

REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Date of event: 17 June 2009		Your name:	Jerry Velasquez
Event type (tick the box):		Event name (write the name below):	
	Pre-session		
	High-level panel		
	Round Table		
	Informal Plenary		
X	Special Event	Launch of the Views from the Frontline report – Clouds but little rain	
	Other		
Number of participants - (Please count or estimate this, as not all will be recorded in the list.) Total: 60			

1) Key questions or issues raised, main challenges or constraints identified (say, max 5): *If possible, record who raised these.*

The session highlighted six key issues that the report found, including

- 1) National formulated policies are not generating widespread change in local practice
- 2) Resources are scarce and main constraint for progress, and local resource are untapped
- 3) Foundation is awareness
- Climate change creates need, and also provides opportunity for addressing underlying risk factors
- 5) Turning policy to practice require balance between top-down and bottom up engagement
- 6) This study is first step.

A few key issues identified by the floor include the lack of capacity assessment and focus too much on vulnerability and risk assessment. Another issue raise was the lack of focus on prevention and mitigation whose knowledge is not being clearly conveyed. There seems to also be no direct link from awareness and actually taking action to reduce these risks.

2) Principal proposed solutions, messages or recommendations:

If possible, record who offered these.

Key recommendations by the report presented in the session include;

- 1) Reorient HFA implementation to support engagement of at risk communities, including most vulnerable groups
- 2) Recognize right of women, men and children to engage in decision making and planning processes
- 3) Undertake participatory local hazard-vulnerability assessments and associated risks
- 4) Use local disaster risk knowledge to inform local programming
- 5) Decentralize authority and resources to administrative levels
- 6) Develop innovative financial strategies for supporting local level initiatives and partnerships
- 7) Extend coverage of study and modify indicators to incorporate climate adaptation
- 8) Maximize potential of existing social networks and explore new networking modes
- 9) Invest in networks at all levels

10) Reform humanitarian response system to engage both in national and local level preparedness and response, recovery process.

The floor also highlighted the need for more clarity on the terminology used in the report, engage more and other stakeholders in future processes following this report, and it was also proposed to have a clear process for future consultations which should be regularized.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event:

It was concluded that this report is a very good first step, whose process alone was useful in both raising awareness and in promoting cooperation between stakeholders. More work needs to be done in the future.

4) Your additional thoughts on the event:

(E.g. on tone and success of event, unresolved issues, commitments made by participants, etc.)