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## Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

### Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its first session, held in Geneva from 14 to 15 July 2014

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#### Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/211, the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held its first session from 14 to 15 July 2014 at the United Nations Office, Geneva. The Committee held four plenary meetings as well as three dialogues with major groups and three technical workshops.

#### Organizational and other matters

##### A. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

2. The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was opened at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 14 July 2014 by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction as temporary chair. The Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect its two co-Chairs. Statements were made by the co-Chairs, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

##### B. Election of Chairpersons and other officers

(Agenda item 2)

3. At its first plenary meeting, on 14 July 2015, the Preparatory Committee elected its chairpersons and officers as follows:

*Co-Chairs:*

Päivi Kairamo (Finland);

Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)

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*Vice-Chairs:*

María del Pilar Cornejo (Ecuador);  
Kateřina Sequeñsová (Czech Republic);  
Md. Abdul Hannan (Bangladesh);  
Walid Abdelnasser (Egypt);  
Wayne McCook (Jamaica);  
Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation);  
Riek Puok Riek (South Sudan);  
Toni Frisch (Switzerland)

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4. The Preparatory Committee decided that Japan, host country to the Conference, would serve as an ex-officio member of the Bureau.

**C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

(Agenda items 3 and 4)

5. At the same meeting, on 14 July 2014, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for its first session as follows:

1. Opening.
2. Election of Chairpersons and other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Organisation of the World Conference.
6. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
7. Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.
8. Any other business.
9. Conclusion of the session.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee agreed to the programme of work as proposed in documents A/CONF.224/PC(I)/2 and Corr.2.

7. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211, that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, shall apply to the meetings of the Preparatory Committee as applicable.

8. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the suggested arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.2. Furthermore the Committee approved the request for the accreditation of the following 17 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other major groups, as contained in annex I to document A/CONF.224/PC(I)/13: All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), Arbeiter Samariter Bund Deutschland (ASB), Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN), BJD Reinsurance Consulting, LLC, International Centre of Comparative Law of the Environment, Dalit Welfare Association (DWA), Disaster and Development Network

of Northumbria University (DDN), International Foundation for African Children (IFAC), International Security and Safety Protection Professional Association (ISSPPA), Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC), Local Governance Network (LGNet), Risk Global, Saritsa Foundation (Saritsa Charity Trust), Titan America, Tohoku University, Youth Beyond Disasters, and Shelterexpert.org.

9. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the request for special accreditation of the intergovernmental organization, Group on Earth Observations (GEO) to participate as observer in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

#### **D. Organization of the World Conference**

(Agenda item 5)

10. At its first meeting, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and the representative of Japan as host country gave updates on the organization of the World Conference.

11. At its 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting, the co-chairs of the Preparatory Committee informed that clarifications on certain aspects of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Third United Nations World Conference as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.2. will be circulated later.

12. The Preparatory Committee recommended the following for adoption:

- (a) the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Third World Conference (A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.2);
- (b) the draft provisional agenda of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.3).

#### **E. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction**

(Agenda item 6)

13. At its 1st to 4th plenary meetings, on 14 and 15 July, the Committee considered the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

14. In the course of the discussion, the Committee heard 103 statements. Statements were made by the representatives Myanmar (on behalf of ASEAN), the European Union, Costa Rica (on behalf of CELAC), Egypt (on behalf of African Group), Ecuador, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, Mexico, the Philippines, Turkey, India, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Mozambique, China, Colombia, Senegal, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, Nauru, Burkina Faso, Czech Republic, Bangladesh, Nepal, Swaziland, Madagascar, South Africa, Panama, Barbados, Benin, Italy, the United States of America, Côte d'Ivoire, Austria, Egypt, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Dominican Republic, Cambodia, New Zealand, Fiji, Bahamas, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Niger, Yemen, Jamaica, Sri Lanka, the State of Palestine, France, Gabon, Armenia, Norway, Singapore, Samoa, (on behalf of Pacific Islands states), Cuba, Chad (on behalf of the G77 and China), Morocco, Canada, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, Cook Islands, Uganda, Zambia, United Kingdom, Burundi, Algeria, Tonga, Australia, the Sudan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Peru, Angola, Tuvalu. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following organizations: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Economic Community of West African States, Economic Community of Central African States, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, League of Arab States, World Health Organization (United Nations joint statement), the Central American Integration System, the Indian Ocean Commission, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Union for the

Conservation of Nature, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, International Hydrographic Organization, Caribbean Community Secretariat, African Union and the Group on Earth Observations. Furthermore, statements were made by the representatives of the following major groups: Business and Industry, Farmers, Science and Technology, NGOs, Local Authorities, Workers and Trade Unions, Women, Children and Youth and Indigenous Peoples.

15. The co-Chairpersons convened three dialogues with major groups during the first session to exchange views on the post-2015 framework for disaster reduction. Three technical workshops were organized by the Secretariat.

16. At its 4th plenary meeting on 15 July, the co-chairs informed that the statements made on agenda item 6 could form a basis for future work on the drafting of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. They also announced a timeline<sup>1</sup> for consulting on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, which will be issued as an information note by the Secretariat. They also conveyed a proposed timeline for an element paper by the delegation of Japan as the host of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

17. Summaries of the technical workshop workshops, the Chair's dialogue with major groups as well as a summary of the deliberations on the agenda item 6 "Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction" will be issued as a separate note by the secretariat in document A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.6.

#### **F. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session**

(Agenda item 7)

18. At the 4<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting on 15 July, the Rapporteur introduced and updated the draft report of the Preparatory Committee as contained in the current text.

19. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report, as orally updated, and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it in light of the proceedings of the closing plenary meeting.

#### **G. Any other business**

(Agenda item 8)

##### **Attendance**

20. The list of participants to the first session of the Preparatory Committee is contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(1)/INF.3.

#### **H. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 9)

21. At the meeting on 15 July 2014, concluding statements were made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as by the two co-Chairs.

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<sup>1</sup> A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.4.

## Annex

### Documents before the first session of the Preparatory Committee

<i>Document</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Provisional agenda and annotations	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/1
Programme of work	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/2 and Corr.2
Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/3
Progress on organization of the World Conference	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/4 and Corr.1
Compilation report on consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/5
Suggested elements for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/6
Outcome of Fifth Africa Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, 13-16 May 2014, Abuja, Nigeria	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/7
Outcome of Fourth Session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas, 27 to 29 May 2014, Guayaquil, Ecuador	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/8
Outcome of Sixth Session of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management, 2 to 4 June 2014, Suva, Fiji	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/9
Outcome of Second Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14 to 16 September 2014, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/10
Outcome of Sixth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 22 to 26 June 2014, Bangkok, Thailand	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/11
Outcome of European Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/12
Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Preparatory Process and the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/13
Guiding questions	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/14
Participation of Intergovernmental organizations in the work of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/15

<i>Document</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its first session, held in Geneva from 14 to 15 July 2014	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/16
Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its first session	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.1
Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Third World Conference	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.2
Draft provisional agenda for Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.3
Information note for participants	A/ CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.1
Suggested arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.2
List of participants	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.3
Timeline for consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.4
Information note on the draft provisional rules of procedure	A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.5

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