



**Towards the World Conference on
Disaster Reduction
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► **Overview**

1. About the ISDR
2. Why the Conference?
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▶ 1. About the ISDR

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Launched in 2000 by UN General Assembly Resolution A/54/219 as successor of IDNDR

Mission: The ISDR aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development.



▶ How ISDR is implemented?

- Inter-Agency Task Force on Disaster Reduction
- Inter-Agency Secretariat of ISDR
- National committees / platforms
- Partner institutions and Regional Centres



▶ 2. Why the Conference?

Background

- First Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction
 - Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action (IDNDR, 1994)
- UN Millennium Development Goals (2000)
- World Summit on Sustainable Development:
 - Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (2002)
- 3rd World Water Forum Ministerial Declaration in Kyoto (2003)



▶ **3. Objectives (1/2)**

- Conclude the ten-year **Review of Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action of 1994**
- Increase **awareness** of importance of **disaster reduction**
- Identify concrete ways to **incorporate risk and vulnerability reduction** into **poverty eradication** and other **development strategies**
- Share **best practices** and **lessons learned**

3. Objectives (2/2)

- Promote **political commitment** toward reducing risk and vulnerability
- Elaborate **targets, indicators** and a **framework for guiding disaster risk reduction**
- Enhance the Yokohama Strategy with updated strategic vision and guidance **for disaster reduction for 2005-2015** to respond to the MDG and WSSD objectives

▶ 4. Expected Outcome

- Increased political commitment and renewed strategy
- Targets, indicators and framework for guiding disaster risk reduction
- Enhanced Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action



▶ 5. Format

1. Intergovernmental process:

adoption of strategy and programme of action

2. Knowledge exchange:

exchange among experts and decision makers
on key issues and good practices

3. Public participation:

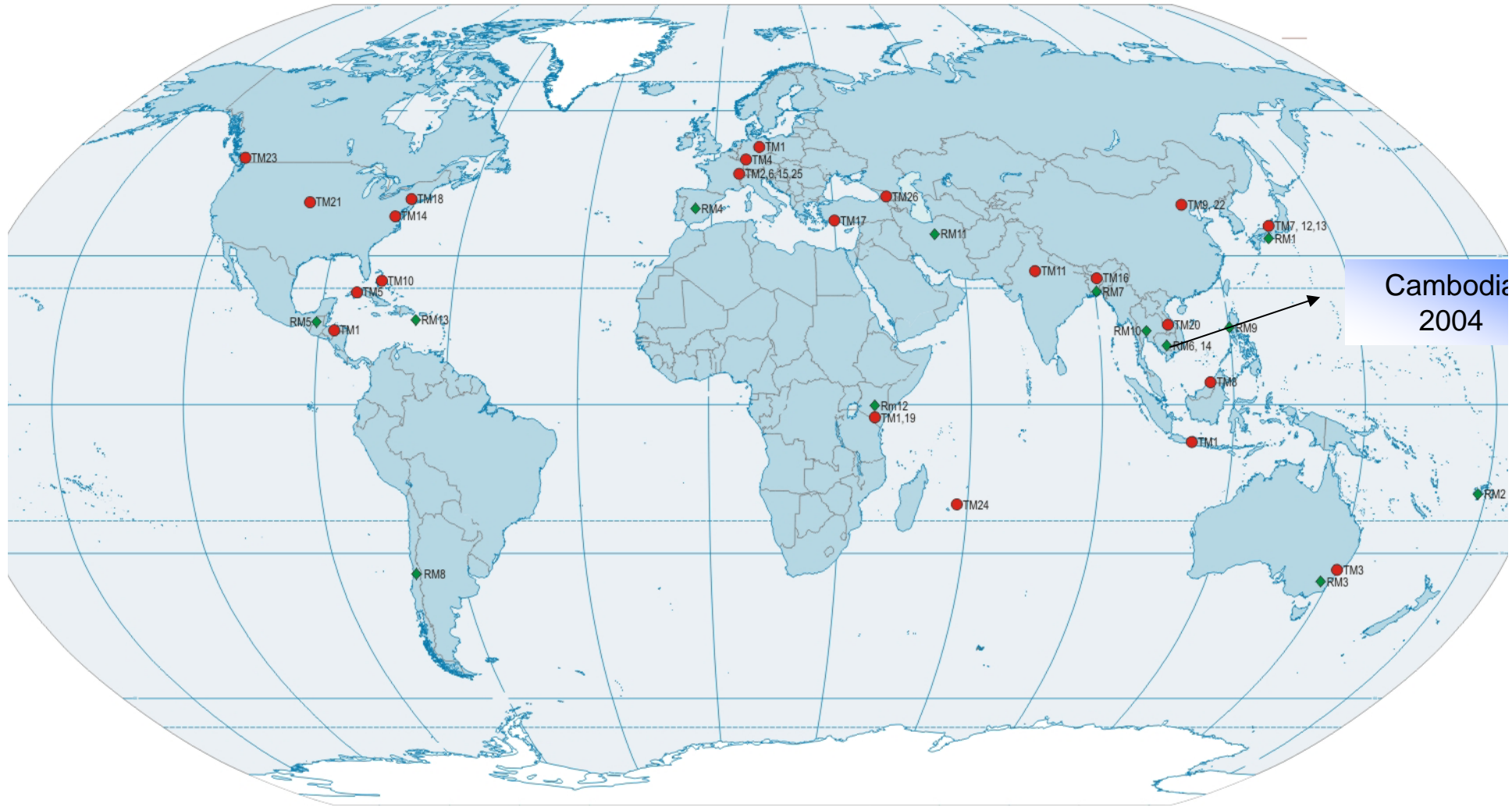
to raise awareness and disseminate public info

▶ 6. Preparatory process

General Assembly resolution (A/RES.58/214):

- Preparatory Committee and its Bureau: intergovernmental process to review substantive and organizational preparations
- ISDR Secretariat: coordinates and facilitates preparatory activities with support from UN and host country
- IATF, Member States, UN bodies, main stakeholders: active participation/advice

Regional and Thematic Meetings 2003-2004



Cambodia
2004

Legend ● Thematic Meetings ◆ Regional Meetings

Additional meetings contributing to the Second World Conference on Disaster Reduction - venues to be confirmed (TM27-30)

Framework Process to Guide and Structure DRR

Political Commitment,
Institutional Aspects
Risk Identification
Knowledge Management
Risk Management,
Applications
Preparedness,
Emergency
Management

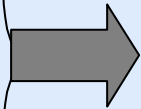
Preparatory process Inputs

Goal Statements for
Accomplishment

Yokohama Review
(document)

Regional, Thematic Meetings

Regional Reporting
National Reporting
Thematic Reporting



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