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International Perspectives on Disaster Risk Management

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Build a Disaster Risk Reduction Movement – ISDR system

Background

The ISDR system was launched in the year 2000 as a successor to the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (iDNDR,1990-1999)

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The ISDR is a global framework for action with the aim of reducing or eliminating the conditions that promote vulnerability to natural hazards and related technological and environmental phenomena, which result in human, social, economic and environmental losses.

The ISDR Mission

The mission of the ISDR is to building disaster resilient communities. It aims at promoting the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development

Goal

To reduce human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards and related technological and environmental disasters.

UN/ISDR Secretariat

The UN/ISDR Secretariat was subsequently established as an institutional mechanism for the implementation of the Strategy.

Mandate of UN/ISDR Secretariat

- The mandate of UN/ISDR Secretariat is to serve as the focal point in the UN system for the coordination of disaster reduction with the goal of "enabling all societies to become resilient to natural hazards and related technological and environmental hazards".

- UN/ISDR Secretariat also serves as an international platform for the implementation of the Strategy, ensuring synergies among disaster reduction activities by national, regional and international stakeholders.

UN/ISDR Africa

- The UN/ISDR Secretariat established in October 2002 an Africa regional outreach office in Nairobi, Kenya. The office, known as UN/ISDR Africa, aims to advance the disaster risk reduction process in Africa in partnership with major stakeholders in the region

- Since its establishment, UN/ISDR Africa focused its support to national and regional stakeholders in four areas:
- Policy and strategy development;
- Advocacy and public awareness;
- Information sharing knowledge exchange;
- Networking and partnership building.

Build a disaster risk reduction movement – ISDR system

✓ Our objective: To reduce disaster risk, worldwide, focussing on nations and communities

✓ The instrument: Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015

✓ The vehicle: ISDR system - 'movement'

Main elements of the strengthened ISDR System in support of the Hyogo Framework for Action

Responsible for national strategies and programmes, baselines studies, reporting…

Nations and communities
National Platforms,

Government agencies, local authorities,

NGOs, CBOs, technical organisations, private sector , media…

Governance

UN General Assembly, ECOSOC

Global coordination

Global Platform for DRR and subsidiary bodies (PAC…)

USG Humanitarian Affairs Management Oversight Board

ISDR secretariat

Supporting mechanisms
ISDR regional and thematic platforms

International and regional org.

UN Country Teams, Red Cross/ Red Crescent societies

WB Country offices

Management, oversight, programme guidance, support, joint work programme, monitoring

Support and technical advice to agencies, authorities, institutions and organizations

ISDR system levels of action ("platforms")

National implementation

**National frameworks, multi-stakeholders, and multi disciplinary with Support from UN country team – when appropriate
(NP, NFPs)**

Regional

**Based on existing regional and sub-regional strategies and mechanisms
(AU, SADC, IGAD, ECOWAS, ECCAS,UMA)**

Thematic

**Building on existing networks, clusters, programmes and other mechanisms
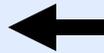(SACOF, GACOF,Drought Networks, etc)**

Global

**Annual sessions
Subsidiary Programme Advisory/Committee
(GP,MOB,PAC, Secretariate)**

ISDR programme

coordinated international and regional efforts to support national and local capacities

Strengthened ISDR system and secretariat

❑ **Revamped IATF model** – wider membership, government participation, joint work programme, systematic commitments, monitoring and reporting

❑ **New system is a "work in progress"**
- broad outline of design in place; but many details to decide.
- need endorsement of UN General Assembly
- ISDR Reference Group, advising on joint work programme and
    preparations for Global Platform

❑ **Secretariat reorganised and strengthened**
- New structure, new hires
- 1) Policy and inter-agency coordination (policy tools, reporting, ISDR System mechanisms)
- 2) Advocacy and outreach (both stronger, better support in Asia)
- 3) Information (PreventionWeb initiative)
- New units for DRR resource monitoring and resource mobilization

ISDR IATF/DR and secretariat

✓**IATF/DR Strategic Framework for support to HFA** implementation to guide action of ISDR system and secretariat- including ISDR reform process (May 2005)

✓**Matrix of commitment & initiatives in support to the HFA:**
- Currently being updated and available on the ISDR website

✓**Broad consultation for the development of generic, realistic and measurable indicators to assist states monitoring achievements:**
- On line dialogue reflecting national and community perception;
- Draft guidelines prepared, expert consultation July-August 2006;
- Publishing of draft and pilot countries to test (October 2006-2007)

✓**Support to national platforms and regional coordination:**
- Regional national platforms meetings- networking and sharing of experience: Asia, Latin America, Africa (2) , Europe (scheduled in October 2006);
- Support package to develop National Action plans under development (inter-agency, ISDR system wide)- document and circulate good practice
- National application of Information Platform and website resources (PreventionWeb) to be developed 2006-2007: information support facility for knowledge management

ISDR IATF/DR and secretariat continued

✓**Global Information Platform (PreventionWeb):**
Implementation phase of PreventionWeb. A first prototype of the PreventionWeb is expected to be launched by end of 2006

✓**Launching of 2006-2007 Campaign on Education and Safer Schools, June 2006** followed by campaign Safe Hospitals and Health sector disaster risk reduction (2008-2009)

✓**Knowledge and Education Cluster active**
Focusing on enhanced school curricula on disaster risk reduction and pilot projects in 8 countries (UNESCO, ActionAid, IFRC, UNICEF…)
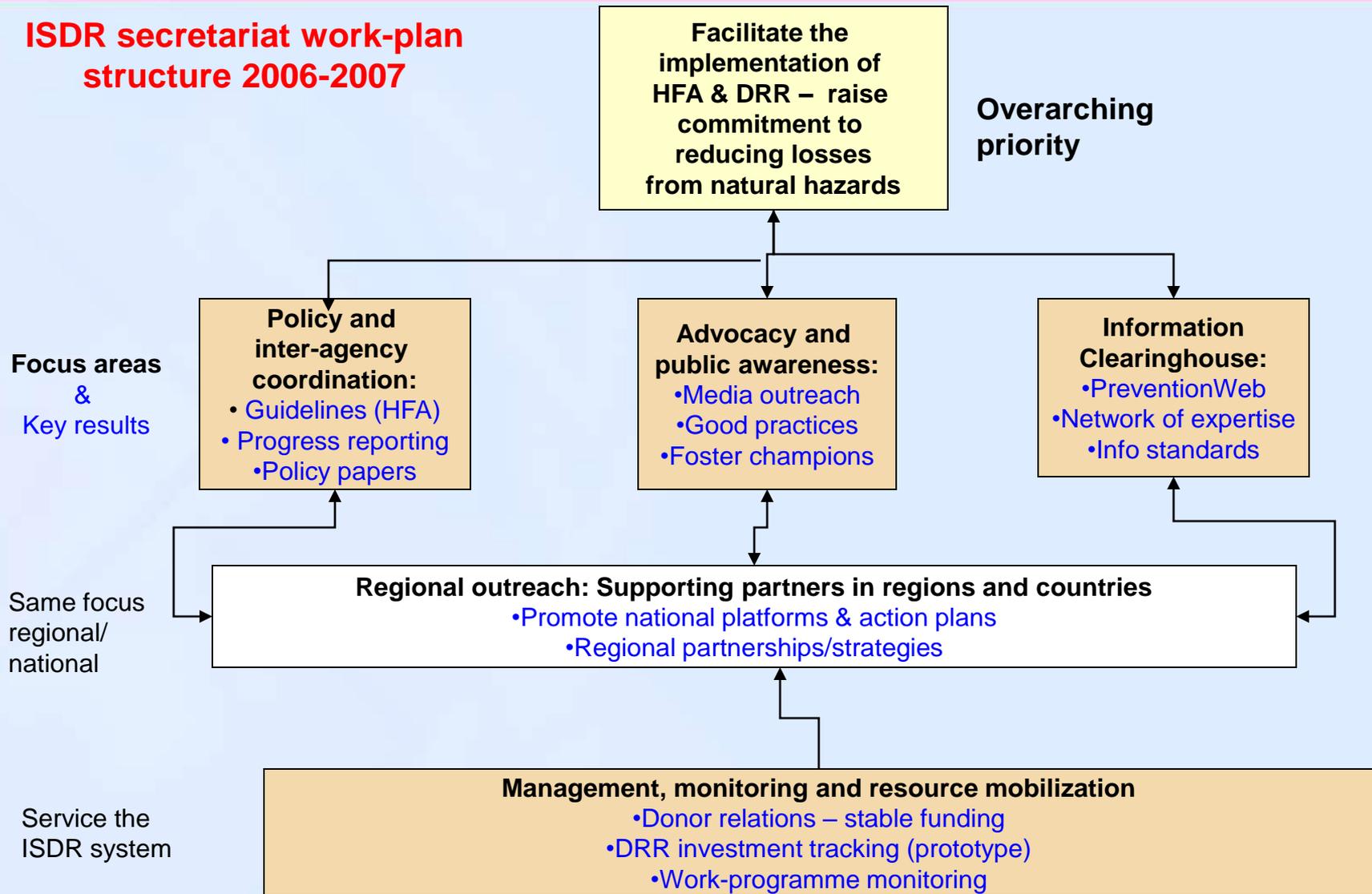
✓**Reporting on progress on the implementation of the ISDR:**
•**SG report for UNGA (draft in July 2006)**
•**Progress reporting process:**
Methodology still to be finalized. Use of targets and indicators. Link to ISDR system joint work-programming and Global Platform for DRR

ISDR secretariat work-plan structure 2006-2007

Facilitate the implementation of HFA & DRR – raise commitment to reducing losses from natural hazards

Overarching priority

Focus areas & Key results

Policy and inter-agency coordination:
• Guidelines (HFA)
• Progress reporting
•Policy papers

Advocacy and public awareness:
•Media outreach
•Good practices
•Foster champions

Information Clearinghouse:
•PreventionWeb
•Network of expertise
•Info standards

Same focus regional/ national

Regional outreach: Supporting partners in regions and countries
•Promote national platforms & action plans
•Regional partnerships/strategies

Service the ISDR system

Management, monitoring and resource mobilization
•Donor relations – stable funding
•DRR investment tracking (prototype)
•Work-programme monitoring

" More effective prevention strategies would save not only tens of billions of dollars, but save tens of thousands of lives. Funds currently spent on intervention and relief could be devoted to enhancing equitable and sustainable development instead, which would further reduce the risk for war and disaster. Building a culture of prevention is not easy. While the costs of prevention have to be paid in the present, its benefits lie in a distant future. Moreover, the benefits are not tangible; they are the disasters that did NOT happen. "

Kofi Annan, "Facing the Humanitarian Challenge: Towards a Culture of Prevention", UNGA, A/54/1