

# **Preparatory Committee of the Third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

## **Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators, First Meeting**

**Monday 20 October, 15.00-16.30**

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XI**

### **Facilitator's Summary Report and Decisions**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Facilitator introduced the agenda of the meeting and the role of the Informal Working Group (IWG), as requested by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, namely, to focus on targets and indicators for the post-2015 framework, specifically those outlined in paragraph 13 of the zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction released on 20 October 2014 (previously paragraph 10 of the pre-zero draft).

#### Decision:

- The Agenda for the first meeting was approved.

#### **2. Participation in the Informal Working Group**

The Facilitator referred to the decision of the Co-Chairs that the Informal Working Group should be open-ended and Member States driven. Other organizations included in the Co-Chairs Consultative process will be invited to participate in the Informal Working Group as observers.

The Facilitator also referred to the suggestion that the work of the group would benefit from the best available technical expertise and input.

Members welcomed the participation of experts, while asking for a balance between developed and developing countries, as well as geographical balance.

Members suggested also engaging expertise from UN organisations involved in the work on targets and indicators in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the Climate Change and the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) processes.

Regarding participation of experts, upon suggestions by members, it was agreed to:

- a) Invite members to contribute names of national experts;
- b) Invite Organizations participating in the Co-Chairs consultative process to be represented in the Informal Working Group through experts within their fields of competence;
- c) Invite UNISDR to contribute a list of technical institutions from different regions of the world on the basis of their work on the targets and indicators already suggested in the pre zero draft. The list will be circulated to Member States for approval on a "no objection basis".

The categories of experts to be invited may be expanded to include others depending on the evolution of the work of the Informal Working Group to be discussed by members.

Modalities for participation of experts would be:

- a) Participating in the meetings of the Informal Working Group through WebEx (maximum 20 experts) on a first come first serve basis;
- b) Participating in the meetings of the Informal Working Group in person;
- c) Through the submission of written views to the secretariat.

The list of institutions compiled by the Secretariat will be circulated so as to allow members one week (7 calendar days) from the date of circulation, to review and respond in line with the no objection principle.

Participation of such experts (private sector, insurance, academia, etc.) will begin at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Informal Working Group after invitations are extended, once the no objection period has elapsed.

WebEx will be available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for a maximum of 20 participants on a first come first serve basis. Interest to participate need to be advised to the secretariat (Mr. Pedro Basabe, email: [basabe@un.org](mailto:basabe@un.org)) latest Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October COB. Annex 1 facilitates WebEx participant instructions. For technical issues related to WebEx, please contact Ms. Kati Timar, email: [timar@un.org](mailto:timar@un.org).

#### Decisions:

- National experts will be nominated by Member States.
- The secretariat will:
  - Share instructions to participate through WebEx;
  - Facilitate written submissions by experts in a transparent manner through the WCDRR website;
  - Contribute a list of expert institutions, with regionally balanced representation, for consideration by the Informal Working Group on a “no objection basis”;
  - Facilitate the participation of experts from UN organisations and the World Bank (currently part of the Co-Chairs consultative process) including experts from relevant process such as the SDGs, Climate Change and the WHS.

### **3. Consultations with Major Groups**

Consultations with Major Groups will be undertaken in like manner to that of the co-Chairs Consultations i.e. a dedicated joint session of the Informal Working Group and Major Groups will be organized.

#### Decision:

- At least one consultation with Major Groups will be undertaken.

### **4. Next meeting**

#### Decision:

- The meeting of Friday 24 October at 11:30 will finalise discussion on the Terms of Reference and consideration of work on targets and indicators.

#### **Annex:**

1. WebEx participant instructions.