
UN WCDRR Women's Major Group - updates & draft statement PrepCom1 (3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction)

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Dear colleagues (apologies for cross-posting),

The 1st PrepCom for the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction begins on Monday, July 14th.

This email has

(a) some **updates** (mainly applicable to those attending the PrepCom)

(b) a **draft of the WMG intervention for your comments. By Friday 11am NY time.**

Feel free to comment on structure as well as substance, and please add in based on your expertise/experience. Keep in mind the statement is only 3 minutes in the plenary, but it can be a little longer for the written submission.

Thus, some of the contributions may not be able to be included, but they can be considered for the other input opportunities described below. And they can inform advocacy and inputs going forward.

Thank you!

See below and in attachment for details!

Update on PrepCom for 3rd World Conference on DRR Women's Major Group 9 July 2014

1. Meeting of the Women's Major Group
 - Tentative date 11am, July 14, Room XXVII (to be confirmed)
2. Pre-registration and access & basic info
 - Entry into the Palais des Nations on 14 July is expected to be busy. Come early and prepared (confirmation email and ID).
 - Website <http://www.wcdrr.org/preparatory/prepcom1> Find the following:
 - a. agenda, programme of work, information note
 - b. guiding questions, suggested elements, etc
 - c. concept notes on Chair's Dialogue with Major Groups, and Technical Workshops
3. Overview of sessions and expectations
 - There are three opportunities for major groups to engage during the PrepCom (see concept notes on website):
 - a. **Plenary meetings:** an opportunity to hear views from States and observers (IGOs, UN and major groups) on considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk

reduction.

b. **Chairs' dialogue with major groups:** three dialogues will be held over the two days to exchange views with the co-chairs and major groups on (1) progress, good practices, innovations and lessons learned in implementing HFA; (2) reflect on the proposed elements for consideration in the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction; and (3) identify commitments for the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

c. **Technical workshops:** four technical workshops will be held to build further understanding on key issues, including indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework, Investing in disaster risk reduction, and mutual reinforcement of disaster risk reduction, sustainable development agenda and goals, and climate change agreements.

- Two reports are expected to result from the first PrepCom: (1) procedural report capturing the major decisions of the meeting, and (2) a Chairs' report capturing the substance. The second report is expected to be released after the meeting.

4. Substantive documents

- The *compilation report on consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction* covers the consultations with governments and nongovernment organizations, regional intergovernmental organizations, United Nations and international organizations and groups (including communities, business and industry and others) during the period from March 2012 through to May 2014.

http://wcdrr.org/documents/wcdrr/prepcom1/Compilation_report.pdf

- The *suggested elements for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction* drawn from the compilation report on the consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. It aims to support the intergovernmental negotiations of the preparatory process for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. This is not a draft of the outcome document, and should not be confused with the SRSG's proposed elements paper.

http://www.preventionweb.net/files/37865_06elementswithdisclaimer.pdf

- To support States and observers, the Conference secretariat prepared *guiding questions* for consideration by the Preparatory Committee.

<http://wcdrr.org/documents/wcdrr/prepcom1/GuidingQuestions.pdf>

Other interesting documents regarding gender and disaster and WCDRR (not an exhaustive list!)

- Draft UN Women Key Messages on Gender Equality in the post-2015 Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (HFA2) (attached)
- Sendai call to action on gender and diversity in DRR (attached)
- Background paper on gender inclusion in HFA2 http://www.preventionweb.net/documents/posthfa/background_paper_gender_inclusion_in_hfa2.pdf
- Women as a force in resilience building: gender equality in DRR
- Outcome documents of the Asia Ministerial conference on DRR held last week of June. The link to the Asia Pacific Input Document for HFA2 (see the section on 'Strengthening the role of women' and the related recommendations pp18-26; <http://6thamcdrr-thailand.net/6thamcdrr/Portals/0/Asia-Pacific%20input%20document%20for%20HFA%202%20FINAL.pdf> or <http://www.preventionweb.net/>

[documents/posthfa/HFA_input_document_Asia_Pacific.pdf](#)

- and the statement of Voluntary commitments by the stakeholder group on gender and women's issues in DRR. <http://6thamcdrr-thailand.net/6thamcdrr/Portals/0/Annex%2004%20-%20Womenand%20gender%20Final%2026%20June%202014.pdf>

On Wed, Jun 25, 2014 at 11:11 PM, Eleanor Blomstrom <eleanor@wedo.org> wrote:

Apologies for cross-posting!

UN WCDRR Women's Major Group - opportunity to participate in the activities planned for the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, including the 1st PrepCom in Geneva, July 14-15.

Dear Colleagues,

The 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (**3WCDRR**) will take place 14-18 March in Sendai, Japan, with intergovernmental preparatory committee meetings 14-15 July and 17-18 November 2014 in Geneva. The Women's major group (WMG) will be participating in this very important process, along with the other 8 major groups, and the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) will serve as Organizing Partner to facilitate participation of women's organizations and organizations working on women and disaster risk reduction.

This message is an introduction to the process for the Third World Conference, as well as a broad call for interest in participating, particularly in the 1st PrepCom that is just weeks away!

Who should be involved? Any organization/academic institution interested in disaster risk reduction, climate change, development and humanitarian issues and interlinkages with women, women's rights, gender equality and diversity, in disaster risk reduction (DRR).

Why should you get involved? This is a 'don't miss' opportunity! This process will determine the DRR framework for at least the next 20 years and the WMG inputs and priorities will influence governments and decisions in the process towards the UN World Conference on DRR and the main outcome of the conference-Post 2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2). 2014-2015 is the opportunity to ensure that the HFA2 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are gender-responsive; incorporate gender analysis and resources to support gender integration, gender budgeting; have an enhanced role for women in all their diversity to influence and implement effective strategies and instruments; make clear linkages to issues such as health, security, climate change, gender-based violence, power structures, etc; include targets and indicators for monitoring and accountability for women's participation in decision-making, gender equality and impacts and enhance resilience.

How to get involved? Sign up for the PrepCom and/or send an email to wmg3drr@wedo.org with name, organization, email address, focus area, and your specific questions

How to participate in the PrepComs (July and November)? As above, send an email to wmg3drr@wedo.org with the following information (also in attachment). **DEADLINE for 1st PrepCom is June 30th!** Either register yourself (if ECOSOC accredited) or send your request for registration 1:00pm NY time on June 30th.

First name

Last name

Telephone no.

E-mail

Permanent Address

Country

Weight (Indicate whether kg/lbs)

Height (Indicate whether cm/inch)

Eye color

Hair color

Sex

Temporary Address while at the conference site

Place of Birth

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YEAR)

Participant already has a valid UN Grounds Pass?

Emergency Contact First Name

Last Name

Telephone #

What does the Organizing Partner (OP) do? In a nutshell, the OP facilitates participation of representatives of the WMG, acts as a liaison with the Conference secretariat, ensures diverse participation within the WMG delegation, facilitates preparation of statements on behalf of the WMG and a transparent process to select a representative to deliver the statement, provides updates to the WMG and to the Conference secretariat, oversees distribution of passes for any events with limited seating, See the website for more detail.

What are next steps for the WMG for the 3rd UN World Conference on DRR?

Interested organizations/persons should:

- contact WEDO to express interest in participating/registering, wmg3drr@wedo.org (as indicated above)
- contribute with inputs and recommendations from your organization to the 1st PrepCom (including for the statement on behalf of the Women's Major Group)
- prepare for the 3 dialogues between the Major Groups and the chairs of the conference (Chairs' Dialogue

with the Major Groups) scheduled on both the 14th and 15th of July

- watch for more updates

WEDO will:

- share key background documents and updates on conference logistics
- circulate a draft of the WMG statement for feedback and input (to be presented by a member at the 1st PrepCom)
- provide further information as it comes available (Dialogues, technical workshops, etc)
- register interested participants (if not ECOSOC accredited) for the 1st PrepCom

Selected Documents for reference (these links and more available from <http://www.wcdrr.org/preparatory/prepcom1>)

- [Provisional agenda and annotations \(A/CONF.224/PC\(I\)/1\)](#)
- [Programme of work \(A/CONF.224/PC\(I\)/2\)](#)
- [Information note for participants \(A/CONF.224/PC\(I\)/INF.1\)](#)
- [Compilation report on consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction \(A/CONF.224/PC\(I\)/5\)](#)
- [Suggested elements for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction \(A/CONF.224/PC\(I\)/6\)](#)

Please disseminate to interested colleagues and networks. Looking forward to hearing from you so together we will ensure gender equality will be at the centre of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA2).

With kind regards,

Eleanor

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5 attachments

 **WCDRR WMG Info update_9 July.pdf**
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Gender Equality in the Post 2015 Disaster Risk Reduction Framework - draft key messages UN Women.pdf

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140615 Proposals to HFA2_for Bangkok-rev to 140617 Final.doc

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Women Asia Pacific HFA2 Final.pdf

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