

Summary of Inputs and Views on ADRRN

In the plenary discussion preceding the group work, the core group members conveyed the following messages for the further development of ADRRN:

- Disasters and development are linked.
- The orientation shift from disaster response/relief to disaster risk reduction is relevant and responsive to the times.
- Networking and dialogue should continue, but must be beyond generating information.
- Enliven the network towards achieving common goals.
- Define and develop standards for disaster reduction, beyond response.
- Promote the culture and environment of disaster reduction.
- Integrated community development approach exemplifies TDRM.
- Clarify networking framework and roles, vis-a-vis membership mechanism and plan of action.
- Identify and promote a shared value, standards and protocols of good practice.
- Commitment to action is important.
- Enhance NGO's understanding and consciousness of disaster reduction.
- Pilot a case study.
- Collaborate to build capacity and learn skills in disaster risk management.
- Funding is a persistent concern as NGOs compete for funding.
- NGOs are democracy builders and important partners in the design of country programs.
- NGOs should raise disaster risk management to political level. Take a lead role.
- Assume a policy voice and use the forthcoming world conference to move ADRRN forward.

Initially, the core group members identified the following possible networking activities of ADRRN:

- Capacity building
- Standards development
- Research, case study
- Membership system development
- Pooling of experts, sharing of best practices
- Disaster reduction advocacy, beyond response
- Development of effective channels for info sharing
- Joint pilot projects