



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

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Name and Type of Event	SAARC/SDMC Preparatory Meeting
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Number of Participants	Approximately 30 persons

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

Recommendations:

1. SAARC to initiate HFA 2 dialogue at the sub –regional level utilizing the regular meetings of the SAARC calendar as platforms for consultations
2. South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network (SADKN) will be used as a forum for broader consultations with member countries, partners and stakeholders

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? (Please also list any issues that might not have been captured in the global discussions yet.)

For the SAARC sub region the following is suggested as priority issues to be addressed in HFA2 to be discussed further:

- Integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into development, with reference to the Thimphu Statement on Climate Change, building on the guidance of HFA, and the achievements of the last decade (which are noted as marginal).
- Developing vulnerability index for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

- South - south cooperation for tackling hazards such as GLOF, flash floods prevalent in the region affecting more than one country.
- Cultural and heritage aspects, indigenous knowledge and practice on disaster risk reduction.