

Event Title	<b>Building Code Enforcement and Dissemination - Safer Buildings for Sustainable Habitat</b>
Date	<b>5 June 2007 / 13:15 - 14:45</b>
Venue	<b>Room 15 (Level: -1)</b> / International Conference Center, Geneva
Organizers	UNCRD, UN/HABITAT, UNESCO, UNDP, IRP, EMI, ADRC, MLIT and others

## Background

Building codes, which are considered as the most effective remedy tools to safeguard the lives and property against major disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes, are in place in most disaster prone countries. In contrary, the large scale deaths and property loss in recent disasters have been largely attributed to the non-compliance of building codes by the residential buildings.

Effective building code application requires implementation of a set of actions spread over several themes of priorities for action of Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), notably, governance, knowledge dissemination and reducing the risk factors. A mechanism of review, policy sensitization and intervention, monitoring and evaluation in respect to the building code enforcement and dissemination within Global Platform would be instrumental to provide a sustained support to national and local/municipal governments in the field of disaster risk reduction.

## Goal and Objectives

To promote the effective building code application as a disaster risk reduction tool targeting to national and local governments. It is thus proposed to set up a Taskforce Group from concerned member agencies. The broad objectives of the taskforce would be:

1. Sensitize national and local governments on the building codes
2. Review the current state of implementation of building code and find the gaps and opportunities.
3. Develop a template of policy framework to be adopted by national and local/ municipal governments
4. Compile sound practice cases of local government and community actions in building code application and set some model enforcement and dissemination systems for possible replications
5. Monitor the progress against targets stipulated in HFA document.

## Agenda of discussion **Chairpersons:** Amod Dixit (NSET) and Esteban Leon (UN HABITAT)

13:15	<b>1. Meeting objectives and finalization of discussion agenda</b> (Chairpersons)
13:20	<b>2. Round table presentations relevant to establishment of Taskforce Group on Building Code enforcement and dissemination (5 min. presentations)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Building Code: enhancing international cooperation and transdisciplinary approaches</b> (Badaoui Rouhban: UNESCO)</li><li>- <b>A snapshot view of building code enforcement and dissemination</b> (Shoichi Ando: UNCRD)</li><li>- <b>Promoting earthquake safe building code through regional knowledge networking</b> (Sohel Khan: IRP)</li><li>- <b>(presentation from UNDP)</b> (TBD: UNDP)</li><li>- <b>Developing and implementing building codes: experiences from disasters</b> (T. Imamura: MLIT)</li><li>- <b>Selected Case Studies for Code Implementation</b> (Fouad Bendimerad: EMI)</li></ul>
13:50	<b>3. Round table discussion</b> (all participants moderated by chairpersons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Development of proposal to GP for DRR on establishment of Taskforce Group on Building Code</b></li></ul>
14:40	<b>4. Conclusion</b>



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