Arab Region Meeting on the Implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel (Hall Pavilion) Cairo, Egypt
8 - 10 November 2015

Meeting Objective: To elaborate a regional road map for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Arab Region.

Expected Outcomes:

- The outcomes of the 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, including Sendai Framework and its priorities, shared, acknowledged and discussed with regional stakeholders;
- The Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020 reviewed and discussed in light of Sendai's outcomes and other commitments declared in two consecutive Arab Conferences for DRR in 2013 and 2014;
- Monitoring mechanism for disaster risk reduction in the Arab region discussed and elaborated in view of Sendai Framework targets and proposed indicators as well as the SDGs monitoring plans in the Arab region;
- The Arab Region Science and Technical Advisory Group on DRR launched;
- The Making Cities Resilient campaign re-introduced with improved tools and proposed local indicators to measure progress on disaster risk reduction.
- Champion of "Local Knowledge for Life", the theme of 2015 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, celebrated.

Background documents and references:
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030: In Arabic, English, French on: http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/43291
- Third United Nations World Conference on DRR http://www.wcdrr.org/
- Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020 http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=18903
- Aqaba Declaration on Disaster Risk reduction in Cities: http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/regional/platform/arabstates/2013/
- Sharm El Sheikh Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction: http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/regional/platform/acdrr/2014/
- Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology Relating to DRR http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/open-ended-working-group
- Disaster risk reduction for resilience and sustainable development in the Arab region http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/45341
- Arab Region synthesis report: Consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/45951
- Regional Synthesis Report on the implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action in Arab Region 2005-2015 http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/42725
- Review of the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2020 (ASDRR) in view of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Climate Change agenda http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/45951

Agenda of the Meeting 8-10 November 2015
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Day 1 : Sunday 8 November 2015

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

09:00 – 09:30   **Official Opening of the Regional Meeting**

By League of Arab States and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Regional (UNISDR), Regional Office for Arab States

09:30 – 10:30   Introduction of the outcome of the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

10:30 – 11:15   Review of commitments and progress on disaster risk reduction in the Arab Region, including 10 years of Hyogo Framework implementation

11:15 –11:30   **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00   Review of the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction in view of Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030

- Rationale and background
- Methodology
- Gaps and Recommendations

13:00 – 14:00   *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:00   Proposed linkages of Arab Strategy for DRR with Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change Arab Plan, and other regional strategies and plans

15:00 – 15:15   *Tea / Coffee Break*

15:15 – 16:30   Open Discussion on gaps and recommendations to strengthen the Arab Strategy for DRR

Day 2 : Monday 9 November 2015

09:00 – 09:15   Summary of Day 1 discussion

09:15 – 11:00   Open Discussion on the Recommendations for strengthening the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction in view of Sendai Framework

Priority Area 1: Understanding Disaster Risk
Priority Area 2: Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance to Manage Disaster Risk
Priority Area 3: Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience
Priority Area 4: Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response and to "Build Back Better" in Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

11:00 – 11:15   ***Tea / Coffee Break***

11:15 – 13:00   Enhancing implementation through follow-up and monitoring

Panel presentation and discussion on:
- Global Indicators on Sendai Framework for DRR (20')
- Applying and adapting the indicators to national context (10')
- Q & A (20')
- Arab Region Indicators on Sustainable Development (10')
- Data availability, gaps and needs for effective monitoring and reporting. (15')
- Regional mechanism for follow-up and monitoring (10')
- Q & A (20')

13:00 – 14:00   ***Lunch Break***

14:00 – 15:15   Launching the Arab Science and Technical Advisory Group for Disaster Risk Reduction (Arab STAG)

- Science and Technology in Sharm El Sheikh Declaration and Sendai Framework for DRR and the International Science and Technology efforts and plans
- Background on gaps and needs with respect to Science and Technology in support of disaster risk reduction in the Arab Region
- Proposed Terms of Reference

15:15– 15:30   ***Tea / Coffee Break***

15:30 - 16:30   **Road Map to implement Sendai Framework in the Arab Region**
- Next steps on the Arab Strategy review process
- Regional technical working group / mechanism for follow-up
- Key actions to achieve the 7 targets of Sendai Framework
- Regional Platform "Third Arab Conference on DRR 2016"

Day 3 : Tuesday 10 November 2015

09:00 – 10:00   Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the Local Level and the Making Cities Resilient Campaign 2015 – 2020

- How the Sendai Framework focuses on local governments
- What is the Making Cities Resilient campaign- Its history and future

10:00 – 11:15   Regional Priorities for urban resilience in the context of local implementation of Sendai Framework in Arab states
Panel discussion on:
- Outlook of the future of urban risk and the key role Arab local governments can play
- Solutions towards implementation

11:15 – 11:30   *Tea / Coffee Break*

11:30 – 11:45   Recognition of Tuti Island as a Champion of the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2015: "Knowledge for Life"

- *Video of Tuti Island community response to floods*
- *Handing of Certificate*
- *Remarks from Tuti Island's Representative*

11:45 – 12:30   Sharing good practices and celebrating success in the Implementation of the Making Cities Resilience Campaign (2010 – 2015)

12:30 – 13:15   Indicators for the New 10 Essentials to implement the Making Cites Resilient Campaign: *Translating the New 10 Essentials from a "concept" into an operational framework to guide the development, prioritization and implementation of Sendai Framework at the local level.*

13:00 – 14:00   *Lunch – and end of official programme of the Arab Regional Meeting on the Implementation of Sendai Framework*

14:00 – 16:00   **Introduction of the League of Arab States' Initiative**
Climate Risk Nexus (CRN)
A regional initiative addressing food security, water scarcity and social vulnerability to build resilience in the Arab region
This initiative aims at building resilience and achieving sustainable development goals by addressing the challenges of climate related risks and impacts on food security, water scarcity, social vulnerability and disaster risks in the Arab Region. This initiative is developed by the League of Arab States to be proposed for consideration by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment, the Arab Water Council, and the Economic and Social Council of the League of Arab States. CRN development and initiation benefited from the efforts and inputs of UNDP Arab Climate Resilience Initiative, UNISDR, WFP and the Arab Water Council. Regional and international stakeholders are invited to discuss CRN and define opportunities for effective roll out and implementation.