



Monday 1st December 2008 11:00 – 12:45
Putra World Trade Center, KL, Malaysia
Room No. 7, Level 2

Background:

Asia Regional Task Force (RTF) on Urban Risk Reduction was established during the brainstorming meeting in Kobe, Japan, in January 2008 in order to facilitate interactions among different stakeholders on urban risk reduction agenda in the Asia region. The Task Force is coordinated by the UN/ISDR Hyogo Office in Kobe in close coordination with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The goal of the RTF is to enhance decisive actions to reduce risk and increase community resilience in the urban areas in the Asia region. To achieve this goal, specific objectives are:

- To act as an advocacy vehicle to major urban policy bodies
- To provide a platform for collective information and knowledge development and sharing
- To facilitate interactions and cooperation among related organizations and stakeholders

The RTF will promote collective activities of its member organizations and will work in line with the HFA for the region. The RTF will develop links to the community of urban planners, architects and engineers who are engaged in shaping the future of urban growth to ensure that disaster risk reduction is incorporated in urban development planning as well as future urban development trends are incorporated in disaster risk reduction strategies.

The RTF is currently represented by 14 member organizations¹ at its establishment, and is open for expansion. Therefore, being organized coincided with the Asia Ministerial Conference on DRR, the 4th meeting of the RTF will welcome participation by other organizations as observers.

Draft Agenda (at Putra World Trade Center, Room No. 7 at level 2)

(90 minutes)		moderator
11:00 – 11:45 (45 min)	Briefing on recent development and current situation (15 minutes) by the RTF-URR Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RADIUS plus 10 - Production of “ Local Words into Action” - Inventory and URR status report compilation - City profile and good practice compilation <p>Short presentations by RTF-URR members on their on-going activities and plans for 2009 related to URR (5 minutes each)</p>	Chair, Vice-Chair, and UNISDR Hyogo
11:45 – 12:15 (30 min)	Discussion and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft URR status report (aiming at finalization for the GP/DRR) - Draft “Local Words into Action” 	Chair
12:15 – 12:45 (30 min)	Discussion on way forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next year plan for the RTF-URR - Brainstorming for organizing a session on URR during the Global Platform on DRR. 	Chair

1 ADPC, ADRC, CITYNET, EMI, IRP Secretariat, JICA, Kobe University, Kyoto University, UNCRD, UNEP, UN-Habitat, UN/ISDR, UNU and WHO

