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Side Event

Title: **Resilience for Communities – what do we really need?**

Venue: RioCentro, P3-A, 13:00-14:30

Inputs for a new post Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) Regime – How can communities be better tackled in the post HFA process?

Tentative agenda

Introduction

- Ambassador Manuel Bessler, Assistant Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Head of Humanitarian Aid of the Swiss Confederation
'Resilience against shocks and stresses – an overview of recent achievements in DRR relevant processes'

Panelists

- Andreas Götz, Deputy Director Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
'Integrated risk management – Experiences from Switzerland'
- Margareta Wahlström, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, ISDR TBC
'Hyogo Framework for Action – the way beyond 2015'
- Ministry of Water Resources, China TBC
'Messages and experience from China'
- EC TBC
'Strategic orientation and/or case study'

Panel discussion

Discussion of the audience with the panelists, moderated by Senior Advisor Toni Frisch

Round statements

Statements by invited high level guests on issue of concern in the post HFA process

- **Bolivia TBC**
- **Tajikistan TBC**
- **Russia TBC**
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Summary and follow-up by Senior Advisor Toni Frisch

Why does it make sense to use the concept of resilience?

The member states made a global commitment to resilience in Busan – a commitment to *partnering to strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability in the face of adversity*. The memberstates expressed their will to ensure that development strategies and policies prioritise the building of resilience. In addition, all partners committed to work together to invest in shock resistant infrastructure and social protection systems for at-risk communities. They also committed to increase resources for disaster management.

The concept of resilience provides several opportunities in the sustainable development debate and facilitates the intra- and inter-institutional collaboration:

- The concept of resilience can be applied to address increased security, safety and reduced losses from different view points; in particular it will foster the collaboration between the climate change, the disaster risk reduction and other thematic communities. Also it helps to combine development, humanitarian and political action.
- The concept of resilience is in line with and complements other themes like livelihood, food security or natural resources management.
- The Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 overarching goal is: "Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters". Therefore, the concept of resilience is a logic advancement of the post-HFA process.
- Resilience constitutes an added value for the three pillars of sustainable development: the absorption of disturbances and their management. The post MDG process may be fertilized with this aspect.