**FAO comments on Zero Draft of the**

**Post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction**

*FAO welcomes the greater visibility of the role of sectors in all sections; and recognizes the reference to agriculture in particular under Priority 3. FAO supports the four priority areas as well as the better connection between actions at national and local with those at global and regional levels; likewise reflected in the section of the role of stakeholders.* ***FAO offers the following recommendations to reflect main issues which FAO believes must be articulated more clearly in a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction regarding key sectors, and agriculture, food and nutrition security in particular:***

1. Add one specific paragraph on agriculture to provide better guidance for sector specific action under *Priority 3: Investing in economic, social, cultural, and environmental resilience at national and local levels;*

DRAFT TEXT proposal: ***“promote the replication of risk reducing measures and technologies in agriculture, fisheries and forestry to increase the disaster resilience of livelihoods and enhance food and nutrition security.***

1. Include the need for sectoral disaggregated data and resilience measurement to promote DRR in sectoral line agencies and risk-informed planning under *Priority 1: Understanding disaster risk at national and local level*;
2. Highlight the relevance of mainstreaming DRR within and across sectoral institutions, policies and plans for an effective and comprehensive governance and delivery mechanism for DRR under *Priority 2: Strengthening governance and institutions to manage disaster risk;*
3. Ensure a consistent use of the DRR terminology throughout the document.

*The following table provides specific re-wording proposals for the respective paragraphs of the Zero draft Post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.*

1. **Specific re-wording proposals on the Zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction to better reflect agriculture and food and nutrition security issues:**

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| **Paragraph no. (or “General Comment”)** | **Comment** | **Suggested Text** |
| Throughout the text | Frequent use of  “DRM”(rather  than DRR)  is unclear in several places |  |
| #13 (p.6) | The fourth global target proposed could include the agriculture sector, and hence be amended as follows: | Reduce disaster damage to health, **agriculture**, educational facilities by [a given percentage in function of number of hazardous events] by 20[xx] |
| #13 (p.6) | We recommend adding the following | Increase number of countries with national and local **disaster risk reduction** strategies by [a given percentage] by 20[xx] |
| Specify “reduce the number of affected people” in order to ensure a more reliable figure of the term “affected people”. Indirectly, directly, short term; long term? | (Adoption in UNISDR Terminology?) |
| #15 (p.7) | We recommend adding the following in bullet point c) | Disaster risk reduction depends on governance mechanisms **within and** across sectors and at local, national, regional and global levels and their coordination. It requires the full engagement of all State institutions of an executive and legislative nature at national and local levels, and a clear articulation of responsibilities across public and private stakeholders, including business, to ensure mutual outreach, partnership and accountability. |
| #15 (p.7) | Bullet point (h) may be rephrased to read | Disaster risk reduction requires transparent risk-informed decision-making **across all sectors** based on **resilience measurement baselines for sectors including** open and gender-specific/sex/age/disability-disaggregated data, and freely available, accessible, up-to-date, easy-to-understand, science-based, non-sensitive risk information complemented by local, traditional and indigenous knowledge, as relevant. |
| #22 (p.8) | Bullet point (a) may be rephrased to read | Establish baselines and periodically assess disaster risks, including vulnerability, exposure and hazard characteristics, at the relevant spatial scale, such as within a river basin and along coastlines; **including for sectors to inform disaster risk reduction planning and delivery.** |
| #22 (p.8) | Bullet point (b) may be rephrased to read | Systematically survey, record and publicly account for all disaster losses **and damages** and the economic, social and health impacts; **including for sectors** |
| #22 (p.8) | Bullet point (d) may be rephrased to read | Build the capacity of government officials **at all levels**, public servants, communities and volunteers through sharing of experience, training and learning  programmes on disaster risk reduction, targeting specific sectors to ensure consistent collection, analysis and use of risk assessment, and implementation of disaster-risk related policies and plans; |
| #25 (p.10) | Bullet point (b) may be rephrased to read | Adopt and implement national and local **DRR** plans **in key sectors**, across different timescales aimed at addressing short, medium and long term disaster risk, with targets, indicators and timeframes; |
| #25 (p.10) | Bullet point (f) may be rephrased to read | Establish or further strengthen all-stakeholder coordination mechanisms at national and local levels, such as national and local platforms for disaster risk reduction. It is necessary for such mechanisms to have a strong foundation in national institutional frameworks **with the involvement of sectors and** clearly assigned responsibilities, and authority to, inter alia, identify sectoral and multisectoral risk, build awareness and knowledge of risk through sharing and dissemination of risk information and data….. |
| #25 (p.11) | Bullet point (g) may be rephrased to read | Empower through regulatory and financial means local action and leadership **across sectors** in disaster risk management by local authorities, communities, and indigenous people. |
| #28 (p. 12) | We recommend adding a bullet point on agriculture and food and nutrition security due to the importance and exposure of the sector. | **Promote the identification and replication of risk reducing measures and technologies in agriculture, fisheries and forestry to increase the disaster resilience of livelihoods and enhance food and nutrition security.** |
| #28 (p. 12) | We recommend to apply safety standards for all sectors by rephrasing bullet point b. | **Promote the adoption on disaster risk reduction safety standards across sectors to** strengthen public investments in critical facilities and physical  infrastructures, particularly disaster prevention and reduction structural measures, schools, clinics, hospitals, water and power plants , communications and transport lifelines, disaster warning and management centres through proper design, including the Principles of Universal Design, building better from the start, retrofitting and re-building, taking into account economic, social, and environmental impact assessments. |
| #28 (p. 12) | Bullet point (j) may be rephrased to read | Review existing financial and fiscal instruments in order to support risk sensitive  public and private investments **in key sectors**, and promote the integration of disaster risk reduction considerations and measures in economic valuations, investment tracking, cost benefit analyses, competitiveness strategies, investment decisions, debt ratings, risk analysis and growth forecasts, budgeting and accounting, and the determination of incentives; |
| #28 (p.12) | Bullet point (k) may be rephrased to read | Strengthen the sustainable use and management of ecosystems and implement integrated environmental and **sustainable** natural resource management approaches that incorporate disaster risk reduction. |
| # 29 (p.13) | Bullet point (a) may be rephrased to read | Recognize the different multilateral processes, work through the United  Nations and other relevant institutions and processes, as appropriate, to promote coherence at all levels and across sustainable development, climate change and disaster risk reduction policies, **and other sectoral and cross-sectoral** plans and programs; |
| #31 (p.13) | Bullet point (a) may be rephrased to read | Prepare or review and periodically update disaster preparedness and  contingency plans and policies at all levels **and for key sectors**, with a particular focus on preventing and responding to possible displacement, and ensuring the participation of all sectors and stakeholder groups, including the most vulnerable, in the design and planning; |
| #31 (p.13) | Bullet point (h) may be rephrased to read | Promote the incorporation of disaster risk **reduction and sustainable development** into post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation processes and use opportunities during the recovery phase to develop capacities that reduce disaster risk in the medium term, including through the sharing of expertise, knowledge and lessons learned. |
| #40g (p.16) | It remains unclear why the just endorsed UN plan of action on DRR for resilience should be revised. Does this refer to updating it in line with HFA2 once endorsed? |  |