

The Tenth Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction



Dates: 21-22 February 2024

Language: English / Arabic / French

Meeting Room: Waldorf Astoria hotel, Kuwait city, Kuwait

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 Tenth Arab DRR Partnership Meeting intends to build on the outcomes of the Ninth Arab DRR Partnership Meeting towards developing the draft Arab Prioritized Action Plan for DRR for 2025-2027 and deliberate on the key topics of the Sixth Arab Regional Platform for DRR, being hosted by the Government of Kuwait in October 2024.

Agenda

DAY 1 – Wednesday, 21 February 2024	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colonel Dr. Meshari Al Faras, National Focal Point, Fire force, State of Kuwait <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohamed Jarefa, Chief of Sensitization, Training and Cooperation Division, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Morocco - Mr. Zahi Chahine, Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – Regional Office for Arab States (UNDRR ROAS)
09:30 - 10:00	<p>Presentation: Outcome of 9th Arab Partnership meeting for DRR</p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief, UNDRR ROAS</i></p>
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Session One: Interventions by Member States</p> <p>(3 minutes each in alphabetical order)</p> <p>General intervention by member states focusing on next steps of implementation of SFDRR (Jordan, UAE, Bahrain, Algeria, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Comoros, Kuwait, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, Yemen)</p>
12:00 - 12:30	<i>Coffee Break (Prayer break)</i>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Session Two: Risk-Informed Investments, Resilient Infrastructure, and Accelerating Financing for DRR</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Presentation to introduce an approach to support governments in maximizing the impact of existing public financial resources for DRR and in mobilizing additional investment for DRR</p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Mathieu Verougstraete, Economic Affairs Officer, UNDRR</i></p>
13:00 – 16:00	<p>Session Three: Group work: Consultations on Prioritized Action Plan for DRR 2025-2027</p>
13:00 - 13:20	Setting the scene for the group work



13:20 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group 1: Priority 1: Understanding Disaster Risk (SFP, UNESCWA, UNESCO)• Group 2: Priority 2: Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance (SFP, FAO)• Group 3: Priority 3: Investing in DRR for resilience (Finance, planning)• Group 4: Priority 4: Strengthening disaster preparedness for effective response, build back better and recovery (Met., WMO, IFRC, IOM)• Group 5: Local implementation of Sendai Framework (Local reps)• Group 6: Stakeholder engagement (stakeholder groups, UNWOMEN)
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Continue working groups
16:00	<i>Conclusion of day 1</i>

DAY 2 – Thursday, 22 February 2024	
09:00 – 10:30	Session Four: Group work presentations
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10:30 - 14:00	Session Five: Arab Regional Platform for DRR – 6th Session
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation on proposed topics to be highlighted during RP including preparations for the RP
11:00 – 13:00	Working groups to identify topics of sessions for RP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Priority 1: Understanding Disaster Risk (SFP, UNESCWA, UNESCO) • Group 2: Priority 2: Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance (SFP, FAO) • Group 3: Priority 3: Investing in DRR for resilience (Finance, planning) • Group 4: Priority 4: Strengthening disaster preparedness for effective response, build back better and recovery (Met., WMO, IFRC, IOM)
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14:00 – 14:30	Session Six: Closing session
	Wrap up and closing: Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colonel Dr. Meshari Al Faras, National Focal Point, Fire Force, State of Kuwait - Mr. Zahi Chahine, Chief, UNDRR ROAS
14:30 – 15:30	Lunch