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Report of the 2nd Session of the Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

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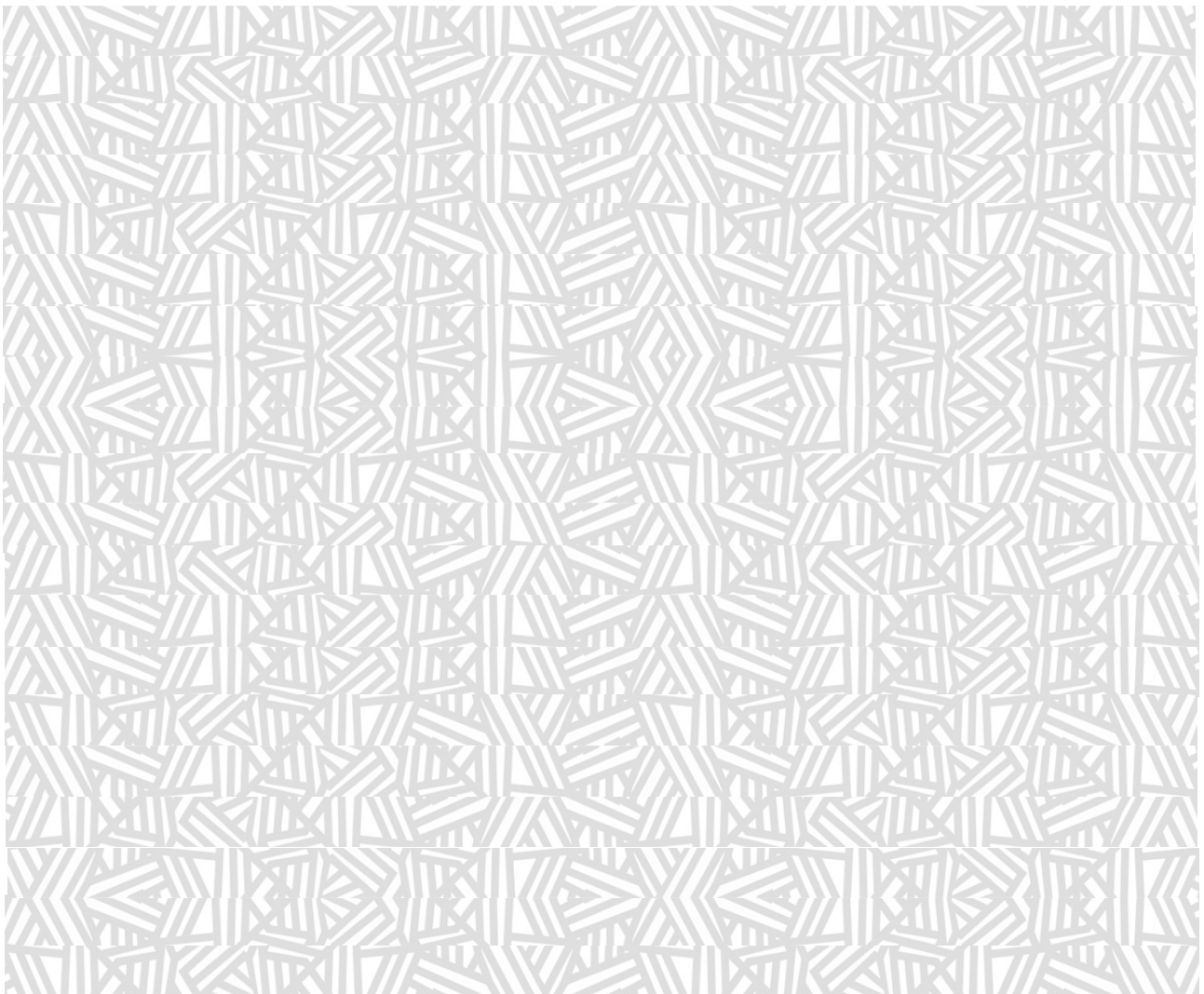




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1.0 Introduction



From 14th - 16th November 2014, the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) hosted the UNISDR Youth Workshop "Innovative Ideas and Capacity for Change" at Geneva University, Switzerland.

From 17th-18th November 2014, the MGCY participated in the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee meeting (2nd PrepCom) of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) at the United Nation Office at Geneva, Switzerland.

2.0 UNISDR Youth Workshop

The UNISDR youth workshop gathered 50 youth in the age of 18 - 28 representing 5 regions. The three day workshop aimed to build a joint UN MGCY DRR advocacy strategy. The advocacy strategy was built upon the UN MGCY DRR Position Paper and the consultations leading up to the 2nd PrepCom, it was implemented by the delegates attending the 2nd PrepCom and in actions leading up to the WCDRR. Through a series of activities, delegates built capacity within the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and policy. The participants were youth change makers and representatives of in-country youth-centred organizations. The activities consisted in a series of discussion panels, workshops and 4 stream working groups.

▶ **Stream #1 - UN MGCY DRR Advocacy Strategy for the 2nd PrepCom.** Prepare the UN MGCY advocacy strategy for the 2nd PrepCom. Policy documents and actions are to be based upon the UN MGCY Disaster Risk Reduction Position Paper and in junction with previous actions by the constituency.

✔ **Read the MGCY Policy Brief** developed for the PrepCom2.

▶ **Stream #2 - UN MGCY DRR Position; Visibility in the 2nd PrepCom and Beyond.** Develop a concrete visibility plan, aiming to gain recognition of the UN MGCY DRR advocacy

Logistics Facts

- 14-16 Nov 2014
- +40 participants
- 19 Countries
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You can find out more about the UNISDR Youth Workshop on:

 [Workshop's handbook.](#)

 [Youth Beyond Disaster's website](#)

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“We stress the importance of defining global targets which encourage political action, are easy to measure and are linked to national targets. Coherence between international Post2015 frameworks are crucial in order to meet the development agenda for the coming era. We thereby support a timeframe of 15 years for this framework. We believe positive targets are more motivating and we fear that the movement towards specificity in targets could be derailed by replacing ‘negative targets’ with unclearly formulated positive statements. We truly hope for more positively phrased indicators.


priorities. The target groups are stakeholders within the 2nd PrepCom and the society. The tools in this stream include social media, media and public relations amongst others.

 **Follow** UN MGCY DRR Task Force on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Stream #3 - UN MGCY DRR Voluntary Commitment.

UNISDR invite all stakeholders, including civil society and governments, to submit voluntary commitments of actions to be taken after the 3WCDRR. The main task was to create a first draft of children and youth voluntary commitment based upon inputs from local, regional and global children and youth.

 **Read** the **Youth Beyond Disaster** and **IFMSA** Voluntary Commitments to the Post-2015 Framework for DRR.

 **Stream #4 - Sendai Children and Youth Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.** In the 3WCDRR there will be a Sendai Children and Youth Framework for endorsement. The framework will address priorities and commitments of children and youth cross-sectional meaningful actions in risk reduction.

 **Read** the Target Amendments for Post-2015 Framework for DRR

Target 1 & Target 2 **Original targets**

Reduce disaster mortality by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] by 20[30/35] Reduce the number of affected people by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events by 20[30/35]

Proposed merged target

Reduce the number of affected people by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events per capita of the population by 20[30/35]

Justification

For simplification we suggest deletion of target one, as both target one and two address affected people and mortality is included in “affected people”. We believe that “affected” is very broad. In order to keep the proposed target relevant to



communities and comprehensive in scope we stress the importance of clearly and comprehensively clarifying what "affected" includes. Following up from members states suggestions of five parameters of categorizing affected people (number of people injured, evacuated, relocated, and number of houses damaged and destroyed), we suggest expanding the scope to include:

- ◆ **Mortality**
- ◆ **Number of people with morbidity**
- ◆ **Number of people with post traumatic stress disorder**
- ◆ **Number of people with long term injury leading to disability**
- ◆ **Number of children out of school**
- ◆ **Number of missing people**
- ◆ **Number of internally displaced people**
- ◆ **Number of refugees**
- ◆ **Number of people suffering loss of livelihood**
- ◆ **Number of people with loss of productive assets**

Comment

We support keeping contextualization of this indicator to per hazardous events and not per capita population. This information should be disaggregated by age, gender, social groups and income brackets. No goal or target should be considered met unless not met for all social and economic groups.

Target 3

Original Target

Reduce direct disaster economic loss by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] in relation to the GDP by 20[30/35]

Proposed Target

Reduce direct disaster economic, social and environmental loss by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] in relation to the GDP by 20[30/35]

Justification

We qualify social as shocks and setbacks in human development and other relevant indices. We qualify environmental as

ecosystem degradation, and biodiversity loss and access to public space and park land.

Target 4

Original target

Reduce disaster damage to health and educational facilities by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] by 20[30/35]

Proposed target

Reduce disaster damage to health and educational facilities and access related critical infrastructures by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] by 20[30/35]

Comment

The integrity of health and education are extremely important, but it would be a disservice if you do not address relevant population having access to these facilities. Unaffected school and hospitals have no use in case the road leading up to it are disrupted. While determined indicators damage needs to be qualified in a human centered and utility focused manner.

Target 5

Original Target

Increase number of countries with national and local disaster risk management strategies by [a given percentage] by 20[20/30/35]

Proposed Target

Increase number of countries with national and local disaster risk management strategies, with full implementation of the principle of build back better in response and recovery strategies by [a given percentage] by 20[20/30/35]

Comment

Since the beginning of consultations of the Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction there has been a consensus concerning the importance of reducing future disaster risks by DRR actions within disaster response and recovery. This is operationalized through the implementation of Build Back Better and



hence the term should be reflected in the targets and indicators.

**Target 6
Original Target**

International cooperation and global partnership;

Comment

We are looking forward to seeing the proposal of this target from the members states and stress the importance of inclusion of the wording 'multilateral

partnerships with accountability mechanisms in place'.

**Target 7
Original Target**

Increase the number of people, including vulnerable people, with access to early warning and risk information by [given percentage] by 20[XX]

Comment

No amendments suggested, we strongly support this target.

Agenda

- 👁 Opening.
- 👁 Election of officers.
- 👁 Adoption of the agenda & organization of work of the PrepCom.
- 👁 Organization of the World Conference.
- 👁 Consideration on the post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- 👁 Consideration of the report of the PrepCom2.
- 👁 Other matters.
- 👁 Conclusion of the session.

3.0 3WCDRR PrepCom2

The Preparatory Committee's second session was held from 17 to 18 November 2014 to approve the program of work for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (3WCDRR), endorse the candidate nominated as Presiden for the World Conference, and begin negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (DRR). Draft 1 of the post 2015 framework for DRR, incorporating proposals made by Member States during the period of 17-18 November on paragraphs 1 to 23 of the Zero Draft, was circulated by the co-chairs on 21 November and formed the basis of continued negotiations in December. A reference document, a compilation of States' proposals on the remaining paragraphs, was produced on 28 November.

3.1 FIRST DAY - 17 November

▶ **Plenary Session and Statements.**

MGCY Plenary Statement

[Read](#) [Watch](#)

Child Friendly Agencies

[Read](#)

Read and watch other statements delivered by Member States, Regional Groups, International Organizations and Major Groups, during the plenary session on the [WCDRR's website](#).

session:

- 👁 Conclusion of the
- 👁 Other matters:
- PrepCom2:
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- Consideration of
- reduction
- Disaster Risk



▶ **Technical Workshop: Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework**

The session expected to update participants on considerations regarding global targets for the post-2015 DRR framework and the ways those operate at global and national levels, and to propose the next steps regarding modalities on targets and indicators for consideration by the PrepCom2.

Read the MGCY Statement delivered on the 1st Technical Workshop available online.

Read the Concept Note and the Summary Report, available on the WCDRR website.

▶ **Chair's Dialogue with Major Groups**

The aim of the two Chair's Dialogue meeting was to request views from the nine Major Groups and other stakeholders on how the post-2015 framework for DRR can be used by Major Groups partners to support work in building resilience and engaging Major Groups in the implementation of the framework.

Read the MGCY Statement delivered on the Session A Chair's Dialogue Meeting: Priorities for Action and Stakeholders

Read the Concept Note of the Chair's Dialogue with Major Groups available on the WCDRR website

3.2 SECOND DAY - 18 November

▶ **Plenary Session**

Watch the closing of the session available online.

▶ **Technical Workshop 2: Integrating Disaster Risk in Financing**

This workshop was aimed to examine how policy makers can encourage the prevention and mitigation of disaster impacts, enhance asset value, promote risk-sensitive business practice and increase the dividends to society of both, public and private investment. Options for disasters risk-resilient investments that benefit society and business, and practical actions and opportunities for strengthening and incentivizing disaster risk-





Quick Facts Negotiation Meetings

- 2 sessions:
17Nov 3pm - 2am.
18Nov 10am-3pm.
- Paragraphs 1-23
- Outcome: Draft 1
- Text proposals were admitted.
- MGCY was the only Major Group and one of the few participants that remained in the room the whole time.

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Statements



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resilient public and private investment were among the expected outcomes of the events.

✔ Read the **MGCY Statement delivered on the Technical Workshop 2** available online.

✔ Read the **Concept Note** and the **Summary Report** of the workshop available on the WCDRR website.

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✔ Read the MGCY Statement delivered on the **Session B Chair's Dialogue Meeting: Commitments and Coherence.**

✔ Read the **Summary Report** of the Chair's Dialogue with Major Groups available on the WCDRR website.

▶ **Open-Ended Negotiation Meetings**

During the negotiations, the MGCY performed a strong advocacy job, thanks to the outcomes of the UNISDR Workshop and the great capability of the teams' members across the PrepCom2 to track multiple events at the same time, and to build strong partnerships and new relationships with Member States and Agencies present at UNOGA. Text proposals from the Member States were admitted by the Co-Chairs:

✔ **For inclusion on the 1st Draft:**

Paragraphs 1 to 23: till 18 November 2014, 6pm CET.

✔ **For inclusion on the compilation document** to be used as a reference during future negotiations:

Paragraphs 24 to 40: till 20 November 2014, 6pm CET.



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The Co-Chairs agreed on distributing the 1st Draft of the post-2015 framework on 21 November 2014 and the compilation document on 28 November 2014.

Also, two more rounds of Open-Ended negotiations were agreed by Member States:

First round: 8-10 December 2014 at the World Meteorological Organization from 10 am to 6pm in Geneva, Switzerland.

Second round: 12-16 January 2014 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

Find out more about the agreements reached during the PrepCom2 on the [Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its second session](#), by Mr. Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation).

