

Presentation by Mr. Ricardo Mena, Head of the Americas (UNISDR), on the post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2).

Consultations towards a post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework (HFA2)

Hyogo Framework for Action priorities for action

- 1 Make Disaster Risk Reduction a Priority**
Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation
- 2 Know the Risks and Take Action**
Identify, assess, and monitor disaster risks - and enhance early warning
- 3 Build Understanding and Awareness**
Use knowledge, innovation, and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
- 4 Reduce Risk**
Reduce the underlying risk factors
- 5 Be Prepared and Ready to Act**
Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

How does the HFA2 relate to existing international agreements for disaster risk reduction?

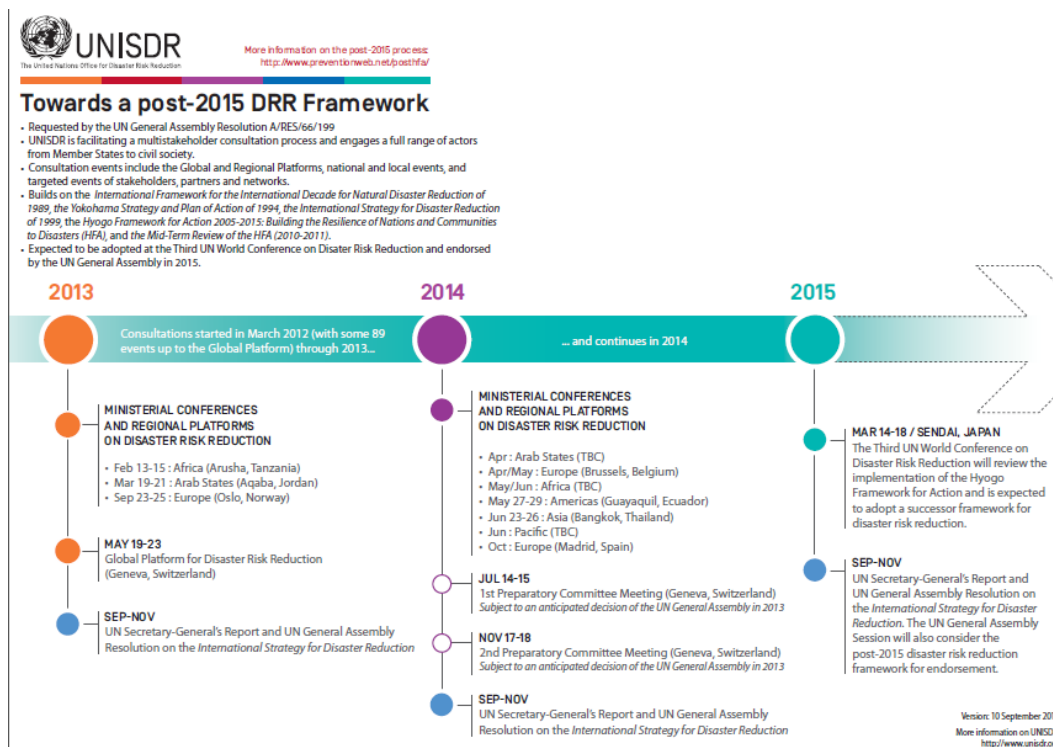
- Continues the progress in international cooperation in disaster risk reduction
- Builds on knowledge and practice accumulated through the implementation of:

International Framework for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction of 1989,
Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action of 1994,
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction of 1999, and
Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

What is the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and how does it relate to the HFA2?

- UN General Assembly Resolution 67/209 decided to convene the UN third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to:

- Review the implementation of the HFA over its 10-year term
 - Develop a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction
- UNISDR was requested to serve as the secretariat of the World Conference, to facilitate the development of an HFA2, and to coordinate the preparatory activities in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.
 - [Save the Date](#): 14-18 March, 2015 in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan



What is the role of the regional platforms?

- Consolidate the views, perspectives and contributions of all stakeholders.
- Provide a substantive and political contribution to development of the HFA2.
- Engage senior political and executive levels, together with diverse stakeholders, to advance the HFA2

Ministerial Conferences and Regional Platform Schedule

- April: Arab States (Venue TBC)
- April/May: Europe (Brussels, Belgium)
- May/June: Africa (Venue TBC)
- **May 27-29: Americas (Guayaquil Ecuador)**
- June 23-26: Asia (Bangkok, Thailand)
- June: Pacific (Venue TBC)
- October: Europe (Madrid, Spain)

How can stakeholders engage in the consultative process?

In the Americas, regional, sub-regional and national and sub-national consultations will take place between now and May 2014:

- October-February: Views from the Frontline
- 2-6 December 2013: CDM Conference (CDEMA), Montego Bay, Jamaica
- January 2014: UNISDR-ACS consultation with special emphasis on SIDS (tbc)
- March 2014: various national consultations
- April 2014: CAN-UNASUR consultation, Lima, Peru
- 27-29 May 2014: Regional Platform for the Americas, Guayaquil, Ecuador

What are the preparatory processes for the WCDRR?

- The 68th session of the UN General Assembly will define the process for agreeing on the HFA2 including its scope and modalities.
- Subject to decisions of the UN General Assembly, two preparatory meetings will bring together Member States in Geneva in July and November 2014 to further elaborate the HFA2 and organize the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The preparatory process will consider the outcomes of all regional platforms, ministerial meetings and other consultations.
- There is an expectation that the preparatory process will be inclusive.

How will the HFA2 relate to the SDGs?

- Ensuring coherence and complementarity between the agendas of a post-2015 development agenda, a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and a global agreement on climate change is paramount

- Outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference recognized disaster risk reduction and building resilience and reflected in various ongoing work streams. See: <http://www.unisdr.org/2012/rioplus20/>
- “Report of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda”, includes proposal for a target to build resilience and reduce deaths from natural disasters by x%.

What are the expected outcomes of the WCDRR?

- Subject to Resolutions of the UN General Assembly, the WCDRR may deliver:
 - A political declaration
 - The HFA2 itself.
 - Stakeholders’ commitments towards the implementation of HFA2.

Who can I contact for more information?

- Please visit the website dedicated to the post-HFA process: <http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/>
- Inquiries can also sent to the following email address: isdr@un.org
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Thank You!