

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR)

Side Event Report

Side event title:	“NETWORKING FOR DROUGHT RISK REDUCTION”: <i>Partnerships to link policy to practices</i>
Venue and Date	International Conference Center, Geneva. Room 3. Tuesday 5 June 2007 from 13:15 to 14:45
Organiser(s):	UNDP/Drylands Development Center and the ISDR Secretariat, in collaboration with Governments of Kenya, Djibouti and China; ICPAC, UNCCD, OCHA, WFP, FAO and the NDMC of the University of Nebraska, USA.
Chairperson and convenors	<u>Chairperson:</u> Ms. Yvette Stevens, Former Director of OCHA Geneva <u>Conveners:</u> Eric Patrick (UNDP/DDC): eric.patrick@undp.org Pedro Basabe (UN/ISDR): basabe@un.org
Outline of content and Agenda:	Overview and Expected Outcomes: Drought is the natural hazard which has the greatest impact worldwide. With projected global climate change, the frequency and severity of drought are expected to increase in many regions. It is, therefore, imperative that all national, regional and international actors involved in drought risk reduction take a collective and robust approach to address this pressing issue. This side event will present current information on drought risk reduction activities, regional networking and partnership opportunities, and a proposed framework on disaster risk reduction with respect to drought. The discussions will focus on opportunities to strengthen linkages between policies to practices in practical ways.

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<p>Recommendations for the ISDR system:</p>	<p>National governments, in all drought-prone countries, assisted by international partners (ISDR system), will take the lead in incorporating risk reduction for droughts and related hazards in development planning and programmes, and ensuring that partnerships, including public-private partnerships, are created and that all efforts are coordinated.</p> <p>Existing networks will be supported and a Global Network, based on existing frameworks and mechanisms will be developed and maintained to ensure that it plays a key role in information sharing, coordination and partnership to translate policies into practical projects and actions to reduce drought impact, contribute to the implementation of the HFA and sustainable development of nations and communities.</p>