



Name of Event: [Side Event] Risk Governance – An Operative Framework for Integrated Action

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1) Outline

The coordination of the multiple sectors involved in DRR should also be extended to all development agendas in order to accomplish its goals and have a clearer picture of the real progress in addressing the social and economic challenges of the population and local communities. Evaluation of development policies, programmes and plans should have a common understanding of the framework that is being used by each sector in order to facilitate the achievement of DRR goals.

2) Key messages, outcomes, recommendations

- Not only outcomes of DRR, but also processes and interaction need to be evaluated
- The local context of risk policy implementation and existing regulatory frameworks need to be taken into account to flexibly implement agendas
- The multiplication of organizations and risk reduction units does not always serve an optimal management and risk governance but sometimes adds extra complexity
- Public participation in DRR processes should be promoted and enhanced in order to strengthen political processes in the region or country, and become a common channel of communication between government and civil society

3) Conclusions

Risk governance is a critical emerging policy issue to respond to the needs of understanding and facing the complexities of social interaction, policy making and decision making, and coordinating the multiactor, multilevel and multisector dimensions of risk, by integrating both proactive and reactive approaches and dealing with uncertainty.