

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR)

Side Event Report

Side event title:	UNISDR Global Wildland Fire Network (GWFN) / Wildland Fire Advisory Group (WFAG)
Organiser(s):	Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)
Speakers and presenters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Mrs. Ursula Müller, Federal Foreign Office, Germany, <i>Head</i>, Task Force Humanitarian Aid (2) Mr. Johann G. Goldammer, Director, Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) (3) Mr. Slobodan Nickovic, WMO Atmospheric Research and Environment Programme Department (4) Mr. Giovanni Rum, GEO Secretariat
Outline of content:	<p>The UNISDR-GWFN is the umbrella organization of 13 Regional Wildland Fire Networks, coordinated by the UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group and its Secretariat (GFMC). After an introduction by the Head of the Delegation of Germany and representative of the Federal Foreign Office, which has supported financing the establishment of the GFMC and the GWFN, the GFMC reported about the status of the fire situation in the 13 UNISDR Regional Wildland Fire Networks and globally, and the measures taken in fire management, the development of agreements and instruments for international (bi- and multi-lateral) cooperation in wildland fire disaster risk reduction. Particular emphasis was given to the development of technologically advanced as well as people-centred wildland fire early warning, monitoring and information systems. An update was given on the status of the "Strategy to enhance international cooperation in fire management" coordinated by FAO and supported by UNISDR and other partners. WMO and GEO Secretariat reported on their cooperation and contribution to wildland fire early warning (WMO – Recent activities of the Commission of Agricultural Meteorology (CAGM), GFMC / GEO Secretariat / – GEO Task DI-06-13: Implementation of a Wildland Fire Warning System at Global Level and the objectives of the upcoming International Workshop on Fire Early Warning Systems for Africa (Ghana, 2007) and globally (Edmonton, Canada, 2008). Participants included delegates from the Federal Foreign Office, Germany, WMO, GEO Secretariat, German Committee for Disaster Reduction within UNISDR, World Food Programme, International Early Warning Programme / Platform for the Promotion for Early Warning</p>

Recommendations for the ISDR system (list 2 or 3 items):	<p>UNISDR Secretariat and GPDRR member states and organizations are requested to provide the necessary finances for the</p> <p>(a) Consolidation and efficiency of the Regional Wildland Fire Networks, notably developing national and regional cooperative fire management policies, strategies and agreements, joint capacity building to implement the Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines, particularly through regional training courses</p> <p>(b) Development of the Global Wildland Fire Early Warning System</p> <p>(c) Support and participate in the 2nd Global Wildland Fire Summit to be held under the joint auspices of UNISDR and FAO</p>
Additional Information and links:	<p>GFMC: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/</p> <p>GFMC Wildland Fire Early Warning Portal: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/fwf/fwf.htm</p> <p>UNISDR Global Wildland Fire Network: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/GlobalNetworks/globalNet.html</p> <p>UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group: http://www.unisdr.org/eng/task%20force/tf-working-groups4-eng.htm</p> <p>FAO Fire Management Strategy Website: http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/firemanagementstrategy/en/</p>
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