

The Ninth Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction



Dates: 21-23 November 2023

Language: English / Arabic / French

Meeting Room: Zahraa Ballroom, Hilton Green Plaza, Alexandria, Egypt

Background and Objectives:

Following the adoption of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the mandate given by member states to UNDRR to “support the implementation, follow-up and review” of the framework “by preparing periodic reviews on progress” (Article 48c), UNDRR Regional Office for Arab States has organized eight regional multi-stakeholder coordination meetings under the name “Arab Partnership Meetings for DRR” since 2018. These meetings bring together Arab governments, DRR stakeholders and regional UN agencies and international organizations.

The aim of the biannual Arab Partnership meetings for DRR has been to create a forum for technical and operational deliberation on the progress, challenges, and gaps in the implementation of the Sendai Framework in the region. Another key objective is to facilitate regional discussion on innovative solutions towards climate risk management and DRR integration in the SDGs in the Arab region. These periodic discussions on the implementation challenges, gaps and solutions intend to inform the deliberations of the Arab Regional Platform conferences.

In addition to its main objectives, the Ninth Arab DRR Partnership Meeting intends to mark the first step in the technical deliberations in preparation for the Sixth Arab Regional Platform for DRR, being hosted by the Government of Kuwait in October 2024. The 3-day meeting will also focus on discussions and agreements on sets of solid actions to take to operationalize the outcomes of the Midterm Review of Sendai Framework for DRR, the Arab-Africa Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference and the Global Resilience Forum. In addition, it will examine challenges and opportunities for expanding the roll out and financing of the Early Warning for All initiative in the Arab region, beyond the initial piloting in four LDCs.

Draft Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 21 November 2023	
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Major General Mohamed Higazi, Assistant Chief of Cabinet, Government of Egypt</i> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Mohamed Jarefa, Chief of Sensitization, Training and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Interior, Government of Morocco</i> - <i>Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – Regional Office for Arab States (UNDRR ROAS)</i>
09:30 - 09:45	<p>Regional overview of progress in implementing the Arab Prioritized Action Plan 2021-2024</p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i></p>
09:45 - 10:00	<i>Break</i>
10:00 – 13:30	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <p>Presentation of Progress in implementing the Arab Prioritized Action Plan 2021-2024</p> <p><i>Chaired by Mr. Mohamed Jarefa, Chief of Sensitization, Training and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Interior, Government of Morocco</i></p>
10:00 – 12:15	<p>Progress of Member States in implementing the Arab Prioritized Action Plan 2021-2024</p> <p>(7 minutes each in alphabetical order)</p>
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Progress of Stakeholders in implementing their Voluntary Action Commitments and action plans (7 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab Science and Technology Advisory Group for DRR • Arab Civil Society Group for DRR • Arab Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Group for DRR • Arab Children & Youth Group for DRR • Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UAE ARISE - Egypt ARISE • Arab Media Stakeholder Group for DRR • Disability Stakeholders

13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:30 – 16:50	<p><u>Session Two:</u> Progress of UN and international and inter-governmental organizations in implementing the Arab Prioritized Action Plan 2021-2024 (7 minutes each) <i>Chaired by Mr. Mohamed Jarefa, Chief of Sensitization, Training and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Interior, Government of Morocco</i></p>
14:30 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League of Arab States • UNDP • UN-ESCWA • UNHABITAT • UNESCO • IFRC
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 – 16:50	<p>Session Two (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO • FAO • IOM • WFP • ITU
16:50	Conclusion of day one

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 22 November 2023	
09:00 - 09:10	Setting the scene for the second day by Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS
09:10 – 11:00	<u>Session Three:</u> Early Warning for All – Roll out in Arab Countries Chaired by Major General Mohamed Higazi, Assistant Chief of Cabinet, Government of Egypt
09:10 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EW4All initiative implementation in Arab States: Disaster Risk Knowledge – Pillar 1 UNDRR presented by Ms. Saira Ahmed, Risk Knowledge Officer, UNDRR ROAS • Detection, Observations, monitoring analysis and forecasting of hazards- Pillar 2 WMO (presented by Mr. Cyrille Honore, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction and public services Branch, World Meteorological Organization) - recorded video. • Warning dissemination and communication – Pillar 3 – ITU presented by Ms. Rouda Alamir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office • Preparedness and response capabilities – Pillar 4- IFRC presented by Ms. Sarah Walsh, Thematic Lead, Climate and Resilience, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent <p><u>Countries case studies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somalia case study on implementing early warning systems by Mr. Khadar Nur, National Sendai Focal Point, Federal Government of Somalia • UAE case study on Early warning systems by Mr. Mohamed Salem Al-Zaabi, Head of the Systems and Technical Support Department, Government of UAE • Status of reporting on Target G in Sendai Framework Monitor: Implications for Arab Region Presented by Ms. Mirna Abu Ata, UNDRR, ROAS
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<u>Session Four:</u> Update on outcomes of key global and regional events on disaster risk reduction in 2023

	<i>Chaired by Mr. Hassan Abu Elailah, Head of National DRM Center, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Palestine</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Declaration on the Midterm Review of Sendai Framework <i>Presented by Ms. Mirna Abu Ata, Programme Management Officer, UNDRR ROAS</i> • Arab-Africa Call for Action of Tunis on Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>Presented by Mr. Hedi Shili, Ministry of Environment, Government of Tunisia</i> • Dubai Call for Action on Urban Resilience <i>Presented by Brigadier General Ahmed Bourguiba, Director of the Dubai Resilience Hub, Dubai Police, Government of UAE – Recorded video.</i> • UNDRR Engagement in the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP-28) <i>Presented by Ms. Rania Hammad, COP Officer, UNDRR ROAS</i> <p>Questions and Answers</p>	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 17:00	<p><u>Session Five:</u> Regional Consultation on operationalizing the Arab-Africa Call for Action of Tunis on Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>Moderated by Ms. Mirna Abu Ata, Programme Management Officer, UNDRR ROAS</i></p>	<p><u>Session Six:</u> Local-level Consultation on operationalizing the Dubai Call for Action: Scaling Up Urban Resilience for a Changing Climate <i>Moderated by Ms. Elaf Raslan, Making Cities Resilient Focal Point, UNDRR ROAS</i></p>
14:00 – 15:30	Group work (4 groups / per priority of action)	Group Consultation
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 16:20	Presentation of outcomes of group work under Session Five	
16:20 – 17:00	Presentation of outcomes of group work under Session Six	
17:00	Conclusion of day two <i>Presented by UNDRR Regional Office for Arab States</i>	

DAY 3 – Thursday, 23 November 2023	
09:00 - 09:10	Setting the scene for the third day by <i>Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i>
09:10 – 12:30	<u>Session Seven:</u> Preparations for Sixth Arab Regional Platform for DRR / Regional Consultation on the Prioritized Action Plan 2025-2028
09:10 – 11:00	Group work (4 groups) <i>Moderated by Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority one: Understanding disaster risks. • Priority two: Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk. • Priority three: Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience. • Priority four: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “build back better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Presentation of group work outcomes
12:30 – 13:00	<u>Session Eight: Closing session</u>
	Way forward <i>Presented by Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i> Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Major General Mohamed Higazi, Assistant Chief of Cabinet, Government of Egypt</i> • <i>Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break