



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Fourth Session - Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow

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1) What were the key messages, outcomes and recommendations from your event?

- Launch of the publication: HFA in Europe: Advantages and Challenges 2011-2013
- Will to invest in prevention, not only response. Stronger in Europe than other regions
- Network of local communities important – example Sweden national consultation (Resilient cities) and HFA report
- UNISDR: Call upon EFDRR to provide guiding documents for HFA priority 4
- Need for robust institutional framework and legislation – example Turkey
- Working group 1 Adaptation: Advantage in mainstreaming the two concepts will have strong impact. HFA2 must outline strong link of DRR and CCA as a unified concept
- Working group 2 Local level: disaster risk reduction at local level must be improved – citizens' information; transparency; development of policies and practices bottom-up
- New working group emerging: National disaster risk reduction strategies

2) Based on the Synthesis Report of the HFA2 consultation process up to the GP13, what are specific recommendations and concrete examples for the main topics, themes and issues to be addressed in the HFA2?

- So far only 85 national platforms; campaign for more national platforms – UNISDR in cooperation with regional platforms
- Sweden: ‘Don’t make it too complicated’
- Need to include local authorities in disaster risk reduction – how to support disaster risk reduction & climate change adaptation at local level?
- Post HFA and MDGs strategies in close reference to each other
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- Working group 2 Local level: Technological disasters should be included; more practical targets and indicators; clear identification of roles and responsibilities; need for stronger political commitment; avoid introduction of strict standards