



Session Summary

Part I - Current Status

“Review of the current status of the implementation of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the context of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) for the countries in the Asian region”



Plenary Session



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Group Discussion
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Theme: Review of the current status of the implementation of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the context of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) for the countries in the Asian region.

Chair: Prof. Won-Cheol Cho, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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◆ Introduction to Part I

Part I of the conference convened with **Prof. Won-Cheol Cho of the Yonsei University-School of Civil and Environmental Engineering**, presiding as chair. **Mr. Briceno** and **Mr. Joseph Chung Senior Regional Officer, ISDR Asia-Pacific Region** briefly gave an overview of the HFA and challenges for implementation. Mr. Hajime Nakano of ADRC explained the mechanics of the group discussions on the Review of the Current Status of HFA Implementation.

◆ Getting Started: Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)

Mr. Praveen Pardeshi, Senior Advisor, UN/ISDR, presented “Guide for States on How to Implement Disaster Risk Reduction in the Context of the Hyogo Framework for Action”. He explained the rationale and nature of the guidelines as well as its intended users. As a practical tool, the guidelines is intended to support national efforts in implementing HFA and to used by senior government officials, local government authorities, advocates and professionals at the country level. Moreover, Mr. Pardeshi presented the structure of the guidelines and the underlying principles. The guidelines are set to be posted on the ISDR website in October this year and contributions to the formulation process are welcome.

◆ Group Discussions (5 groups)

Participants divided into five groups, each comprised of country delegates and discussed the current status, impediments and problems encountered for implementation of HFA under the following themes:

- Ensuring disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation (HFA Priority area #1)
- Enhancing disaster risk information, early warning system, effective risk communication, and public education for DRR (HFA Priority area #2 & #3)
- Strengthening national and local capacities for vulnerability & risk reduction, disaster mitigation, response, and recovery (HFA Priority area #4 & #5)

Following the group discussions, representatives of five groups presented the result of the discussion to the plenary. In general terms, the following are the major points or issues cited concerning (1) implementation status, (2) impediments; and (3) proposed solutions:

(1) Implementation Status

THEME 1: Ensuring DRR is a national and local

priority

- Establishment of organization and effective disaster risk management and coordination mechanisms (beyond response and relief)
- Process underway for legislative framework, policy and road map development for DRR
- Movement towards comprehensive, integrated, holistic, end-to-end approach; multi-dimensional, multi-sectoral, multi-hazard strategies

THEME 2: Enhancing disaster risk information communication, early warning and public education

- Integration of DRM into school curricula
- Increasing public and consumer awareness and education on risks and safe environments
- Partnerships in hazard mapping and risk assessments
- Applying available technologies for local early warning systems
- Improving warning dissemination to public through media
- Implementing disaster risk management planning at community level

THEME 3 Strengthening national and local capacity for vulnerability and risk reduction

- Integration of DRR into poverty reduction, livelihood and community development
- Establishment of national institute for disaster risk management, training centers, and HRD programs
- Increased involvement of corporate sector in DRR
- Town planning for disaster risk reduction
- Development of risk reduction guidelines, codes and standards

- Contingency planning and emergency fund allocations
- Multilateral arrangements for emergency response

(2) Impediments & Issues

- Lack of laws, policy, and appreciation of DRR concept as a new concept
- How to integrate DRR into development, a pervading issue.
- How to further decrease casualties and damages (from tsunamis and earthquakes)
- How to accomplish seismic retrofitting involving the private sector and the general public
- How to broaden and enhance involvement of all in DRR, including community groups, parent-teacher associations, and business groups, among others
- Limitations in receiving external assistance
- How can we sensitize and motivate sectors and groups, including banks, politicians to support DRR and resource mobilization.
- How to improve the science of forecasting
- Use of traditional knowledge
- Accuracy, timeliness, and adequacy of disaster risk information and disaster impact information

(3) Proposed Solutions

- Enhance awareness, motivation and involvement of various sectors and groups in DRR, especially those previously uninvolved
- Strengthen national structures, empower local governments, enhance coordination systems
- Donor commitment and institutional support for integration of DRR in socio-economic



- development
- Review building codes and structural standards
 - Enactment of modern, relevant laws, policies, codes, standards, guidelines
 - National budget allocation for DRR
 - Involve NGOs
 - Nationwide movement for DRR actions encouraging self, mutual, and collective help
- Continue and sustain cooperation and partnerships, especially in information, knowledge, experience and expertise sharing
 - Promote women involvement in DRR
 - Promote education and training, especially for policy makers and practitioners
 - Sustain dialogues and interactions through regular forums, meetings and exercises

Group List

Group	Country	Presenter	Title/Organization	
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	Armenia	Dr. Alvaro Shavarsh Antonyan	President/Armenian National Survey for Seismic Protection	
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