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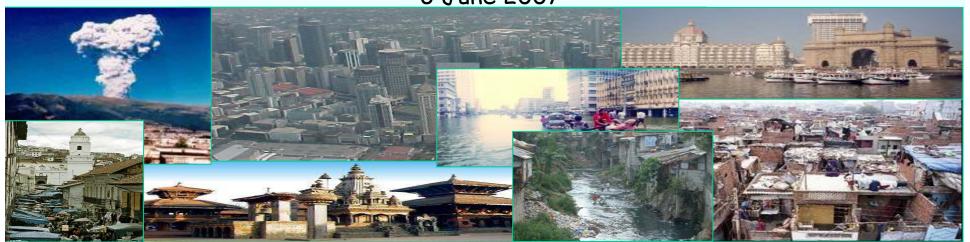
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Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction

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Empowering local governments and local communities in implementing disaster risk reduction

Objectives of this meeting

- To continue the consultative process and gather opinions on the proposed Global Forum for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction
- 2. To launch the Global Forum
- 3. To compile input on the type of activities that could be undertaken by the Global Forum

Context and Premise

- 1. We need strong impetus for urban disaster risk reduction (piece-meal approach does not work)
- 2. We need a collaborative effort from all the stakeholders no organization can do it alone
- 3. Any effort must involved cities and be framed in the reality of cities

Proposal

Put in place a
Global Forum for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction

A partnership for a common interest in urban DRR

Include the Global Forum as a thematic cluster in the Global Platform

Background

- 1. Extensive initial consultations started in 2005 and included World Bank, UNDP, OECD, Secretariat of the ISDR, UN-HABITAT; OCHA, ProVention Consortium, IFRC and other UN organizations
- 2. Extension of consultations to Local Government Organizations (UCLG, METROPOLIS, ICLEI, and CITYNET)
- 3. Input from cities: Manila, Quito, Tehran, Mumbai, others
- 4. Consultations with selected NGO's, scientific organizations and other organizations
- 5. Consultations with Government of Japan, and other governments (Swiss, Sweden, GTZ)

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Documentation

- □ Developed a concept paper
- □ Circulated the concept paper and incorporated input from a wide range of stakeholders

Overall Support

Initial consultations provided a general agreement that a global impetus for urban DRR was a good idea

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Consultation Meetings

- □ Initial consultation meeting took place in Geneva between key UN institutions, ProVention Consortium and EMI (September 2006)
 - Undertake an organizational meeting to group representatives from key organizations and institutions engaged in urban risk
- ☐ First Organizational Meeting took place in Kobe, Japan on 12-13 April 2007

Kobe Meeting: Participants

- □ Organizers: UNDP, UN-Habitat; Secretariat of ISDR; EMI
- □ Hosts: Government of Japan; Kobe University
- □ Other Participants
 - Four city organizations: UCLG; METROPOLIS; ICLEI;
 CITYNET
 - Several cities: Kobe, Manila, Makati, Quito, Hyogo Prefecture; Tehran, Mumbai
 - JICA; ADRC
 - UN-HABITAT, Secretariat of ISDR, UNDP, ProVention Consortium, IFRC, UNCRD, IRP;

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KOBE MEETING: Outcome

- □ Consensus on the creation of the Global Forum for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction as a Thematic Cluster of the Global Platform
- Leading role of cities and City Organizations recognized
- Main focus should be on solving city-level DRR problems and on supporting cities in implementing DRR
- □Other roles:
 - Awareness and advocacy
 - Knowledge depository and knowledge dissemination/sharing
 - Coordination and harmonization of actions

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KOBE MEETING: Outcome

- □ Put in place of a Consultative Group
 - Local Government Organizations: UCLG; METROPOLIS; ICLEI, CITYNET
 - Cities: Makati City
 - City Partners: EMI
 - UN-HABITAT; UNDP; Secretariat of ISDR
 - ProVention Consortium
 - Academia: Kobe University
- Organize this Side Event

Suggested Concrete Immediate Actions (12-18 Months)

- □ Training of urban professionals and managers
- □ City-to-City technical exchanges
- □ Opportunistic awareness and advocacy activities (e.g., UCLG Congress; WUF)

Please review the Concept Note for more details

Thank you and let's proceed with the discussions