

Terms of Reference

UN Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Points Group

Background

The Sendai Framework specifically calls upon the UN system to support its implementation in a coordinated manner, bringing together coherently the efforts of UN entities pursued within their respective mandates. This has led to few major developments:

- A revision of the original 2013 UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience has been undertaken. This is in light of the new international policy and operational context, in particular, to ensure coherence with international agreements on sustainable development and climate change, as well as to address the challenges identified in the reviews of progress. The revised version entitled: “*UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience: Towards a Risk-informed and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development*” (henceforth referred to as UN Plan of Action on DRR) was endorsed by the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) on 28 April 2016.
- Establishment of a UN Senior Leadership Group (at the UN’s Assistant Secretary-General level) on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience (henceforth referred to as the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR) convened by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSR) for Disaster Risk Reduction is ongoing. This is geared towards greater cooperation, coordination, and mutual reinforcement within different parts of the UN system for the implementation of the above mentioned UN Plan of Action on DRR.
- A review of the UN’s current Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Points Group (henceforth referred to as UN DRR Focal Points Group) in support of the above-mentioned UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR in order to ensure that the former’s Terms of Reference is aligned to the current context.

In light of the above, a terms of reference for the UN DRR Focal Points Group is proposed below:

Overall Objective

The UN DRR Focal Points Group will aim to:

- Support the objectives of the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR, which include, contributing to the operationalisation, progress monitoring, and high level advocacy in relation to the UN Plan of Action on DRR.
- Advocate for and ensure integration of risk reduction within their respective organization’s strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation frameworks in order to enhance risk sensitive sustainable development in their sectoral / thematic domains or areas of work.

Responsibilities:

The UN DRR Focal Points Group will be responsible to do the following:

- Provide programmatic and technical support to the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR including the following but not restricted to:
 - Support and guide the UNISDR secretariat in preparation for events and initiatives of the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR.
 - Implement the decisions of the Senior Leadership Group on DRR as per their joint mandate and respective organizational domains.

- Provide analytical reports to the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR including through the Results Based Analytical Framework of the UN Plan of Action on DRR (with reference to the next point)
- Support the results-based monitoring of the UN Plan of Action on DRR.
 - Contribute to the finalization of the Results Based Analytical Framework as an integral part of the UN Plan of Action on DRR.
 - Ensure the timely and comprehensive reporting by the respective organizations as per the Results Based Analytical Framework
- Provide inputs as appropriate to the UN Secretary-General's Report on Disaster Risk Reduction, the UN Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) Report, and relevant disaster risk reduction related reporting requirements of the UNDG including broader reporting on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Share knowledge products on disaster risk reduction from system – wide initiatives and individual agency resources that could be disseminated through a common online platform from which UN Country Teams or other UN practitioners could benefit.
- Advocate for integration of risk reduction in the UN entities within their respective sectoral / thematic programmes and networks in order to enhance their contribution to risk sensitive sustainable development.
- Support coordination on disaster risk reduction at the regional level within the established mechanisms led by the Regional UNDG Teams and Regional Economic Commissions, to enable outreach of the UN Plan of Action on DRR among UN Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams and regional UN bodies.
- Advocate for gender sensitive and inclusive approaches to disaster risk reduction that demonstrate tangible benefits of a risk informed sustainable development and climate change agenda.
- Contribute to the UN's voice in inter-governmental processes such as the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group (OIEWG) and multi-stakeholder processes like global and regional platforms for disaster risk reduction.
- In pursuit of the above responsibilities, undertake the development and implementation of a work plan with time-bound outputs in support of the UN Senior Leadership Group on DRR and implementation of the UN Plan of Action on DRR.

Membership:

All UN agencies, funds, programmes and other entities who have made a commitment to the UN Plan of Action on DRR should be represented on the UN DRR Focal Points Group.

Working modality

The UN DRR Focal Points Group is convened and chaired by UNISDR and expected to meet in person in Geneva with audio-conferencing facility to connect to other HQ based duty stations. The frequency of the meetings will be decided as per requirement.