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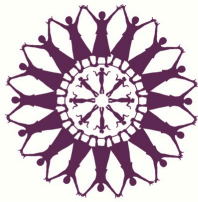
**THE COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS PLATFORM FOR RESILIENCE INPUTS ON THE
"ZERO DRAFT" FOR PREPARTORY COMMITTEE II**

We the Global Community Practitioners Platform for Resilience, *comprised of urban and rural community practitioners working to build community resilience by organizing within and across communities and continents and through partnerships with our traditional, local, national and regional authorities, the private sector, academicians and development partners*, have reviewed the zero draft and would like to highlight both were significant advancements and areas for improvement.

First we are noting that chapters A and C have been significantly strengthened through the incorporation of inputs made by various stakeholders leading up to Prep Com II.

Specifically we,

1. Applaud and affirm the Zero Draft, which provides a sound in structure and consolidates key issues emerging from conversations held at the regional consultations, Prep Comm I and informal consultations.
2. Commend the Co-Chairs and the Bureau along with UNISDR for their effort in producing this version of the document in which we are able to specifically locate our priorities and contributions, which speaks directly the inclusiveness of this multi-stakeholder, consultative process to date.
3. Strongly agree with paragraphs 5 & 6 of the Preamble In endorsing to the need for a more people-centric, preventive approach that addresses underlying risk drivers, that asserts the need to “ensure the engagement of all stakeholders and the participation of women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, volunteers, the community of practitioners, and older persons in the design and implementation of policies, plans and standards.”
4. Affirm the Guiding Principles d.and e, which emphasize ‘the leadership and empowerment of local authorities and communities’ and point to ‘resources and incentives to be allocated accordingly’ and inclusive, participatory processes that pay special attention to at-risk groups in line with internationally agreed human rights. A gender, age, disability, and cultural perspective should be integrated into disaster risk management.
5. Endorse that the Guiding Principles have strong references to urban resilience and the need to focus on the context of urban informality and the large amount of growth and development that will be located here--and the overall need to focus interventions (specifically construction standards and the need for urban infrastructure) that is built in this context seen in priority for action 3, 28 d and f.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Practitioners Platform also observes that the Priorities for Action and Role of Key Stakeholders sections appear less developed and are in need of strengthening. Specifically, while this Zero Draft makes an effort to respond to the recommendation to deconstruct the “people centered approach”, we urge the Bureau and Co-Chairs to better articulate the leadership and contributions that at-risk-communities, women, youth, elderly, indigenous people, etc in sections E to better link them to the descriptions offered in sections A and C.

We offer the following recommendations to the Co-Chairs and the Bureau to close this gap.

The Community Practitioners Platform suggests that the language in the following sections incorporate the need to develop, test and mainstream incentive structures and decentralized financial mechanisms that promote local action. Specifically we ask that:

1. Priorities for Action 2, Paragraphs 25 c, d, and g, incorporate wording that requires the incentivizing of local leadership and action on the part of both communities and local governments, such as decentralized financial mechanisms to accelerate locally driven implementation of HFA 2 and countering the problems recognized in Paragraph 3 of the Preamble which acknowledges that “exposure of people and assets in all countries has increased faster than vulnerability has decreased, thus generating new risk and a steady rise in disasters losses with significant socio-economic impact in the short, medium and long term, especially at the local and community level.” and aligned with Paragraph 25 g of Priority 2 that urges governments to “Empower, through regulatory and financial means, local action and leadership in disaster risk management by local authorities, communities and indigenous people.” Similarly, under Priority 3 Paragraph 27 j. decentralized financial and fiscal instruments that invest in and incentivize local leadership and channel resources to local communities be addressed. Para 29, under Investments - At regional and global levels - there is a need to incentivize national and local governments to engage local stakeholders, particularly marginalized and at-risk communities.
2. We urge the Co-Chairs and Bureau to clarify the Role of Key Stakeholders. Disconnected from the strong focus on organized communities in the first sections of the paper, the Role of Stakeholders does not name community practitioners as contributors or acknowledge their leadership in the community resilience building, which underpins national resilience. The Zero Draft currently names "social groups" that are essentially those are especially or uniquely affected by disaster and identify what can be learned from their inputs.
3. Missing from the Priorities for Action is specific a mention to the tripartite relationship between *Community Practitioners*, *Local Authorities* and *facilitating NGO's* that are have contributed to community resilience building and largely localized HFA1 to the degree that that has already begun to happen and that will be responsible for localizing an HFA2.