

# Regional Task Force on Urban Risk Brainstorming Meeting 23-24 January 2008, Kobe, Japan

### **Global Forum for Urban Risk Reduction**

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Empowering local governments and local communities in implementing disaster risk reduction

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### **Background**

- Original idea developed by UNDP, OECD, ProVention Consortium and EMI
- 2. Extensive initial consultations started in 2005 and included World Bank, Secretariat of the ISDR, UN-HABITAT; OCHA, IFRC and other UN organizations
- 3. Extension of consultations to Local Government Organizations (UCLG, METROPOLIS, ICLEI, and CITYNET)
- 4. Input from cities: Manila, Quito, Tehran, Mumbai, others
- 5. Consultations with selected NGO's, scientific organizations and other organizations
- 6. Consultations with Government of Japan, Switzerland, and Sweden

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### **Consultation Meetings**

- 2005-2006 Discussion between OECD-UNPD and EMI
- □ Sept 2006: Consultative meeting took place in Geneva between key UN institutions, ProVention Consortium and EMI
  - Undertake an organizational meeting to group representatives from key organizations and institutions engaged in urban risk
- ☐ First Organizational Meeting took place in Kobe, Japan on 12-13 April 2007
- ☐ Side event at the First Meeting of the Global Platform for Disaster Reduction

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# **Kobe Meeting: Participants April 2007**

- ☐ Organizers: UNDP, UN-Habitat; Secretariat of ISDR; EMI
- ☐ Hosts: Government of Japan; Kobe University
- Other Participants
  - Four city organizations: UCLG; METROPOLIS; ICLEI; CITYNET
  - Several cities: Kobe, Manila, Makati, Quito, Hyogo Prefecture; Tehran, Mumbai
  - JICA; ADRC
  - ProVention Consortium, IFRC, UNCRD, IRP;

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### **KOBE MEETING: Outcome**

- Consensus on the creation of the Global Forum for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction
- Proposed as a Thematic Cluster of the Global Platform
- Leading role of cities and City Organizations recognized

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### **Focus of the Global Forum**

- Main focus should be on solving city-level DRR problems and on supporting cities in implementing DRR
- **□** Other roles:
  - Awareness and advocacy
  - Knowledge depository and knowledge dissemination/sharing
  - Coordination and harmonization of actions

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# **Suggested Concrete Immediate Actions** (12-18 Months)

- ☐ Training of urban professionals and managers
- ☐ City-to-City technical exchanges
- □ Opportunistic awareness and advocacy activities (e.g., UCLG Congress; WUF)

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### **Kobe Meeting Follow-up**

- ☐ Put in place of an informal "Consultative Group"
  - Local Government Organizations: UCLG; METROPOLIS; ICLEI, CITYNET
  - Cities: Makati City
  - City Partners: EMI
  - UN-HABITAT; UNDP; Secretariat of ISDR
  - ProVention Consortium
  - Academia: Kobe University
- □ Organize the Side Event at the Global Platform

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# Side Event at the Global Platform June 2007

### Reinforce the premise

- A strong impetus for urban disaster risk reduction is needed (piece-meal approach does not work)
- 2. It should be a collaborative effort from all the stakeholders no organization can do it alone
- 3. Any effort must involved cities and be framed in the reality of cities

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### **Proposed Outcome of the Side Event**

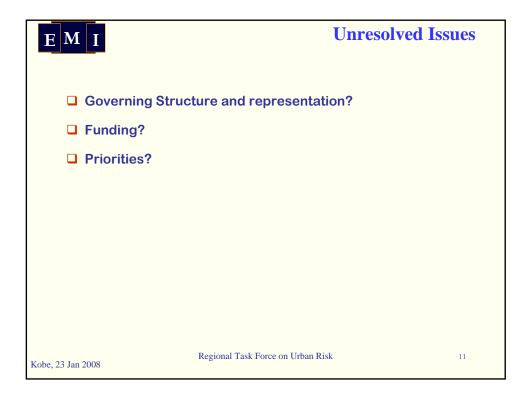
Put in place a
Global Forum for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction

A "partnership" for a common interest in urban DRR

Include the Global Forum as a thematic cluster in the Global Platform

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# E M I Existing Documentation Summary report from the Side Event Report from the Kobe Organizational meeting Concept paper (long version) Concept paper (short version) UCLG Declaration

