



GFDRR May 2015 Consultative Group Meeting

Summary and Outcomes
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DAY 1 – Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Opening Remarks and Overview of Progress since the Fall 2014 Consultative Group (CG) Meeting

1. CG Chair, Rachel Kyte, Vice President, World Bank Group welcomed the CG and highlighted the importance of GFDRR's mission and role in the global resilience agenda, especially given the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (Sendai Framework) and all upcoming international discussions. She made reference to GFDRR's efforts in supporting post disaster recovery in the recent devastating earthquake in Nepal. She also highlighted the important progress that GFDRR has made in strengthening its operations and scaling up key thematic initiatives, under the leadership of Norway.
2. CG Co-Chair Kåre Stormark, Deputy Director General, UN and Humanitarian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway welcomed the CG and also expressed his support for Nepal's recovery efforts. He acknowledged the importance of the exchange of information on the Knowledge Partnership day. He also proposed adopting the minutes of the Fall 2014 CG and approving the agenda for the 16th CG, both of which were unanimously agreed to by the CG.
3. Rachel Kyte welcomed Nepal as a non-contributing member to the CG for the period 2015-2016. Kishor Joshi, Senior Advisor to Executive Director, World Bank made a brief statement on the situation in Nepal and Akihiko Nishio, Director, South Asia, World Bank provided an update on World Bank's support to recovery efforts in Nepal.

Update on progress on activities

4. Francis Ghesquiere, Head, GFDRR Secretariat, updated the CG on activities since the Spring 2014 CG meeting. He highlighted that donor support has enabled the program to grow, helping GFDRR to bring resilience to scale. He particularly noted the progress that has been achieved on the strengthening of thematic initiatives that bring together strategic partners around key topics in support of the program.
5. The Secretariat requested donors to contribute to GFDRR Callable Funds for the Standby Recovery Financing Facility (SRFF) for disaster efforts in Nepal. A one page call for funds with a list of proposed activities to support recovery in Nepal was made available to the CG.

Outcomes from the WCDRR and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

6. Adam Charles Bouloukos, Director, UNISDR gave a read-out on the outcomes of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. A key message that emerged from the discussion was to continue encouraging mainstreaming of disaster risk management (DRM) in line with the Sendai Framework. The CG emphasized the importance of aligning GFDRR's mission and strategy to the Sendai Framework, and reflecting this in the GFDRR draft Partnership Charter and Work Plan.

From Sendai, through Addis, to Paris

7. Rachel Kyte led a discussion that indicated the way in which the outcomes of the Sendai Framework should serve to increase coherence and inform the results of the discussions on Framework for Financing for Development, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Climate Change Agreements.
8. A key recommendation for the Financing for Development Framework was to include language on systematically screening all future development planning and investments for disaster and climate risk and integrate resilience measures where appropriate.
9. Several participants highlighted the importance of mobilizing adequate financial resources for bringing resilience to scale. Points of discussion included the involvement of GFDRR in the international climate financing architecture; the World Humanitarian Summit; and the G7 Climate Risk Insurance Initiative.

Independent Evaluation of Select GFDRR Country Programs

10. James Close, Director, Climate Change, World Bank Group (acting on behalf of CG Chair Rachel Kyte) chaired the rest of the CG Meeting.
11. Mark Wagner, Senior Vice President, ICF International and Jessica Kyle, Senior Manager, ICF International presented their methodology and field work showcasing preliminary observations from Bangladesh, Eastern Caribbean, Ethiopia and Indonesia.

12. The CG requested more information on operational challenges faced by GFDRR, especially in terms of coordination with multiple international and local development partners.
13. A final report will be completed by end July, 2015.

Review of the GFDRR Work Plan 2016-18

14. Luis Tineo, Senior Operations Officer, GFDRR provided an overview of GFDRR's Work Plan for 2016-2018, including its Country Operations, Thematic Programs, and Special Programs.
15. The CG commended the development of the Work Plan 2016-18, in particular the use of the INFORM index, provision of greater detail than earlier work plans, and presentation of a clearer outline of the activity planning process.
16. Key points that emerged from the discussion were:
 - ▶ The CG recognized the importance of the Sendai Framework to guide GFDRR's prioritization of resources, activities, and beneficiaries.
 - ▶ The Secretariat clarified that Thematic Programs contribute to demand-driven country programs.
 - ▶ The Secretariat reassured the CG that GFDRR will be able to sustain its current level of activities over the next three years.
 - ▶ Inclusive Community Resilience and Safe Schools were recognized as two thematic priorities that need support to scale up, as elaborated in the investment case of the Work Plan.
17. The CG requested that future Work Plans:
 - ▶ Be better informed by results indicators that allow for measuring and evaluating program performance.
 - ▶ Be further aligned with the Sendai Framework, to support the Framework's i) outcome, ii) goal, iii) targets iv) priorities and v) geographic indications.
 - ▶ Link more closely with other major international development frameworks such as the Financing for Development Framework, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Climate Change Agreements.
 - ▶ Better document GFDRR's leveraging of World Bank's technical and financial resources.
18. ***The CG will provide written feedback on the draft Work Plan 2016-18 by May 29, 2015.***
19. ***The Secretariat will circulate a revised draft Work Plan 2016-18 by June 19, 2015.***
20. ***The Work Plan will be endorsed by June 26, 2015, provided there are no objections.***

DAY 2 – Thursday, May 7, 2015

Review of Draft GFDRR Charter

21. Luis Tineo facilitated discussion on the elements of the draft Partnership Charter that began in the Fall 2014 CG. The session presentation and discussion clustered around three main elements introduced in the draft Partnership Charter: the Mission, Program Structure, and Governance Structure, which included aspects of Membership.
22. Members commended the Secretariat on presenting a clear, streamlined draft Partnership Charter.
23. The CG requested that the Secretariat:
 - ▶ In regard to the text, strengthen the existing alignment between GFDRR's objective, mission, and activities to the Sendai Framework.
 - ▶ In regard to CG membership, revise the concept of waivers for CG membership and propose more precise language for these exceptional cases.
 - ▶ In regard to the roles and responsibilities of the CG, include the authority to create advisory groups.
 - ▶ In regard to the roles and responsibilities of the Secretariat, include a requirement that the CG be consulted on the creation of Special Programs.
 - ▶ In regard to details in the chapter title 'General', a clarification that amendments to the Charter become directly applicable to future administration agreements and trust funds.
24. The Secretariat clarified that there is no absolute deadline for adopting the revised Charter. Based on the written comments received, decision will be taken in June, 2015 on whether the Charter should be proposed for endorsement or if endorsement should be postponed until another consultation during the Fall 2015 CG.
25. ***CG Members will provide written feedback to the Secretariat on the draft Partnership Charter by May 29, 2015.***
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Analytics for Resilience

27. Fernando Ramírez Cortés, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank presented on the active risk reduction agenda for school infrastructure in Peru, identification of relevant international experiences and potential partnerships.
28. Marc Forni, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank presented on a GFDRR report prepared on financial exposure analysis in Pakistan. The report highlighted the large financing gap that exists in financing resilient development and the need to build political will to have the government engage in DRM.

29. Marianne Fay, Chief Economist for Climate Change, World Bank shared an analysis which highlighted that welfare losses caused by disasters are largely concentrated on poor and vulnerable populations. The presentation introduced the socio-economic resilience indicator that is being developed by the World Bank.
30. The session highlighted the potential of analytics in informing policy and investment decisions.

Session on Disaster Risk Financing

31. Idar Kreutzer, Managing Director, Finance Norway made the business case for the value of investing in prevention of disaster risk and the synergies from building public-private partnerships to strengthen financial resilience.
32. Julie Dana, Lead Financial Officer, World Bank updated the CG on the activities of the GFDRR – World Bank Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (DRFI) program.
33. The session recognized GFDRR's potential to play a key role in convening partnerships between the finance and public sectors, such as in the Insurance Development Forum and the G7 Climate Risk Insurance Initiative.

Selection of Next Co-Chair and Date of Next Meeting

34. Germany was proposed as Co-Chair from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, which was unanimously agreed to by the CG. Florian Neutze, Disaster Risk Management Officer, accepted the nomination on behalf of Ms. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Director General, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany.
35. As incoming Co-Chair, Germany highlighted the importance of mainstreaming DRM into all international development programming. They expressed the intent to monitor GFDRR's performance in implementing activities aligned with the Sendai Framework's goal and expected outcome; and to support GFDRR to:
 - ▶ Strengthen and extend the network of partners, especially with UNISDR, EU, UNDP, civil society and the private sector.
 - ▶ Engage further in the international discussions in 2015-2016.
 - ▶ Raise awareness about benefits of mainstreaming DRM in the World Bank and the larger development community. For instance, by contributing to the World Humanitarian Summit.
 - ▶ Prioritize attention to Programs of Safe Schools, Inclusive Community Resilience, Resilient Recovery, Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, and activities for cooperation with the climate community.
36. Switzerland expressed interest in Co-Chairmanship for the period of 2016-2017.
37. On behalf of India, the Secretariat extended an invitation to the CG to attend a study tour in Odisha, India in September 2015. An overview and proposed schedule was made

available. For those interested to attend, the registration link can be found at <http://gfdrr.org/cgindiavisit>

38. An invitation was extended by Germany to host the next CG in Berlin. Tentative dates for the Fall 2015 CG were proposed for October 27-29, 2015 by the Chair. Germany will confirm the dates of the CG by end June 2015.
39. ***The Secretariat will circulate the minutes from the 16th CG meeting for review by May 20, 2015.***

Summary of Proceedings and Closing Remarks

40. James Close thanked the CG Members and Observers, and provided closing remarks. He thanked Kåre Stormark, Deputy Director General, UN and Humanitarian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway and Arman Aardal, Senior Adviser, Department for United Nations and Humanitarian Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway for their excellent support as GFDRR Co-Chair and welcomed Germany as the next Co-Chair.
41. Kåre Stormark made closing remarks and commended GFDRR's strong operational progress, especially on the Charter and Work Plan over the past year. He thanked the CG for its active cooperation throughout their term as Co-Chair. He mentioned that even though Norway will step down as Co-Chair, they will continue to actively engage as part of the CG, and will assist Germany, the incoming Co-Chair.
42. He expressed that in their term as Co-Chair, Norway remained actively engaged with the Secretariat so they could together endeavor to meet priorities of:
 - ▶ Greater collaboration between DRM actors.
 - ▶ Maximize resource efficiency and achieve synergies.
 - ▶ Emphasize innovative approaches and partnerships.
 - ▶ Expand representation from countries of the South, which is clear from participation of Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Mexico.
 - ▶ Increase engagement with civil society and private sector.
43. Kåre Stormark summarized the proceedings of the 16th CG meeting and requested the following action items:
 - CG Members and Observers will provide the Secretariat with the following:
 - ▶ ***The CG will provide written feedback on the Work Plan 2016-2018 by May 29, 2015.***
 - ▶ ***CG Members will provide written feedback on the draft Partnership Charter by May 29, 2015.***
 - The Secretariat will provide the following information to the CG:
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