SUMMARY REPORT BACK TO GFDRR CONSULTATION GROUP
Outputs from the GFDRR – Civil Society consultation in
(September – November 2011)

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Context

- Global Network facilitated consultations between September and November 2011 to explore the GFDRR Civil Society Partnership Strategy.
- At each consultation, approximately 20-25 participants from amongst the civil society community – a mix of disaster-management practitioners – met together for ½ day sessions.
- Global Network facilitated meetings to date: London, Brussels, Washington, Geneva, Jakarta (yesterday)
- Series of country consultations to follow
GFDRR – civil society partnership is welcomed as means to enhance engagement at different levels, to unlock resources, build capability, and to ensure greater links between policy aspirations and local practice.
Constraints and Challenges

1. Historical scepticism of the value of partnership together with lack of trust, confidence, constructive relationships between government and civil society.
2. Lack of supportive regulatory environment to mandate and incentivise civil society engagement.
3. Lack of user-friendly procedures to facilitate civil society inputs.
4. Multiple small scale CS actors - but limited connectively and organisation into recognised groups, alliances.
5. Lack of capacity and resources for civil society and community “representatives” to input into processes.
Headlines  What GFDRR can do:

- Use convening powers to open *political space* for engagement
- Incentivise and advocate for supportive regulatory environment and inclusive decision-making processes
- Raise awareness of “added value” of civil society engagement and partnership in national, regional and global discourse
- Model inclusive partnerships and participatory methodologies
- Strengthen civil society capacities for partnership approaches
- Strengthen intra-civil society infrastructure to support system-wide strategic leadership, organisation, communication and collaboration
- Document and disseminate models of effective partnerships
- Pilot the way in target countries (x number of 20 High Priority)
- Coherence with other World Bank community-driven programmes
Headlines : Proposed Community Pilot Fund

• Small amount if spread over 20 priority countries and 4 year timeframe
• Learn from experiences of other community-based funds
• Joint working group for co-development of the fund
• User-friendly disbursement mechanisms
• Independent monitoring of impact
• Only Fund strategic actions e.g.
  – Strengthen government – civil society engagement
  – Partnerships
  – Capacity building
  – Inclusion of most vulnerable
Headlines: GFDRR Internal Governance

• Establish Joint Working Group to co-develop GFDRR – Civil Society Partnership Strategy

• Develop TORs and selection process for civil society representation on the Consultative Group (emphasis on southern representation)

• Define rights of Consultative Group “Member” vis-a-vis “Observer” status

• Develop indicators & impartial monitoring of partnership commitments

• Learn from experiences & good practices of other funds / programmes