnerability and exposure
Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready!
2010-2015

Objective

- Achieve resilient, sustainable urban communities through actions taken by local governments to reduce disaster risk

- Know More
- Invest Wisely
- Build More Safely
Ten-Point Checklist - Essentials for Making Cities Resilient

1. Put in place **organization & coordination** to clarify everyone’s roles & responsibilities.

2. **Assign a budget** & provide incentives for homeowners, low-income families, private sector to invest in risk reduction.

3. Update data on hazards & vulnerabilities, **prepare & share risk assessments**.

4. Invest in & maintain **critical infrastructure**, such as storm drainage.

5. **Assess the safety of all schools and health facilities** & upgrade these as necessary.

7. Ensure education programmes & training on disaster risk reduction are in place in schools and local communities.

8. Protect ecosystems & natural buffers to mitigate hazards, adapt to climate change.


10. After any disaster, ensure that the needs of the affected population are at the centre of reconstruction.
Leadership in the campaign

• “Participating Cities”: Working in the field of disaster risk reduction and committing to implement at least one of the 10 essentials.

• “Champions”: Mayors, other local leaders, or Public figures, promoting the campaign and engaging other local governments.

• “Role Models”: Local Governments that can demonstrate achievements in at least 5 of the 10 essentials; willingness to share their experience with other local governments.

• “Campaign partners”: 8 Frameworks of Collaboration with national associations and federations of local governments, More than 20 regional campaign partners
At Global Level: 1285 local governments from 82 countries.

Americas (Latin America and Caribbean): 181 local governments from 23 countries

16 November 2012
Campaign Tools and mechanisms:

✔ **Handbook for local governments**
Guide on how to make cities more resilient (contains: suggested action to be taken, good practices, tools, etc.)

✔ **Auto-evaluation for local governments / local HFA**
Tool to assess progress along the 10 essentials that helps in identifying gaps and opportunities; undertaken through multi-stakeholder involvement

✔ **Thematic Platform on Urban Risk in the Americas**
Platform that provides space for exchanging experiences (city-to-city exchange, experiences and knowledge, etc.)
• Snapshot of resilience building activities at the local level
• Identifies trends in the perceptions and approaches of local governments toward disaster risk reduction
• Focus on resilience: reflects a mounting recognition that disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development are inextricably linked
• Cities profiled in the report are signatories to the Campaign
Sign-up
My city is getting ready!

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