

7-2 The Governance Structure of IRP

IRP currently consists of 12* governments, UN agencies and international organizations including ADRC (as of March 2008). IRP focuses on the following three functions as priority activities on recovery that are respectively based in Kobe, Turin, and Geneva: a) Knowledge Management and Advocacy (Kobe), b) Training and Capacity Building (Turin), and c) Enhancing Recovery Operations (Geneva).

As described in the Terms of Reference, IRP Kobe bears the Secretariat function and is responsible for convening the IRP steering committee meetings as well as disseminating IRP activities and outcomes.

* IRP members: Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Hyogo Prefectural Government, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Labour Organization (ILO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Cabinet Office of Japan, Swiss Agency for Development and Coordination (SDC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN/OCHA), and The World Bank.

7-3 Activities of IRP in 2006

7-3-1. IRP Side Event in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

During the First Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP/DRR) held on 5-7 June 2007 in Geneva, IRP Secretariat in cooperation with ADRC, organized a side event together with the government of Japan and the UN/ISDR Secretariat, which focused on ways to contribute to



better disaster recovery. It was attended by about 80 people from IRP partners, ADRC,

international & regional institutions, governments, and NGOs.

H.E. Mr. Makio Miyagawa, Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN in Geneva, delivered the opening address. He spoke not only about Japan's contributions to international disaster cooperation efforts aimed at promoting the HFA but also about the achievements of the IRP, such as its organization of the International Forum on Tsunami and Earthquake, its development of recovery support tools, and its launch of the earthquake disaster risk reduction project for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Many participants expressed great expectations for the IRP's role in facilitating a smooth transition from emergency response, rehabilitation, and reconstruction through long-term recovery. Furthermore, Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, then Director for Disaster Preparedness, Public Relations and International Cooperation in the Cabinet Office of Japan noted that the IRP is expected to function as a catalyst for better recovery by creating and sharing expertise and know-how with relevant institutions and persons in need of such information. He concluded the meeting by expressing the need to further promote these activities to avoid making the mistakes of the past and to work with stakeholders to contribute to sustainable development.

Also at the plenary meeting on the last morning of the event, Mr. Anil K. Sinha, Program Advisor of IRP gave a briefing on the IRP's main activities since its establishment.

Agenda

Chairperson: Ms. Kathleen Cravero,

Assistant Administrator and Director, BCPR/UNDP

Co-chair: H.E. Ambassador Makio Miyagawa

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in Geneva

Opening Remarks: H.E. Ambassador Makio Miyagawa

Key Remarks: 'ISDR context & the IRP'

Ms. Margareta Wahlström

ASG and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, UN/OCHA

(on behalf of ISDR secretariat)

‘From disasters to reduced vulnerability – the recovery opportunity ’

Ms. Kathleen Cravero

‘Strengthening Recovery Capacity in the SAARC region’

Mr. PG Dhar Chakrabarti

Director, SAARC Center for Disaster Management

‘Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) – an emerging tool for better recovery’

Mr. Ricardo Zapata-Marti

Focal Point on Disaster Evaluation, Disaster Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Discussion

First Discussants

Mr. Alfredo Lazarte-Hoyle, Director ad interim, Crisis Response and Reconstruction Programme, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ms. Cynthia Burton, Senior Officer, Post Disaster Recovery, Disaster Preparedness and Policy, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Concluding Remarks: Mr. Satoru Nishikawa

Vice-chairperson of IRP Steering Committee,
Director, Cabinet Office of Japan

7-3-2. Regional Recovery Forum at the Second Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The Second Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was organized in New Delhi, India on 7 - 8 November. The conference, following the Beijing conference in September 2005, aimed to review the Asian countries’ efforts to implement the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) which was adopted at the WCDR 2005 in Kobe.



Some 500 people attended, including ministers and cabinet-level officials in charge of disaster management from across Asia, as well as representatives from the UN, regional organizations, academic institutions, and NGOs from about 50 countries. They eagerly discussed disaster management activities in Asia at high-level round tables, technical sessions, and side events. On the second day of the conference, the Delhi Declaration 2007 was adopted to further promote the HFA. Kuala Lumpur was selected as the venue for the next conference in 2008.



Given that the International Recovery Platform facilitates cooperation with regional organizations as one of its strategic objectives, it organized a regional forum entitled “Beyond Lessons Learned from Post-Disaster Recovery” on the morning of 8 November. Mr. Reddy of the National Disaster Management Authority of India served as chairperson while Dr. Ian Davis, UK Cranfield University Visiting Professor, served as the panel discussion moderator.

Agenda

Thursday, 8 November 2007, 9:30 - 12:30

Venue: Suite 293, 2nd Floor, Hotel Ashok, New Delhi, India

C h a i r: Mr. M Shashidhar Reddy, Member of the National Disaster Management Authority of India NDMA, Govt. of India
C o - c h a i r: Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director
Asian Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC)
Rapporteur: Dr. Sanjay K. Srivastava
Deputy Director, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), India

09:30-09:40 Opening Remarks and Key note address Mr. M Shashidhar Reddy

09:40-09:50 Remarks by Co-chair Mr. Koji Suzuki

09:50-10:05 ‘International Recovery Platform
- a Global Catalyst for Better Recovery’
Anil K Sinha, Programme Advisor, IRP Secretariat

Part I: Cases Studies on Lessons Learned from Post-Disaster Recovery

10:05-10:20 Recovery from Floods
Mr. Aslam Alam, Deputy Team Leader (JS), Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP), Bangladesh

- 10:20-10:35 Recovery from Tsunami
Ms. Zaha Waheed,
Recovery Coordinator, National Disaster Management Centre, Maldives
- 10:35-10:50 Community and Gender Perspectives
Ms. Tharuka Dissanaikie
Practical Action, South Asia Programme, Sri Lanka
- 10:50-11:05 Beyond Lessons Learnt: Post-Disaster Recovery in India
Dr. Ravi Sinha, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, India
- 11:05-11:15 Questions and Answers
- 11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

Part II: Panel Discussion

- 11:45-12:35 ‘Moving from Lessons Learned to Application and Practices’

Moderator: Prof. Ian Davis, Visiting Professor, Cranfield University, UK

Panelist 1: Mr. Al Panico, Head of Regional Office, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Panelist 2: Mr. Bakri Beck, Deputy for Recovery, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, Indonesian National Coordinating Board for Disaster Management (BAKORNAS PB), Indonesia

Panelist 3: Mr. Maxx Dille, Policy Advisor, Disaster Reduction Unit Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panelist 4: Mr. Amod Dixit, Executive Director, National Society for Earthquake Technology (NEST), Nepal

Synthesis by the Moderator, Comments, Questions and Answers

- 12:35-12:45 Concluding Remarks

7-3-3. Organizing a Session at the Second Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management

IRP secretariat and CDERA co-organised a session on recovery during the 2nd Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management at Bridgetown, Barbados, 10-14 December. This conference was hosted by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response



Agency (CDERA) in association with its partners, including IRP. This IRP Session on Disaster Recovery Planning attracted 145 participants from the governments, UN agencies, and organizations of CDERA participating countries and 7 other countries from the world.

The Conference, bearing the theme “Changing Landscape of Caribbean Disaster Management – Vision Becoming Reality”, is a high level forum for assessing the region’s progress in disaster risk reduction and charting the way forward in building disaster resilience through



CDM. High ranking Government Officials from CDERA participating states addressed key issues of CDM implementation in relation to the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME), safety and security within a single space in emergency management, and response and disaster management within the national development portfolio. Senior representatives of the donor community as well as other CDM partners and sector leaders spoke to a harmonized programming approach for the advancement of CDM.

The Conference also dwelled on sharing of experiences and good practices in the areas of ICT applications, mitigation and risk transfer applications, and disaster recovery planning. To share good practices and lessons learned on the field of “Disaster



Recovery Planning”, representatives from the IRP Secretariat made presentations.

In the conference recommendations, it was advocated that recovery should be included to disaster legislation for better disaster management in the Caribbean region.

7-3-4. International Recovery Forum – Capacity Development for Better Recovery -

The International Recovery Forum titled ‘Capacity Development for Better Recovery’ was organized by the IRP Secretariat together with UN/ISDR Hyogo Office and JICA Hyogo–Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC) at JICA Hyogo Center in Kobe, Japan. It was attended by about 200 people.



IRP, following its recently formulated Strategic Framework which highlights the expansion of network, has strengthened partnerships with regional organizations such as SAARC Disaster Management Centre and the CDERA. In the meantime, DRLC was established to promote human resource development in high-risk, low-capacity developing countries. To further enhance the implementation of HFA and stimulate concrete collaboration with and within partners for that purpose, the UN/ISDR Hyogo Office was opened and works closely with the Japanese Government and institutions related to disaster risk reduction as well as institutions in East Asia. In this connection, this forum aimed to further advocate the importance of capacity development for better recovery in the context of mutual cooperation among organizations and to support effective implementation of the HFA.

The forum was opened by the remarks from Mr. Naofumi Taguchi, Deputy Director General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office of Japan, H.E. Mr. Ryuichiro Yamazaki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Kansai Region, Japan, and Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor, Hyogo Prefecture. Mr. Sálvano Briceno



delivered the keynote speech “Expectation to Hyogo-further implementation of the HFA”. It was followed by four reports on Regional Activities for Capacity Development and Recovery. Subsequently, the panel discussion was chaired by Mr. Eiji Torisu, Director for Disaster Preparedness and International Cooperation, Cabinet Office of Japan, and discussed on Capacity Development for Better Recovery with discussants Mr. Alfredo Lazarte, Director, ILO, Mr. Jerry Velasquez, Senior Regional Coordinator, UN/ISDR Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Mikio Ishiwatari, Senior Advisor in Disaster Management, JICA, and Ms. Yoko Saito, Researcher, Disaster Management Hyogo Office, UN Centre for Regional Development.

Programme

Opening remarks :

Mr. Naofumi Taguchi

Deputy Director General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office of Japan

H. E. Mr. Ryuichiro Yamazaki

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Kansai Region

Mr. Toshizo Ido

Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

13:50 - 14:20 Keynote Speech : “Expectation to Hyogo - further implementation of the HFA”

Mr. Sa Ivano Briceño, Director, UN/ISDR Secretariat

14:20 - 15:20 Reports on Regional Activities for Capacity Development and Recovery :

1) Recovery and Capacity Development activities in Asian Region

Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Reduction Center

2) Training on Capacity Development for Better Recovery

Mr. Hideo Morikawa

Director General, JICA Hyogo/ Director, JICA Hyogo-DRLC

Mr. Satoru Mimura, Team Director, Disaster Management Team, Global Environment Department, JICA

3) Disasters and Recovery activities in Caribbean Region

Mr. Jeremy Collymore, CEO

Coordinator, Caribbean Disaster Emergency

Response Agency

15:20 - 15:40 Coffee Break

15:40 - 16:55 Panel Discussion: “Capacity Development for Better Recovery”

Coordinator: Mr. Eiji Torisu, Director for Disaster Preparedness and
International Cooperation, Cabinet Office of Japan

Introductory Remarks: Mr. Miguel Bermeo, Deputy Director, UNDP/BCPR,
Chairperson of IRP Steering Committee

Panelists: Mr. Alfredo Lazarte, Director, ILO/CRISIS, International
Programme

on Crisis Response Prevention and Recovery

Mr. Jerry Velasquez, Senior Regional Coordinator, UN/ISDR
Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Mikio Ishiwatari, Senior Advisor in Disaster Management,
JICA

Ms. Yoko Saito, Researcher, Disaster Management Planning
Hyogo Office, UN Centre for Regional Development

16:55 - 17:00 Closing

7-3-5 Development of a Database on Good Practices & Lessons on Recovery and its Utilization

1) Objective

Various booklets, research reports on good practices, lessons learned, and case studies of major disasters on recovery already exist. These are mostly summarized and analyzed in each major disaster except for some examples. However, when experts on recovery visit disaster affected countries, recovery planners/decision makers from national and local levels frequently asked for “cross-disaster” information on topical thematic lines* which are urgently necessary for for post disaster recovery to realize safer and more secure society.

This project aims to efficiently and quickly provide important on-target information on post-disaster recovery to key persons, who are in-charge of planning and implementing key recovery activities. The project compiles information on recovery through cross-disaster analysis of lessons learned from major disasters.

2) Content

(1) Collect “Good practices” and “Lessons learned” of post-disaster recovery

Collected reports and developed a database on good practices, lessons, case studies mainly on post disaster recovery and provided it on the web

(2) Publication of guidebook ‘Learning from Disaster Recovery’

IRP Secretariat with the support from ADRC and UN/ISDR produced the book, “Learning from Disaster Recovery - Guidance for Decision Makers -” in May 2007. The guidebook utilized the disaster recovery case studies collected by IRP. Since its publication, IRP has been distributing this guidebook to related agencies, developing countries, and regions. Likewise, the book is being disseminated during the occasions like organizing and participating events and on mission to overseas.