



Summary and Outcomes

Fall 2015 Consultative Group Meeting, October 28-29, 2016 | Berlin, Germany



GFDRR
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery

Day 1 - Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Welcoming Remarks and Confirmation of Agenda and Minutes of the 16th CG Meeting

1. CG Chair, John Roome, Senior Director, World Bank Group and CG Co-Chair, Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Director General, Global Issues- Sector Policies and Programmes, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ) welcomed the CG and made opening remarks. The Chair as well as Co-Chair highlighted the importance of breaking silos in the area of risk reduction and deriving synergies as a result of integrating the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) agendas.
2. John Roome proposed confirming the Agenda for the Fall 2015 CG and adopting the Minutes of the 16th CG Meeting. The Agenda and Minutes were unanimously agreed to by the CG.

Update on the Road to Paris

3. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven gave an overview of the way in which the global community has sustained momentum generated in Sendai leading up to Paris by highlighting how disaster resilience has remained central to all post-2015 processes. An important highlight is the way in which adaptation remains central to the proposed Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), since more than half of the INDCs make reference to adaptation. She applauded the global community's contributions that demonstrate that 80 billion USD has already been accounted for in the Copenhagen commitment of 100 billion USD, and the key role that the private sector can play in bridging the remaining deficit.

4. John Roome echoed the Co-Chair's views and commended the INDCs, which have taken into account a "bottom-up approach", hence signaling a moral and political commitment to follow through. He also emphasized the need to focus on implementation beyond Paris, and mentioned World Bank's increase in commitment by 28% to support climate smart development. He highlighted that the outcome of climate negotiations will make leveraging the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery's (GFDRR) work and its partnerships even more relevant, especially in the way in which GFDRR's work lends support to the climate adaptation agenda.
5. The discussion that followed emphasized that GFDRR should play more of a leadership role in building resilience across the 2015 processes, by expanding its collaboration with Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

GFDRR's Contribution to the Climate Agenda

6. Sofia Bettencourt, Lead Adaptation Specialist, GFDRR provided the CG with an overview of the Climate Resilience Program and the Small Island States Resilience Initiative (SISRI). SISRI is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together knowledge and expertise from GFDRR and multiple global practices in the World Bank. She highlighted how SISRI is an umbrella programmatic framework that aims to: a) reduce disaster and climate risks in Small Island States; b) pool resources to develop scaled-up support; c) build on a tested menu of products; d) use innovative financing instruments; and e) use a phased, incentive based measurable approach. If effectively implemented, this could lead to an increase of resilience of up to 140% of current levels.
7. Michel Pré, Head of Unit on Water, Soils, Pollution, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France presented the Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative. The initiative has been launched by France and is supported by a partnership among GFDRR/World Bank, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Michel Pré reaffirmed France's pledge of US\$10 million to support this initiative, Early Warning Systems (EWS) in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). It was noted that CREWS is a 'second generation' initiative building on existing programs to address: a) sharing climate risk information; b) multi-hazards and slow onset disasters; c) mainstreaming gender; d) provision of EWS that consider the role of communities and a last mile approach. Both WMO and UNISDR confirmed strong support to the initiative.
8. Simon Hagemann, Desk Officer Climate Division, BMZ presented the G7 InsuResilience initiative, which will emphasize product development, increasing participating countries in insurance risk schemes, such as Africa Risk Capacity (ARC), Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF), and Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative (PCRAFI), and drive policies to fund climate risk facilities that promote adaptation. Simon Hagemann invited CG to participate in this GIZ initiative which seeks to reach out to interested countries. An issue that emerged from the discussion was linking InsuResilience with similar initiatives such as the recently launched Insurance Development Forum (IDF).

9. This session demonstrated three of GFDRR's flagship initiatives. The CG engaged in constructive discussions around these initiatives, highlighting their relevance within the global arena of the ongoing post 2015 processes.

Preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit

10. Sofia Bettencourt, Lead Adaptation Specialist, GFDRR provided the CG with an overview of the Climate Resilience Program and the Small Islands Resilience Initiative (SISRI). SISRI is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together knowledge and expertise from GFDRR and multiple global practices in the World Bank. She highlighted how SISRI is an umbrella programmatic framework that aims to: a) reduce disaster and climate risks in Small Island States; b) pool resources to develop scaled-up support; c) build on a tested menu of products; d) use innovative financing instruments; and e) use a phased, incentive based measurable approach. If effectively implemented, this could lead to an increase of resilience of up to 140% of current levels.
11. Florian Lewerenz, GIZ advisor to the BMZ, and Florian Neutze, Focal Point on Disaster Risk Management, BMZ presented an analysis on the interlinkages between fragility, conflict, and disaster risk. Germany proposed to jointly develop a working paper on DRM in fragile and conflict-affected contexts ahead of the WHS. Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Italy, and the United Nations Development Programme expressed interest in being involved in this analysis. Italy in support of this, also indicated interest in developing solutions regarding the ongoing issues around migration.
 - *The Secretariat will circulate a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review on the work in the DRM, peace and conflict nexus focusing on how to bridge the gap between disasters and conflicts by November 30, 2015.*
12. Alanna Simpson, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, GFDRR provided an update on the ongoing preparations for the Understanding Risk (UR) Forum taking place in Istanbul in May 2016, just ahead of WHS. She invited the CG to contribute proposals for sessions and speakers at UR 2016.
13. This session brought to the forefront, the existing linkages between disaster and conflict, and the way in which GFDRR and the World Bank are supporting these discussions leading up to WHS.

Overview of GFDRR's progress

14. Francis Ghesquiere, Head of GFDRR Secretariat briefed the CG on GFDRR's activities since the 16th CG meeting and provided an overview on GFDRR's financing and structure. Following that, Luis Tineo, Lead Operations Officer, GFDRR presented GFDRR's FY15 Annual Report, monitoring and evaluation and alignment with Sendai Framework, GFDRR's resources, and the second Technical Evaluation Report.
15. The session showcased that strong progress has been made over the past three years, including strengthening of the organizational structure and the monitoring system. The discussion that followed put forward recommendations for GFDRR to a) better highlight

its work program links with the Sendai Framework; b) better document the way in which gender is mainstreamed across GFDRR's activities; c) better demonstrate progress made towards strengthening community resilience; d) identify mechanisms to measure the impacts of outputs delivered through in-country programs.

16. The CG was requested to:

- Provide comments on the Draft Annual Report to the Secretariat by November 13, 2015.

17. The Secretariat was requested to:

- Circulate a revised Draft FY15 Annual Report to the CG by November 30, 2015, which will be endorsed through silent procedure by December 7, 2015. The revised Draft FY15 Annual Report will:
 - Integrate the comments of the CG
 - Include a revised section on alignment of GFDRR's work program with the Sendai Framework
 - Include a revised section on mainstreaming gender across GFDRR's activities.
- Circulate a published FY15 Annual Report by end of the year.
- Develop a specific action plan to address the findings of the Technical Evaluation, which will be reflected in the ToR of the third technical evaluation by November 30, 2015.

Day 2 - Thursday, October 29, 2015

Discussion and Adoption of GFDRR Charter and Resource Mobilization Strategy

18. Luis Tineo presented the revised Draft Partnership Charter incorporating the comments made from the last CG meeting. Following the presentation, a small working group composed of UK, Norway, Japan, Australia, and Germany proposed edits to Paragraph 8.(i), 12.(vi), 12.(v), 13.(vii), 14.(iii), 23.(iv).
19. The Partnership Charter was endorsed by the CG with the above edits incorporated as reflected in Annex 1 of the Summary and Outcomes.
 - The Secretariat will circulate the endorsed Partnership Charter by November 30, 2015.

Progress on Thematic Initiatives

20. Fernando Ramirez, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Group presented on the Safer Schools Program. He highlighted the impact of the program after the earthquake in Nepal, the actions that have been taken to build safer schools, the challenges faced, and the progress made till date. Fernando Ramirez thanked several members of the CG who had financially supported the Safer Schools Program in Nepal. The discussion that followed showed strong support of the engagement and outcomes of the programs activities.
21. Josef Leitmann, Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, GFDRR presented GFDRR's ongoing work in resilient recovery, peace and conflict areas, and in strengthening ex-ante recovery platforms. He mentioned that the Secretariat is consulting partners on

the date and location of the next World Reconstruction Conference 3, which could potentially be organized and sponsored by the European Union. Nepal commended the donors and GFDRR for their efforts in helping Nepal to build back better after the April 2015 earthquake.

22. Margaret Arnold, Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank Group provided an update on the Inclusive Community Resilience Program including an overview of the Social Impact Analysis and Monitoring after Cyclone Nargis. She informed the CG of potential pipeline initiatives and the need for resources in order to begin implementation. Following the CG meeting, the Inclusive Community Resilience Group Technical Advisory Group met to discuss more details of the proposed work plan and future projects.
23. Alanna Simpson provided an overview on the work of the GFDRR Innovation Lab Program which focuses on advancing the risk identification agenda, consolidation of knowledge, and capacity building. The CG was briefed on upcoming reports and tools, including Think Hazard!. The discussion that followed this session highlighted the importance of scaling up impact of these tools by providing policy makers with a comprehensive tool box that would help developing countries make risk-informed decisions.
24. This session provided the CG with an update on the progress made across the different thematic initiatives. The CG provided strategic guidance on the future of these initiatives.

Announcements and Any Other Business

25. Norway supported by the CG requested that the Secretariat circulate draft guidelines on the selection process of the CG Co-Chair.
 - The Secretariat will circulate draft guidelines on the selection process of the CG Co-Chair by November 30, 2015.
26. Norway announced that they are planning to organize a conference on disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation in Norway, March 15-16, 2016. The working title of the conference is “Improved Action for Disaster Risk Reduction – Technology and Innovation.” They invited the CG to participate and will also reach out during the planning process.
27. The Secretariat proposed to invite Serbia and Vanuatu as the next non-contributing members for the term 2016-2017.
 - The CG unanimously agreed to invite Serbia and Vanuatu.
28. The Secretariat proposed two dates and venues for the next CG meeting.
 - The Secretariat will circulate an online survey to agree on the next CG meeting location and date by November 11, 2015.
29. The CG bid farewell to Djibouti, which finished its two year term as invited non-contributing member. The CG thanked Djibouti for their participation in the CG meetings and for providing strategic guidance to GFDRR’s work program for the past two years.

30. The Co-Chair announced Germany's pledge of a EUR 15 million contribution to GFDRR's Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) over the next three years and expressed interest in supporting activities within the Inclusive Community Resilience Program.

Summary of Proceedings and Closing Remarks

31. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven summarized the proceedings of the GFDRR Fall 2015 CG meeting. John Roome and Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven made closing remarks. They thanked the CG for their participation and engagement during the Fall 2015 CG meeting.
32. Below is the list of action points that emerged from the Fall 2015 CG meeting.
33. The CG was requested to:
- Provide comments on the Draft Annual Report to the Secretariat by November 13, 2015.
 - Respond to the online survey to agree on the next CG meeting location and date by November 23, 2015.
34. The Secretariat was requested to:
- Circulate the Summary and Outcomes by November 11, 2015.
 - Circulate the endorsed Partnership Charter by November 30, 2015.
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ANNEX 1: Charter Revisions

1. **Paragraph 8(i)** A Multi-Donor Trust Fund (the GFDRR MDTF) comprises a commingled pool of resources that can fund activities. The GFDRR MDTF is the principal vehicle through which GFDRR implements its activities falling within the GFDRR work plan as endorsed by the Consultative Group. The MDTF is also the vehicle to support the GFDRR governance structure, partnerships, and trust fund management.
2. **Paragraph 12(v)** Developing countries that receive GFDRR support, upon invitation of the Consultative Group per recommendation of the Secretariat for a one year term.
3. **Paragraph 12(vi)** Other countries or entities that are recommended by the Secretariat due to exceptional cases and are approved by the Consultative Group. Exceptional cases may include countries or entities, which due to administrative and/or regulatory constraints, contribute outside of the GFDRR MDTF as the principal vehicle for supporting GFDRR's activities and that financially meet or exceed the contribution requirements for the GFDRR MDTF.
4. **Paragraph 13(vii)** Other countries or entities whose contribution is below the membership threshold.
5. **Paragraph 14(iii)** Reviewing and approving the annual report, including reporting of achievements based on the results frameworks, and studies and reports commissioned by the Consultative Group.
6. **Paragraph 23(iv)** Preparing the annual report, including reporting of achievements based on the results frameworks, and studies and reports commissioned by the Consultative Group.

ANNEX 2: List of Participants

| Country / Institution | First Name | Title | Department |
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| Djibouti | Samatar Osman | Coordinator of GFDRR Project | Ministry of Education |
| European Union | Jozias Blok | Thematic officer Disaster Risk Reduction | European Commission Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development |
| France | Michel Pré | Head of Unit Water, Soils , Pollution | Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development |
| Germany | Ingrid Gabriela Hoven | Director-General | BMZ - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| Germany | Florian Neutze | Focal Point Disaster Risk Management | BMZ - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development |
| Germany | Sebastian Wigele | Advisor | GIZ - German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation |
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| GROOTS International | Sandra Schilen | Global Facilitator | Global Office |
| IFRC - International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent | Gamage Susil Perera | Senior Officer, Climate Change Adaptation | Community Preparedness and Risk Reduction |
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| Nepal | Lal Khatri | Under Secretary | Ministry of Finance |
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| Norway | Beate Stiro | Policy Director | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

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| Switzerland | Arno Wicki | Deputy Head of Humanitarian Aid and SHA, Head of Multilateral Affairs Division | SDC - Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation |
| Switzerland | André Wehrli | Program Manager | Department of Foreign Affairs |
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| UNISDR– United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction | Letizia Rossano | Chief | Resource Mobilization |
| UNISDR– United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction | Neil Macfarlane | Chief | Regional Programmes and DRR Coordination |
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