

## **Informal Consultative Meetings on pre-zero post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction**

### **Jamaica's General Comments and Specific Comments on Sections A and B**

#### *General Views on the Content and Structure of the Document*

There appears to be a clear and logical flow to the text which serves as a solid basis to begin informal consultations on the post-2015 framework on disaster risk reduction. We note the treatment of "role of stakeholders" under the section for Priorities for Action without a corresponding connection with the four (4) listed priorities and the separation of that section from the heading on "International Partnerships". It is the view of the Jamaican delegation that international partners are important stakeholders in this process and the Co-Chairmen may wish to rationalize this placement in the document.

We reiterate our position expressed in the first Preparatory Committee that the document should be concise, clear with action-oriented targets to facilitate easy use by practitioners at all levels. The post-2015 framework should be seen as complementary to and build on the existing framework. While noting the references, there could be strengthening of this position in the document.

The delegation of Jamaica welcomes the recognition given to SIDS in the document for their unique vulnerabilities and challenges in dealing with disaster risk; however, we hope to see greater reference to this group throughout the document in the relevant areas.

#### *Section A*

The Preamble could benefit from more focussed treatment. At present reading, it is too long and the delegation of Jamaica would submit the following, for the consideration of the drafters in revising the document at the close of consultations:

1. **Paragraph 1** – while acknowledging the need for greater attention to HFA priority 4 on underlying risk factors, there should be additional reference to priority 5. This latter priority highlighted gaps in establishing roles; responsibilities; and priority actions as it relates to risk financing; policies and plans; response capacity; and appropriate measures for progress.
2. **Paragraph 4** – there should be reference to land use planning and development practices as a contributing trend to disaster risk reduction.
3. **Paragraph 5** – recognizing that poverty is a major disaster risk driver, consideration should be given to reflecting this prominent role in the overall document and the bullet related to poverty be moved to the beginning of the bullets for this paragraph.
4. **Paragraph 5** bullet beginning "Investing in..."- include reference to the importance of ensuring that appropriate response and recovery mechanisms are in place for extreme events, especially in SIDS.
5. **Paragraph 5** bullet beginning "The stated commitment..."- emphasize the need to strengthen cooperation among ALL stakeholders in the DRR process.
6. **Paragraph 5** bullet beginning "The mainstreaming and..."- include development and economic planning in addition to development cooperation programs.

7. **Paragraph 5** bullet beginning “Small-scale disasters constitute...” - to include reference to SIDS as follows “ ...and require full attention especially small island developing states where one event can significantly impact the economic viability of a country. Additionally special consideration must be given to anthropogenic disasters”.

*Section B – Purpose, Scope, Outcome and Goals*

It is the view that disaster risk includes climate risk and in that regard, there would be greater clarity in either deleting the mention of climate risk in the purpose or expressing the reason for singling out climate risk in **paragraph 7** of the document. Additionally in paragraph 7 of the document, include “strengthening the” before “resilience” in the sentence.

In **paragraph 10**, reference to other critical social and economic sectors in the target mentioning health and education could be useful for capturing sectors beyond those mentioned.

In keeping with calls for a concise text, the goals in **Paragraph 11**, should be less wordy and very clear for practitioners. The goal statements could be separated from the requirements explanation to this end. As it relates to the second goal of reduction, mitigation should be included with preparedness as an element in the explanation of that goal.