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## Preliminary Mapping of Urban Risk Activities in the Asia-Pacific

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## Urban Risk: What is at stake?

- ❑ Unprecedented scale of loss
- ❑ Threat to development and social advancement
- ❑ Compounding effect on the poor and the vulnerable
- ❑ Continues to be neglected
- ❑ Delay will be more costly and difficult to solve

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## Organizations\* Involved in Urban Risk



*But, it is interesting to see how they are operating and what are their strategies*

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## Type of Activities

- ❑ **Clearing-house function**
  - Collection and dissemination of knowledge products (e.g. cases and “success stories,” web service, policy papers, newsletters, etc.)
- ❑ **Advocacy catalyst**
  - Policy fora; generate discussion and debate; promote collaborative initiatives and partnerships
- ❑ **Service provider**
  - Training and capacity building; develop guidelines, tools, DRR planning and implementation approaches

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## Ex. of clearing-house activities

- ❑ ISDR Secretariat – PreventionWeb platform; public awareness campaigns (urban risk: 2010-11)
- ❑ ISDR – newsletters, ISDR Informs Magazines (LAC, Asia, Africa)
- ❑ ProVention Consortium – Policy papers; coalition building
- ❑ EMI – website; documentation of case studies; specific publications on urban and megacities DRR; regional megacities fora
- ❑ CityNet (part. its Disaster Cluster)
- ❑ ADPC – Knowledge dissemination
- ❑ ADRC – Knowledge dissemination and coalition building

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## Ex. of advocacy activities (1 of 2)

- ❑ UN Habitat – World Urban Forum
- ❑ ISDR Secretariat – Public awareness and institutional awareness; campaigns (urban risk: 2010-11?)
- ❑ UCLG – World City Congress; Global Forum for Urban DRR
- ❑ Metropolis – Metropolis Congress; Metropolis Commissions: Comm. 5 (Indicators); Comm. 2 (Finance); Comm. 3 (Neighborhood Regeneration); Comm. 4 (Mobility); Comm. 1 (Eco-regions)
- ❑ EMI – Cluster Cities Program; City-2-City Sharing

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## Ex. of advocacy activities (2 of 2)

- ❑ CityNet – regional, annual meetings
- ❑ ICLEI - Resilient Cities and Communities Program (RCCP)
- ❑ Local authorities partnership (UCLG, METROPOLIS-ICLEI-CITYNET-EMI)
- ❑ UCLG/Metropolis-OCHA – database of municipal experts in peacekeeping and disaster management
- ❑ ISDR – GP/DRR (every 2 years)
- ❑ WHO – Resource database

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## Ex. of services provided: *Training and Capacity Building*

- ❑ ADPC – Urban disaster management training
- ❑ NSET – Masons training; building code implementation; PEER program
- ❑ Metropolis – training institute in Montreal (agreement with EMI)
- ❑ WBI: Natural Disaster Risk Management Training (Philippines, Turkey, India)
- ❑ UN-Habitat – Urban Observatory (indicators; monitoring); Urban Management Programme (with UNDP); Sustainable Cities (with UNEP)
- ❑ ICLEI – Resilient Communities Initiative
- ❑ UNITAR Local Devt. Decentralized Cooperation - training
- ❑ EMI – MEGA-Learn eLearning package: MEGA-Learn; MEGA-Know; MEGA-Index; MEGA-Safe
- ❑ ILO-Delnet Int. Training Center – local economic devt. training;
- ❑ JICA training Program (Kobe U., RCUSS), and others

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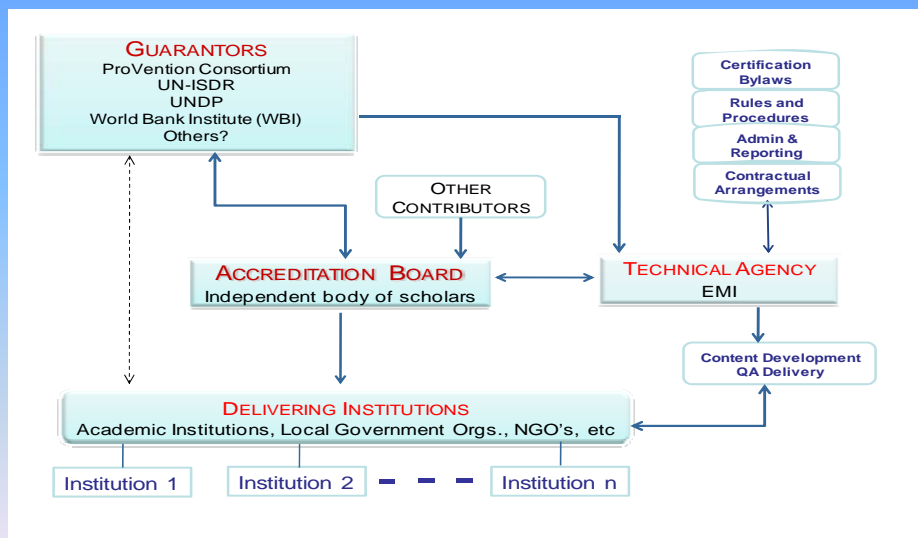
## Ex. of services provided: Preparedness and Mitigation

- ❑ UNDP –Grip Project (Risk assessment)
- ❑ UN-HABITAT (Various projects)
- ❑ EMI – 3cd Program – DRMMP application
- ❑ IRP – Recovery Platform
- ❑ ICLEI – Local Agenda 21 (correlation between urban issues and climate change)

Note: Funding organizations and WB GFDRR are supporting several DRR projects that have a urban components worldwide

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## “Urban Disaster Risk Management Specialist” Certification



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## Conclusion

- ❑ Activities have flourished
- ❑ Mostly top-driven or community based
- ❑ Few are undertaken in direct partnership with local governments and local authorities
- ❑ Recent involvement of local government organization is a significant development

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## Thank you!

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