

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR)

Side Event Report

Side event title:	Building Code enforcement and dissemination – safer buildings for sustainable habitat
Organiser(s):	UNCRD, UN-HABITAT, UNESCO, UNDP, IRP, ADRC, MLIT (Japan)
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Outline of content:	Building codes, which are considered as the most effective tools to safeguard the lives and property against major disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes, have been developed in most disaster prone countries. However, the large scale deaths and property loss in recent disasters have been largely attributed to the non-compliance of these existing building codes particularly by the residential buildings. The meeting will discuss various ways to promote the effective building code application as a disaster risk reduction tool targeting national and local governments, including setting up a Taskforce Group comprising partner agencies with a view to strengthening partnerships.
Recommendations for the ISDR system (list 2 or 3 items):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The importance of the development of appropriate building codes and the simple and user-friendly, community-led implementation were highlighted. ➤ Multi-stakeholder, trans-disciplinary and multi-facet, nature of building codes, requires integrated and holistic approaches to the effective application – integration into the settlements planning, construction technology, monitoring system and local disaster management and risk reduction strategies ➤ It was proposed by UNCRD to establish a Taskforce Group on Building Code with regards to its enforcement, implementation and dissemination, as a platform to facilitate experience sharing and promote networking amongst different actors and partners. UNESCO offered to act as a Secretariat. UNCRD and UN-HABITAT indicated their support to this initiative.
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