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REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: Your name:

Event type (tick the box):

- Pre-session
- High-level panel
- Round Table
- Informal Plenary
- Special Event
- Other

Event name (write the name below):

The Human Dimension of Climate Change Adaptation

Number of participants -

Total: 60

(Please count or estimate this, as not all will be recorded in the list.)

1) Key questions or issues raised, main challenges or constraints identified (say, max 5):

1. How to scale up successful grassroots initiatives on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation?
2. How to make best use of traditional knowledge?
3. How to link disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation at local and national levels?

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

1. To scale up we need to (a) switch the focus from pilot initiatives to institutions and their capacities and to (b) convert tacit knowledge into something recorded that can be shared.
2. Traditional knowledge should not compete with, but inform modern technology. We need to move from recognizing the importance of traditional knowledge to defining some principles of consulting traditional knowledge. There is a great value in sharing traditional knowledge among peers from different countries and regions, facilitating such networking is critical.
3. Integration of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) requires to (a) adopt a risk centered attitude, to (b) realize that the priority of people is to manage average and daily disasters (not extreme events), and to (c) acknowledge that at the end DRR and CCA have a common objective shared by all in all countries: development.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

This panel focused on the human face of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The DRR community has over the years switched its focus from hazards to increasing resilience, the climate change debate brings the focus back to climate hazards. We need to bring the focus back to addressing vulnerability and enhancing resilience. This highlights the importance of institutions at different levels and the critical role of interfaces between them.

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

Very lively and successful event that brought different actors from different field. Panelists were extremely engaged and found some common ground of thinking reflected in the above.
 Happy Organizers!

Side event organized by the Commission on Climate Change and Development and ProVention Consortium.

Introduction by Moderator **Margaret Arnold**, Head of ProVention Consortium and **Johan Schaar**, Commission on Climate Change and Development

Presentation by **Ian Christoplos**, Glemminge Development Research AB

Intervention by **Maite Rodriguez**, Latin American Regional Facilitator, Huairou Commission

Intervention by **Narayan Gopal Malego**, Chief and Executive Officer, Katmandu Metropolitan City

Intervention by **Graciano P. Yumul**, Undersecretary of the Department of Science and Technology, The Philippines.

