Workshop on Mainstreaming DRR-CCA into Development Policies and Planning

19-20 August 2015, Manila, Philippines

The International Recovery Platform / Asian Disaster Reduction Center (IRP / ADRC) had supported the organization of the Workshop on “Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into Development Policies and Planning”, 19-21 August 2015 at the Discovery Suites, Pasig City, Philippines by dispatching a resource person. The workshop was spearheaded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) of the Philippines with support from the Global Education and Training Institute of the UNISDR (GETI), a member of IRP along with ADRC.

With the participation of 25 high-level government officials and representatives from local NGOs, the workshop was an occasion to review the draft indicators for monitoring the global progress of implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The workshop was also an opportune time for the Philippine Government to align its existing National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plan 2011-2028 (NDRRMP) with the priorities for action of the Sendai Framework.

To facilitate greater understanding of the priorities for action, IRP / ADRC provided case studies from around the globe. In particular, the case studies focused on: (a) policies and practices for disaster risk management along all dimensions of vulnerability, capacity, exposure of persons and assets, hazard characteristics, and environment priority; (b) disaster risk governance at the national, regional, and global levels; (c) public and private investment in disaster risk prevention and reduction through structural and non-structural measures to enhance economic, social, health, and cultural resilience; and (d) disaster preparedness for effective response and to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.

It was observed that the current indicators are focused on assessing policies and legislation. Hence, it was recommended that indicators should also capture existing program, schemes, and activities along the four priorities for action of the Sendai Framework. Additionally, the participants recommended that programs, funding, and activities for build back better in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction shall be integrated in the existing NDRRM Plan 2011-2028. For inquiry, please contact IRP Recovery Expert Mr. Gerald Potutan (gerald@recoveryplatform.org).
The Cabinet Office of Japan hosted IRP two-day event “IRP Strategy Retreat” on 6-7 August 2015, at Tokyo, Japan. Over 30 participants from IRP Steering Committee members and observer organizations gathered in the event, discussed IRP’s Strategic Framework 2015-2020.

At the outset, participants expected an engaging discussion to achieve clarity and consensus on how IRP can effectively carry out its strategic role. Considering the diverse and dynamic nature of its membership, IRP members affirmed the need to thrash out issues/challenges especially the delivery of collaborative support to countries and partners.

After long, engaging, and constructive discussions, participants of the retreat ‘agreed in principle’ the intentions stated in the vision (what it wants to be), mission (why it stands), goals (what it wants to achieve) and principles (how it will behave). The Strategic Framework is the document that captures all these elements and is the guiding document for the IRP.

With the vision and mission formulated, further discussions on goals, principles and governance as well as business processes for IRP shall be aligned with the vision and mission.

The participants recognized that the retreat was an opportune time for members to reflect and reaffirm commitments to the mission of IRP.

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Over 30 representatives from the member organizations of the Disaster Reduction Alliance (DRA) gathered at Kobe for its annual report meeting on 26 August 2015. In the meeting, the representatives presented the reports on their activities during last year including their significant progress on particular projects, upcoming events, and future plans.

One of the main topics of the meeting was about the April 2015 Nepal earthquake. The meeting observed cooperative activities already being done in Nepal by members and discussed the further tasks undertaking about how to effectively mobilize resource, knowledge and wisdom in the affected area. IRP pointed out assigning a recovery expert for the Intergovernmental 9th Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum which will be held on November 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The members expected not only to play an important role in Nepal’s earthquake recovery, but also to promote and contribute international cooperation towards disaster risk reduction worldwide.

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