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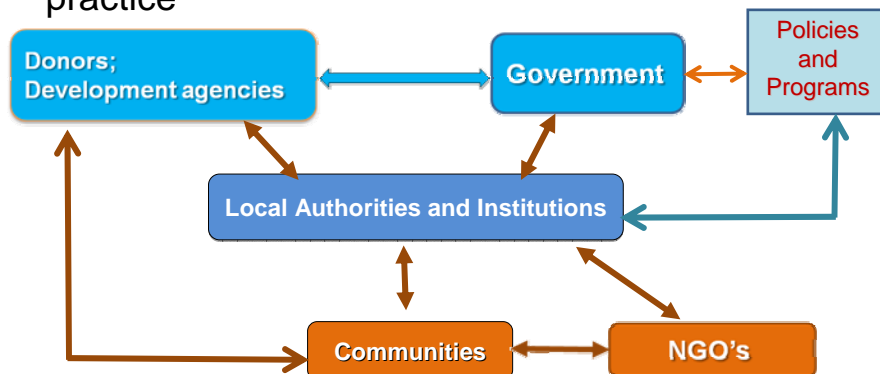
Regional Task Force for Urban Risk Reduction

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The Critical Role of Local Institutions

- ❑ Making the connection between the “bottom up” and the “top down”
- ❑ Putting government policies and programs into practice



Mainstreaming Model

Central Coordination + Local Implementation + Participation



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What is the Regional Task Force for URR?

It is a mechanism of the ISDR System to support the development of the Regional Platform for DRR with focus on Urban Risk Reduction

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What is its Mission?

Still not completely defined, but at least...

1. Be an advocacy arm of the ISDR system for the urban disaster risk reduction (UDRR) in Asia
2. Be a facilitator of synergism and cooperation between agencies/organizations in order to optimize outcome in UDRR (in Asia)
3. Be a resource to the organizations and institutions
4. Be a facilitator of knowledge dissemination on UDRR, and improve communication and efficiency (linkages)
5. Support the development of a ISDR Thematic Platform on UDRR

More specifically ...

The task force will focus on working with major on-going priority (regional/global) initiatives (e.g., IAP; KL Conference; Global Assessment Report, etc.) to ensure an adequate attention on UDRR and to enhance the understanding of the issues of and potential solutions to UDRR

(This is also done to ensure a direct contribution to the implementation of the HFA)

The Regional Task Force is ...

- ❑ ... Not an implementing body. However, it can “sponsor” pilot projects as a demonstration activity related to UDRR
- ❑ It may also support undertakings among its members in order to develop baseline documentation

When was it established?

- ❑ The first meeting of the RTF/URR took place in Kobe on 23-24 January 2008
- ❑ The second meeting took place on evening of 14 February 2008 (yesterday)
- ❑ Thus, this is very new and it is still under development

Membership

- ❑ Open membership
- ❑ Current members include:
 - ADPC, ADRC, DRI, EMI, IRP, JICA, Kobe University, Kyoto University, NSET, UNCRD, UNEP (Kobe), UN-HABITAT, UN/ISDR, UNU (Tokyo), WHO (Kobe)
- ❑ Other organizations which expressed interest: UNDP (Bangkok), ProVention Consortium

Proposed Work Plan for 2008

- ❑ Develop its own Mission Statement and ToR's
- ❑ More consultations
- ❑ Agenda/Activities of Task Force
- ❑ Flyer + High Level Advocacy paper
- ❑ "HFA for Local Authorities"
- ❑ Mapping of regional initiatives , specific to UDRR
- ❑ Contribution to Reports
- ❑ Advocacy and knowledge dissemination activities, e.g., [WUF](#), [UCLG Meeting in Pataya](#), others?
- ❑ Feasibility of Training Center in Korea
- ❑ Professional Certification Program for "Urban Disaster Risk Management Specialists"

Longer term..

- ❑ Topical technical notes
- ❑ Knowledge repository and dissemination
- ❑ Linkages
- ❑ Others ????

Website

<http://www.adrc.or.jp/events/RTFmeeting20080130/top.html>

Questions?

Input?

Comments??