



United Nations
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Update on UNISDR Activities

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**1st Meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk
Reduction – Stenungsbaden – 6 October 2010**

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Global Assessment Report & HFA Monitoring

Global

Contributions by partners for all sections of GAR11 commissioned and either under preparation or in some cases completed. A total of **58** discreet but interdependent activity streams underway to feed into the four main sections of GAR11:

- An enhanced analysis of global risk patterns, trends and drivers
- A second round of progress reporting (2009- 2011) against the Hyogo Framework of Action
- Defining effective disaster risk reduction strategies
- An identification of an enabling environment for disaster risk reduction

Europe

Analysis of European national progress reports

HFA Mid-Term Review

Global

Seeks to answer specific Key Questions in order to address strategic and fundamental matters concerning [HFA] implementation to 2015 and beyond.

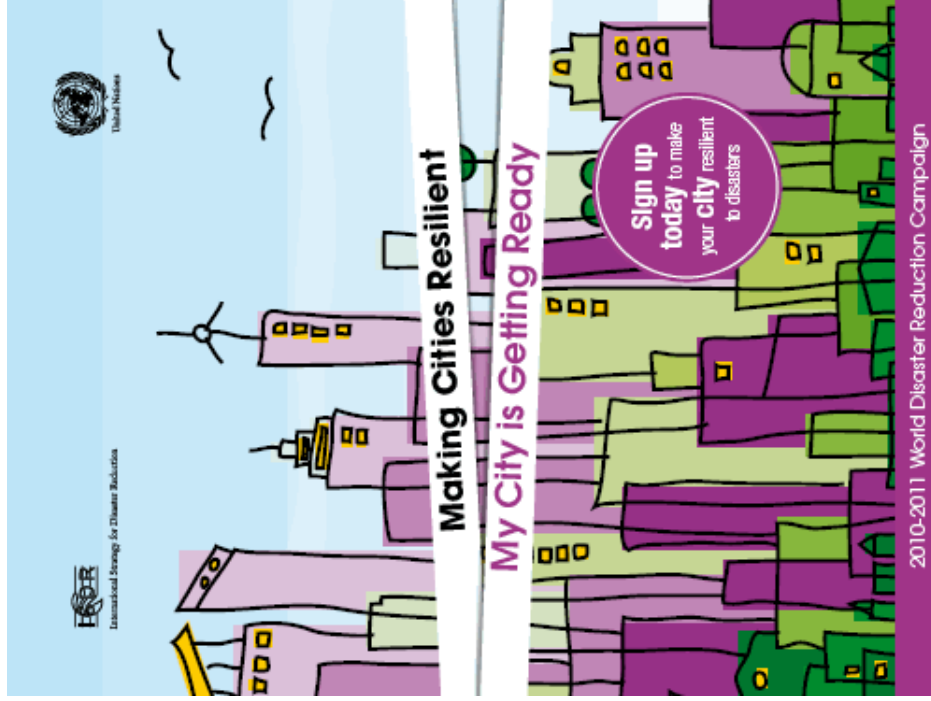
Tools:

- Literature review
- In-depth studies
- Workshops
- Online debates
- One-on-one interviews

Europe

- Workshop held in Geneva in June
- One-on-one interviews

2010-11 World Disaster Reduction Campaign



Objective

✓ Achieve resilient, sustainable urban communities through actions taken by local governments to reduce disaster risk

- **Know More**
- **Invest Wisely**
- **Build More Safely**

Europe

- Launches in Bonn, Davos, Nis
- 28 cities joined so far

Parliamentarian Initiative

Activities

- Targeted advocacy among parliamentarians
- Partnership building with sub-regional and regional parliamentary fora and assemblies
- Technical support and guidance to parliamentarians who become advocates and champions for greater synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
- Numerous UNISDR Consultative Meetings for parliamentarians, e.g. International Roundtable in Malta



→ *Malta Declaration of the Commitments of Parliamentarians to the COP15 and Beyond*

Parliamentarian Initiative, ctd

Results and Impacts, *inter alia*

- More than 900 parliamentarians from 130 countries aware of DRR in the context of climate change and development
- 5 parliamentarians from Argentina, Costa Rica (former), Kenya, the Philippines, and Senegal actively promoting disaster risk reduction
- New project of Law on DRR-CCA prepared by the Senate of Mendoza (Argentina)
- West African Parliamentarians Meeting resulted in a Plan of Action for integrating disaster risk reduction into the eight areas of the MDGs in June in 2010
- 6 October 2010: Advocacy Kit for Parliamentarians *Disaster Risk Reduction: An Instrument for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals* launched at the 123rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Private Sector Engagement

Global

- Private sector concept and work plan developed
- Establishment of a private sector advisory group under way
- International Day (13 Oct) with participation from private sector representatives
- SRSG participation at several major private sector meetings, including Global Compact Summit 2010

Economics

- Collaboration with the World Bank on the report *Natural Hazards and Unnatural Disasters*

UNISDR and Private Sector Engagement

Europe

- In 2009, the WB and UNISDR in collaboration with RCC SEE established the South Eastern and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)
- The objective of the facility is to promote the access to insurance and re-insurance products for disasters (risk transfer) among SEEC homeowners and SMEs
- The facility is managed through a public-private legal entity Europa RE - which was incorporated in Switzerland in December 2009. Governments are joining the facility purchasing Europa Re shares (Albania was the first country that joined the facility)

Media

Global

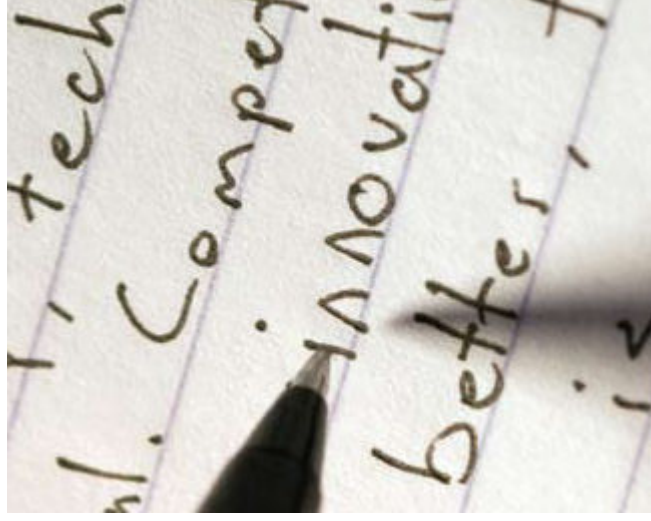
Handbook for Multi-Media Reporting on Disaster Risk Reduction

- Practical manual for media professionals in reporting on disaster risk reduction issues
- Available in six languages

Media Training Workshops in all Regions

Europe

- Distribution of handbook
- Pilot media training scheduled for 15 and 16 November 2010



Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

- UNISDR coordinates the IPCC special report *Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX)* supported by Norway.
- UNISDR globally promotes adaptation to climate change through:
 - Advocating for enhanced political commitment and national investments in climate risk reduction
 - Promoting the availability and uptake of information on climate risks and risk-reduction adaptation strategies
 - Supporting greater coherence and coordination of climate-related disaster risk reduction among international and regional actors.

Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction - Europe

In Europe, UNISDR focuses on climate-related hazards which are the major sources of disaster risks in terms of economic impact for the region.

- In Europe the three main focus areas of UNISDR in relation to climate change adaptation are:
 - Coordination and capacity building for effective use of resources among European actors involved in climate change adaptation and DRR
 - Production of knowledge on weather-hazards and coping mechanisms which at all levels can be adopted to enhance communities and households resilience.
 - Advocacy for enhanced financial and political commitment towards investments in climate change adaptation and DRR

Capacity Development

Global/CADRI

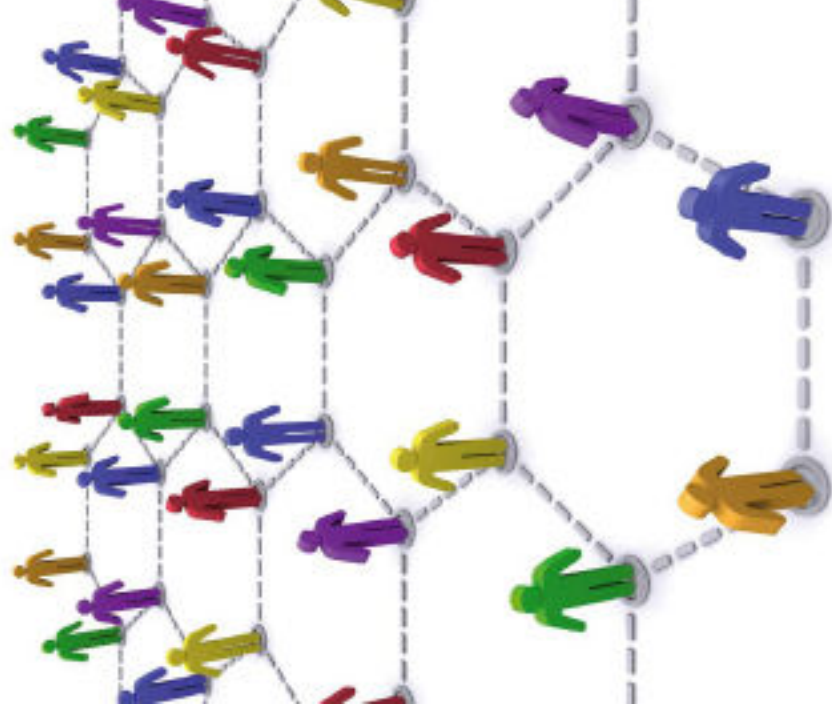
- Training tool for local governments developed
- New website launched (www.cadri.net)

Europe

- Collaboration with DPPI SEE, MSB and ISDR partners on the implementation of the DMTP in SEE
- EUROMED (Italy, France, Egypt, Algeria, UNISDR): DRR and NP development in collaboration Swedish and Croatian NPs
- CADRI-DPPI SEE-MSB 'Training of Trainers'
- Discussions on organization of regional and national trainings for local governments



Europe – Information Sharing

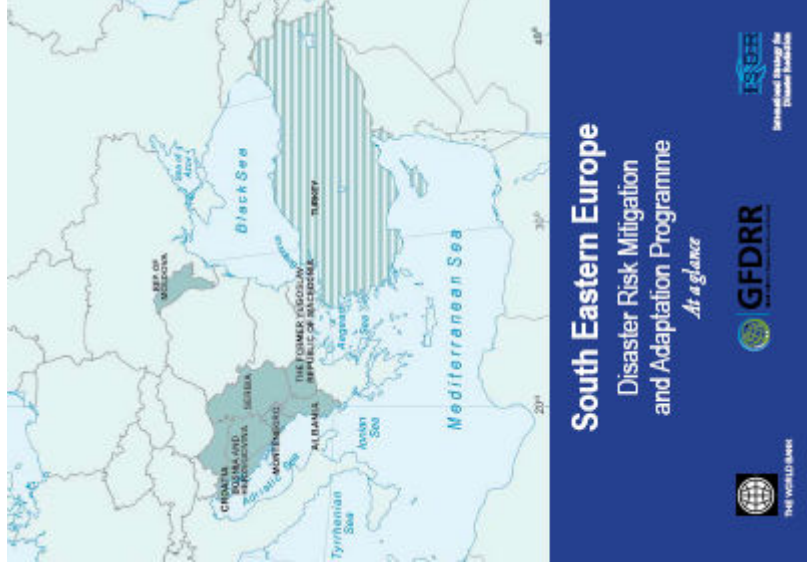


- Information Sharing Concept Note developed
- First issue of monthly e-mail bulletin scheduled for November 2010

SEEDRMAP

SEEDRMAP Result Assessment

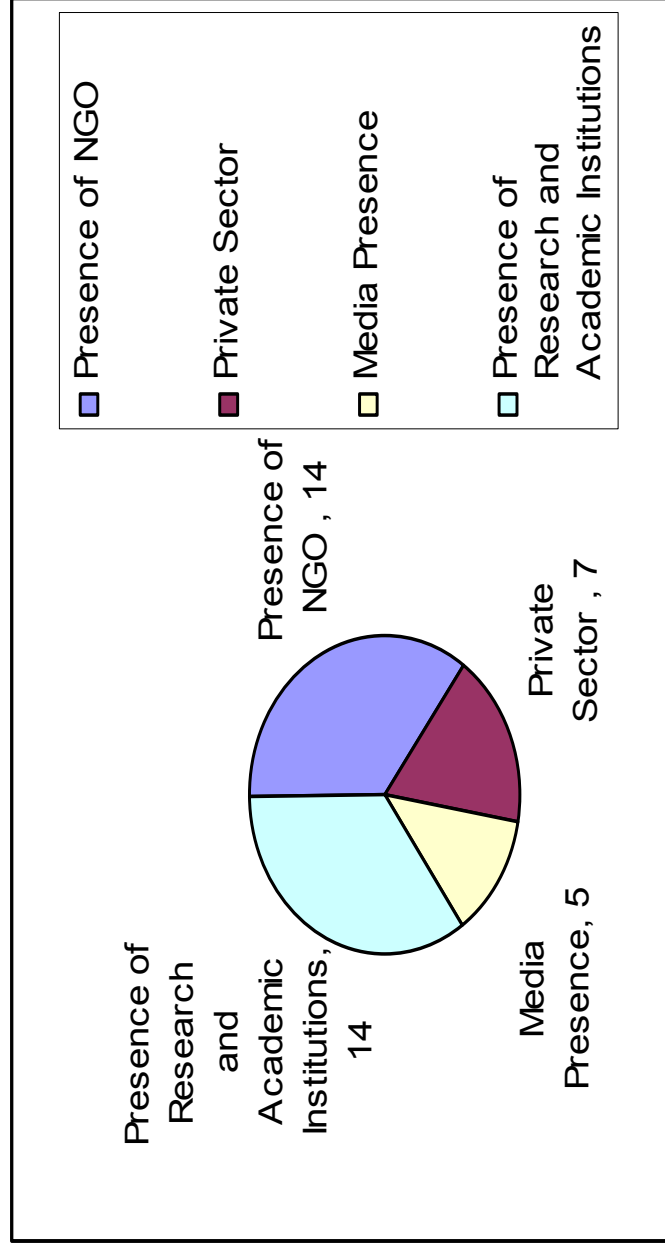
- Carried out by a consultant in the fall of 2009 to assess the impact of the results of the SEEDRMAP implementation at date
- Usage of a results-based approach assessing the 3 focus areas of SEEDRMAP implementation according to their effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability.
- Findings of the result assessment subject of an analysis to formulate action-oriented recommendations for the upcoming biennium



Europe – Update of National Platform Profiles

- 36 HFA Focal Points
- 16 National Platforms
 - ✓ 15 are governmental bodies
 - ✓ Three of the National Platforms have NGO status
 - ✓ Almost half of the existing National Platforms are coordinated by the Ministry of Interior
 - ✓ To date, fourteen out of sixteen National Platforms have submitted a national Report on HFA

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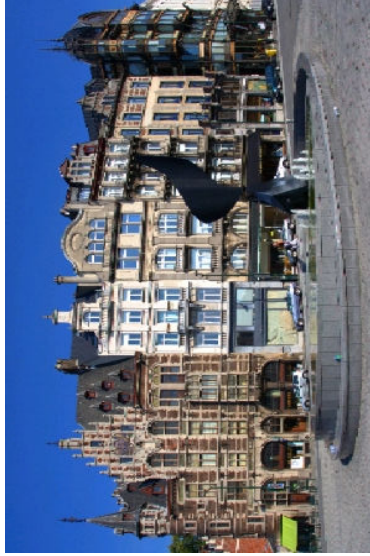


Out of sixteen National Platforms, 14 include both civil society and Academic and Research Institutions. Five have media presence and seven include the private sector.

National Platform Opportunities

- **Provision of guidance**
 - ✓ Updated NP guidelines to be made available
- **Facilitation of dialogue and sharing of practices**
 - ✓ GP events, Regional Platforms (EFDRR)
- **Information sharing**
 - ✓ PreventionWeb, update on NP profiles, bulletin, publications, circulation of information notes (e.g. CC briefing notes)
 - **Capacity development and training**
 - ✓ DRR and NP training package, training of trainers (CADRI-DPPI SEE-MSB), training tool for local governments, media training
- **Creating space for collaboration and bridging of gaps**
 - ✓ DG Research project calls, EUROMED, SEEDRMAP
- **Consultative processes**
 - ✓ HFA MTR, HFA Monitoring, GP

Europe



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