

**BUREAU OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD WORLD
CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

**Draft minutes of the fourteenth Bureau meeting
for consideration by the Bureau**

**14 November 2014 (15h00-16h30)
Palais des Nations, Room XV**

1. The fourteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was held on 14 November 2014 in Geneva.

2. The meeting was attended by:

Bureau members:

- H.E. Ms. María del Pilar Cornejo, Minister for the National Secretariat of Risk Management (Ecuador)
- H.E. Ms. Kateřina Sequensová (Czech Republic)
- H.E. Mr. Amr Ramadan (Egypt)
- H.E. Ms. Päivi Kairamo (Finland)
- H.E. Mr. Wayne McCook (Jamaica)
- H.E. Ms. Misako Kaji (Japan)
- Mr. Andrey Nikiforov (Russian Federation)
- H.E. Mr. Riek Puok Riek (South Sudan)
- H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)

Others in attendance:

- Mr. Md. Alimuzzaman (Bangladesh)
- Ms. Jitka Brodská (Czech Republic)
- Mr. Monica Martinez (Ecuador)
- Mr. Mohamed Nasr (Egypt)
- Mr. Renne Klinge (Finland)
- Mr. Tyesha Turner (Jamaica)
- Mr. Kotaro Suzuki (Japan)
- Mr. Shinobu Yamaguchi (Japan)
- Mr. Dmitry Stegnyy (Russian Federation)
- Mr. Martin Samuel David (South Sudan)
- Mr. Oliver Hoehne (Switzerland)
- Mr. Natapanu Nopakun (Thailand)
- Mr. Pakawat Srisukwattana (Thailand)

Secretariat in attendance:

- Mr. Neil McFarlane, Chief, Regional Programmes and DRR Coordination (UNISDR)
- Mr. Marco Toscano-Rivalta, Chief, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- Ms. Elina Palm, Liaison Officer, New York (UNISDR)
- Mr. Ziad Mahmassani, Political Affairs Officer, General Assembly Affairs Branch (DGACM)
- Ms. Jori Joergensen, General Assembly Affairs Branch (DGACM)
- Ms. Dizery Salim, Programme Officer (UNISDR)

DISCUSSIONS

1. The meeting was opened by co-Chair Päivi Kairamo (Finland) and the agenda was adopted.

Item 1. Negotiations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

2. The chair summarized the modalities discussed at the last Bureau meeting as captured by the co-Chairs in their letter of 7 November 2014, and invited feedback from the Bureau.
3. The Bureau reported that general support had been expressed by the Asia-Pacific Group; the Eastern European Group; the Western Europe and Others Group; and the African Group. The Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) suggested some changes to the modalities.
4. The chair proposed that the co-Chairs outline the modalities for negotiations, taking into consideration the Bureau's views and consistent with their 7 November 2014 letter, at the first plenary meeting on the first day. The chair requested that Bureau members convey to their respective regional groups the modalities described by the co-Chairs.
5. The Bureau sought clarification from the secretariat on the difference between plenary meetings and negotiation as proposed by the co-Chairs. A representative of the Political Affairs office of the General Assembly Affairs Branch explained that the modality proposed by the co-Chairs follows the practice for meetings under the auspices of the General Assembly. Plenary meetings are designed for holding debates and taking decisions, where delegations can speak only once and all statements are recorded. This is not conducive to negotiations. The current organizational practice is for Preparatory Committees to hold negotiations in a format different from a plenary meeting, such as the one described by the co-Chairs.

Item 2. Any other business.

7. The Bureau noted that the dates proposed by the co-Chairs for follow-up negotiations from 8-10 December 2014 overlaps with the 20th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP20 Lima). The Bureau discussed alternatives.

The next meeting will take place on 19 November at 15:00.

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