



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
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Session's programme

The Global Platform's three days of deliberations focused on the following three main objectives, with one full day devoted to each objective. In addition, a number of side events⁴ were organized by partners to present good practices and innovative developments in disaster risk reduction.

Day 1: Raise awareness on reducing disaster risk:

- Increase the profile of disaster risk reduction as part of development and climate change adaptation, recognizing that it is "everybody's business" and must be a multi-stakeholder undertaking, with governments playing a central role.
- Reiterate commitments to implement the Hyogo Framework.

Day 2: Share national and local experiences and good practices in disaster risk reduction:

- Learn from good practice.
- Provide practical guidance for nations and communities to reduce disaster risk.

Day 3: Assess progress in implementing the Hyogo Framework and guide the ISDR system:

- Assess progress made in implementing the Hyogo Framework, and identify obstacles, critical problems and emerging issues that must be addressed to speed up national and local implementation.
- Enhance cooperation and concerted action by the international community to support national and local implementation of disaster risk reduction, including identification of priorities for the ISDR system for 2008-2009.

The main conclusions of this session of the Global Platform are captured in the Chair's Summary, a draft of which was delivered by the Chair in the plenary on the final day. Participants discussed the draft and were invited to provide comments on the contents the week following the session. The final Chair's Summary is reproduced in the last section of the present document.

This report of the proceedings has been prepared by the ISDR secretariat and is complemented by additional data contained in the attached CD-ROM; further information is also available on the web pages of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction⁵, comprising the full programme and agenda, list of participants, full statements and presentations made at the session, reports of the session workshops and side events, information for the media as well as some publications that were made available at the session. The daily website updates and summary of the session prepared by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB), an independent reporting service, provide another source of information⁶.

4 For a full list of side events see Annex IV.

5 <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform>

6 <http://www.iisd.ca/ymb/gpdr1>