

Regional Workshop on Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Planning

14 - 16 December, UNON Campus, Nairobi (Kenya)

<https://www.undrr.org/event/regional-workshop-integrated-disaster-risk-reduction-and-climate-change-adaptation-planning>

Background

The climate emergency is the biggest economic, social, and environmental threat facing the planet and humanity. Climate-related disasters have almost doubled compared to the previous twenty years. This has exacerbated inequalities within and between countries, with LDCs and SIDS contributing the least to global emissions, often experiencing the worst impacts of the climate emergency. Climate change compounds other human security risks, like e.g., conflict, and food & water security, leading to increased humanitarian needs, with already one in every 33 people globally in need of assistance and protection.

The increased climate change variability and associated disaster risks are threatening the sustainability of development in many countries. Climate change is already undermining the ability, especially of SIDS and LDCs, to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

COP27 priorities on mitigation, adaptation, financing and loss and damage are mutually shared across all domains. Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation have the common objective of reducing vulnerability and enhancing capacity and resilience.

This redirected focus on climate action is advanced through UNDRR's flagship initiative, **comprehensive disaster and climate risk management** (www.undrr.org/crm). This is aligned with the Target E of the Sendai Framework which seeks to increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies, wherein the promotion of policy coherence with climate change, among others, is one of the defined principles. The CRM approach is key to making the shift towards integrated plans and policies, supported by a shared understanding of risk and coherent institutions.

A comprehensive approach takes into consideration a number of factors to purposively strengthen synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, by identifying mutually beneficial opportunities across policies and programmes, while developing capacities of governments for cross-sectoral planning. Post-COP 27, the implementation of CRM programme in Africa and Arab States seeks to integrate risk-centered approaches into national plans and strategies, focusing on climate risks across different timescales – short, medium, and long-term

Workshop objective

The regional workshop will aim to enhance national capacities to develop and implement integrated plans, and protect productive sectors from climate impacts, including through increased hazard frequency and intensity.

The workshop will:

- Convene key government representatives from ministries responsible for disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and planning and finance, together with UN and international organizations to share good practices and challenges in integrated planning.
- Streamline and advance the process of integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation planning and promote the application of climate information for planning.
- Invite participants to engage and contribute to developing/updating risk-informed and inclusive national DRR plans and/or National Adaptation Plans that encourage integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction actions across all sectors at all levels.
- Share information and updates on existing coordination mechanisms, ongoing projects, risk data, and national climate and disaster finance tracking.

Expected outcome

This regional workshop will result in a shared vision for implementation of existing plans or the development of new plans (DRR strategies, NAPs, or integrated plans). The workshop will enable countries to develop and implement climate-risk informed, data-driven national plans or integrated strategies, enabling them to draw on the skills and capacities of relevant line ministries, and building on the concepts and good global practices on development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans and DRR strategies.

Key outcomes of the workshop include:

1. A roadmap, including guiding principles, to boost integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation planning.
2. Commitments from countries and regional institutions on the development and or update of NAPs and DRR strategies.
3. Outline capacity development needs to access climate finance in order to implement NAPs and DRR strategies.

The workshop will ensure that:

1. Invited disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation actors are informed about the process for developing risk-informed national adaptation plans, and translate the plans into actions, inviting them to contribute.
2. An overview of the current adaptation and risk governance landscape is shared, including existing sector and development policies and plans, institutional mechanisms, ongoing programmes, risk data ecosystem, and capacities.
3. Knowledge and experience on the current state of climate and risk understanding and adaptation/risk reduction action are discussed among participants and country

groups, highlighting the current policy landscape and opportunities for enhancing integration.

Target Audience

- National DRR focal points (not limited to emergency response/preparedness officers)
- Climate change focal points (environment/climate change, NAP focal points)
- Representatives from Ministries of planning and finance
- Development partners/UN agencies / International organizations
- Regional organizations
- International and Regional Financial Institutions

Agenda (draft as of 28/10/2022)

Time/Day	duration (min)	Session focus and format	Session led by
Day 1: 14th December / Understanding the current status			
08:30 – 9:00	30	Arrival and registration	
09:00 – 9:30	30	Welcome and opening remarks. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome Remarks: UNDRR 2. Keynote remarks: UNFCCC (Adaptation Division) 3. Opening Remarks: TBC 	
9:30 – 09:50	30	Overview of the workshop- Agenda and expected outcomes by UNDRR Bonn - 5 min Introduction of participants – <i>1 question/ Interactive exercise.</i> What is the most pressing climate and disaster risk for your organization? / Why is this important for you? – 20 min	
90:50 – 10:05	Coffee break		
10:055– 12:30	145 min	Understanding risk in the 8 Countries Current and future risk profile and resilience capacities, considering climate projections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster risk and vulnerability information – assessments to date (or pipeline), scope, outputs and application. Presentation by NDMA 2. Damage and losses information in each country– maturity and capacity assessment results– existing data and plans related to improved disaster related statistics. Presentation by selected NDMA 3. Climate risk and vulnerability information - assessments to date, scope, outputs, and application. Presentation by Climate Change Departments / Focal points. 	

		<p>4. Climate Science Information for Climate Actions Presentation by WMO</p> <p>5. Findings from Risk Information Exchange (RiX) Spotlight – Presentation by UNDRR</p> <p>6. Risk data and Measuring Adaptation – key concept and elements – Presentation by UNDRR and UNFCCC10 min</p> <p>7. Group work – what type of risk data have you access to? Which data have you missed so far? What has hindered your use of the information available to you? – 30 min</p> <p>8. Feedback from groups – 15 min</p>	
12:30 13:30	1h	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 16:00	150 min	<p>Existing policy and institutional landscape for climate and disaster risk management and monitoring.</p> <p><i>Presentation by government institutions</i></p> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>	
16:00 – 17:00	75 min	<p>Approaches and tools towards more integrated plans and actions for climate and disaster risk management across sectors</p> <p>1. Comprehensive disaster and climate risk management (CRM) – Overview & contribution for strategic planning – 30 min</p> <p>2. Country experiences in Integrated climate and disaster risk reduction strategic planning (45 min)</p>	
Day 2 – 15th December - Current Status and Action plans / Developing a Roadmap for DRR strategic planning			
8:30– 9:00	15 min	Recap of day 1 – Agenda and objectives day 2 Morning coffee	
09:00 – 10:00	60 min	<p>Comprehensive disaster and climate risk management from a local perspective</p> <p>1. Tools for enabling local resilience. The Making Cities Resilience 2030 toolkit and marketplace – 15 min</p> <p>2. Development partners’ work at the local/city level – 30 min</p>	

10:00 – 12:30	120 min	<p>Country experiences in integrated planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakout Groups – opportunities to capitalize on the tools and approaches proposed towards more integrated assessments, planning and implementation. 45min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>DRR and Climate change reflections</i> - <i>Financing and Planning reflection</i> - <i>Development Partners reflection</i> 2. Report back from groups – 20 min 3. Questions and answers – 5 min 	
12:30 – 13:30	60 min	Lunch break	
13:30 – 14:30	60 min	<p>Understanding budgeting and financing mechanisms for enabling implementation of DRR and CCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of national climate and disaster finance tracking project, current statuses in the region(s) - Questions and answers – 10 min 	
14:30 – 17:00	150 min	<p>The Way forward - Development of a roadmap</p> <p>Principles, key milestones for a Roadmap 2022/2023 for multi-sector, inclusive and evidence based DRR-CCA Plan & Implementation</p> <p><i>Tea-coffee served at 15:00-15:30</i></p> <p>Report Back and discussion (Start)</p>	
Day 3 – 16th December - Developing a Roadmap for DRR strategic planning			
8:30– 9:00	15 min	Recap of day 2 – Agenda and objectives day 3	

9:00– 10:00	60 min	The Way Forward - Development of a roadmap Report back and discussion	
10:00- 10:15	15 min	Coffee break	
10:15 – 11:50	105 min	Way Forward - action plan for analysis, strategic prioritization and planning <i>Commitments and feedback from other development partners, stakeholders, and government representatives.</i>	
11:50– 12:00	10 min	Closing Remarks (by UNDRR)	
12:00– 13:00	60 min	Lunch Break and networking	