



International Strategy for Disaster Reduction



Building a **Global Network of NGOs** for Community Resilience to Disasters



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Towards a Global Network of NGOs for DRR

In its effort to build the resilience of communities to disasters, the ISDR secretariat is facilitating the development of a “Global Network of NGOs” for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). This initiative is based on the recognition of the key role played by NGOs in this area.

A comprehensive approach to DRR requires a combination of changes in practices and behaviours at the local level, with changes to national and international policies. Furthermore, a 'DRR movement' cannot be built without the active participation of NGOs and the civil society at large.



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Goal and Objectives

The Global Network provides an opportunity for NGOs to share information and knowledge, have easier access to global resources for DRR, and influence global policy in a more effective manner through concerted action.

The Global Network will facilitate the identification of good practices and lessons learned on community-based disaster risk reduction, and promote local-level implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Finally, it will also serve as a major source of information for monitoring progress in the implementation of the HFA at the community level.

Good practices on community-based Disaster Risk Reduction

The ISDR secretariat is particularly interested in identifying projects and initiatives implemented by NGOs at the local level that have shown innovative qualities and results. As the process of developing the Global Network of NGOs will unfold, case studies, good practices and more detailed information on NGOs' involvement in DRR activities will allow for a more accurate and comprehensive picture of their role.

Consultative Meeting, Geneva, 25-26 October 2006

The first “Consultative Meeting” on the Global Network of NGOs was organized by the ISDR secretariat on 25-26 October 2006 in Geneva, in collaboration with the Bangkok-based UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the following organisations: *ActionAid International, Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network, BOND Disaster Risk Reduction Group, Duryog Nivaran, Emergency Capacity Building Project, Focus Humanitarian Assistance, Huairou Commission, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance, Provention Consortium, Tearfund, and University of Cape Town*

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN GA Resolution 54/219), aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of disaster risk reduction, with the goal of reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses caused by the combination of natural hazards and vulnerabilities.

The ISDR system, which includes a wide range of stakeholders such as Governments, UN agencies, non-governmental organisations and scientific institutions, works on the implementation of the *Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters*, a global blueprint for DRR efforts endorsed by the UN member states.

The ISDR secretariat serves the ISDR system and coordinates the implementation of the HFA through advocacy, knowledge and information management, as well as partnerships and network development. The ISDR secretariat is based in Geneva and has regional outreach offices in Asia & Pacific, Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa.

How to Get Involved

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