

Preparatory Committee of the Third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators

Terms of Reference

1. Background

In December 2013, the United Nations General Assembly requested to hold the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, with the main objective to consider a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

The first session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva on July 2014 held a technical workshop related to targets and indicators. On 8 August 2014, the Co-Chairs for the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference produced a pre-zero draft of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction which included references to targets, which was reiterated in the Co-Chairs zero-draft released on 20 October 2014.

Open-ended informal consultative meetings with Governments and Major Groups were held in Geneva from 5 September to 13 October 2014. At the informal consultations, the Co-Chairs suggested to establish an informal working group to look into targets and indicators as well as into an enhanced monitoring system for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

The years 2015 and 2016 offer an unique opportunity to agree on a coherent approach by establishing linkages between the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (March 2015), the sustainable development goals (September 2015), the climate change agreement (December 2105), and agenda emanating from the World Humanitarian Summit (May 2016). To this end, international cooperation and dialogue will be needed to articulate and define coherent, mutual reinforced and complementary targets and indicators.

2. Purpose

The Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators will focus its work on the global targets, now identified in the Co-Chairs' zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (paragraph 13). The work will consider the following subject areas:

Phase 1: Targets for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

Phase 2: A system of indicators for monitoring and reporting in coherence with the sustainable development agenda and goals, and climate change.

Aiming to:

- Determine the viability of the targets in the zero draft (paragraph 13).
- Advise Co-Chairs on the exact percentages and dates to be included in the targets.
- Advise on the indicators for monitoring and reporting.
- Advise on the linkages of disaster risk reduction targets and indicators with sustainable development agenda and goals, climate change and agenda emanating from the World Humanitarian Summit.
- Develop any supporting evidence or guidance.
- Advise the Co-Chairs on future modalities for the second session of the Preparatory Committee as appropriate.

3. Modalities

3.1 Facilitator and Participation

The Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators will be led by a Facilitator appointed by the Co-Chairs.

Participation in the Informal Working Group is open-ended for government representatives, UN organisations and the World Bank, currently part of the Co-Chairs consultative process, can participate as observers.

The Facilitator will also invite experts and institutions with experience in developing and applying targets and indicators for disaster risk reduction.

3.2 Meetings

The Co-Chairs aim for the Informal Working Group to meet from the middle of October onwards.

3.3 Secretariat Focal Points

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