

Preparatory Committee of the Third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators, Second Meeting

Friday 24 October, 11.30-13.00

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Facilitator's Summary Report and Decisions

1. Introduction

The Facilitator introduced the agenda of the meeting. The Facilitator invited comments on the draft Decisions from the First Meeting of the Informal Working Group.

Decisions:

- The Agenda for the first meeting was approved.
- The Decisions from the First Meeting of the Informal Working Group were approved.

2. Terms of Reference for the Working Group

Clarification was sought regarding the fact that through approval of the TORs, members were not *de facto* endorsing the current list of Targets in the zero-draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The Facilitator proposed adjusting bullet 2 of the TORs to remove the list of Targets and simply refer to the relevant paragraph of the zero-draft (paragraph 13).

The need to refer to the World Humanitarian Summit was mentioned.

Decisions:

- Item 2 of the TORs will be adjusted to remove reference to current Targets and simply refer to the relevant paragraph of the zero-draft (paragraph 13). Adjusted ToRs will be posted on the webpage of the Informal Working Group available at wcdrr.org.
- A reference will be made to the World Humanitarian Summit, in addition to the existing references to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) and the UNFCCC lead process.

3. Considerations of Work on Target and Indicators for a post-2015 framework on disaster risk reduction

The secretariat made a presentation (Annex 1) on current status of development on goals, targets and indicators on disaster risk reduction, based on practice in measuring progress against the current HFA and the zero draft. The secretariat presentation included a list of issues that could be addressed in the work of the Informal Working Group.

A suggestion was made to change the timeline in paragraph 11 of the zero-draft from 20 years to 15 years to align with the SDGs, i.e. 2030.

One member raised the question of the relevance of global targets and the availability of a sufficient base of information to measure progress against these. This included a suggestion that the primary drivers of efforts by countries to reduce risk are nationally established targets and indicators. Other members referred to the value of global targets as a basis to increase international cooperation and to encourage the adoption of national targets. Members referred to the need for technical assistance to bridge the current gap in information on disaster loss and related risk in some countries. In this regard, several members requested to consider international cooperation and global partnership as an additional global target to support the implementation of the post-2015 framework.

Regarding the baselines for the proposed Targets, members suggested that at a global level the secretariat could make some suggestions. At a national level it was suggested that the responsibility lies with the individual countries.

On proposed Target 1, with the exception of the timeline issue mentioned earlier, members did not raise any additional points.

On proposed Target 2, members raised the challenge in measuring affected people, given the diversity of risks and definition of *affected people*.

On proposed Target 3, the question was raised regarding the relationship between economic losses and Target 4 regarding damages to health and educational facilities. A specific suggestion was made to measure proposed Target 3 as a percentage of GDP.

Decisions:

- The Working Group will bring to the attention of the co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the Third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the observation regarding the value of aligning the timeline proposed in paragraph 11 of the zero-draft and the timeline of the SDGs, the UNFCCC climate change process and the World Humanitarian Summit. This would have implications on the timeline of the Targets under para 13 of the zero-draft.
- Countries are invited to share at the next meeting information on their practice to define *affected people*. The secretariat is also invited to share a brief technical note, by next week, on current DRR practice in the defining affected people, including reference to economic and social effects.
- The secretariat to submit a note on possible baselines for Targets for the Third Meeting of the Informal Working Group.

4. Next meetings

Decisions:

- The next meeting of the Informal Working Group will be Thursday 6 November 10:00-11:30, Palais-des-Nations, Room VIII.
- The Facilitator invited the secretariat to identify dates for a meeting between Major groups and the Informal Working Group.
- The Facilitator also suggested adding a Fourth meeting of the Informal Working Group and requested the secretariat to secure a date for this.

Annex 1: Presentation by the secretariat on goals, targets and indicators on disaster risk reduction.