

General remarks

First of all we would like to support the comments mentioned by the EU.

We want to underline that an international partnership for DRR is of the utmost importance for the implementation and the follow-up process. At the same time we should take into account the ongoing discussions of the post 2015 development framework, the Financing for Development process and other initiatives.

In order to achieve a general, comprehensive and coherent framework it is crucial that the implementation part is strengthened considerably; not only for the benefit of the Hyogo Framework of Action, but also for other post 2015 process and taking into account the instruments under the UNFCCC as well. The key process in this regard is the FFD (financing for development) process and its concluding summit which will be held mid-2015.

In addition to this – and just thinking a bit out of the box –it might be helpful to try to identify 10 concrete steps which are necessary for the implementation of the HFA-II. For example some language could be included to make the green climate fund more plugged in to DRR issues. Again, this is just a suggestion, one example, that could be discussed further with others who are interested.

We think that Partnerships can work, and they do work! Governments, Businesses, Civil Society and other stakeholders can build effective Partnerships on concrete subjects or goals to generate effects on the ground. The Netherlands is keen on sharing their expertise on this subject in relation with water related DRR. We think that the RISE initiative could be an excellent example.

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