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World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

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**6th Emergency Preparedness Working Group
Meeting
Ningbo, China
17-18 February 2014**

World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Cabinet Office
Government of Japan
February 2014

The Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

- **Date: 14-18 March 2015**
- **Venue: Sendai City, JAPAN**
- **More than 5,000 participants and 40,000 visitors**
- Review of the implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA) and adoption of a post -2015 framework

History of World Conference on DRR

1990 International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)

1994 First WCDRR (in Yokohama, Japan)
→ Yokohama Strategy

1995 Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (in Kobe, Hyogo)

2005 Second WCDRR (in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan)
→ Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015

2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami (in Tohoku and other region)

2015 Third WCDRR (in Sendai, Japan)
→ a Post-2015 Framework for DRR

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HFA- Five Priorities for Action

Towards substantial reduction of disaster losses both in lives and livelihood

1. Make DRR a national priority with a strong institutional basis
2. Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks
3. Use knowledge, innovation and education for a culture of safety
4. Reduce the underlying risk factors
5. Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response

Towards a post-2015 Framework for DRR

Challenges and Opportunities

- Increasing Disaster Risk – Urbanization, Climate Change, etc
- Trans-boundary Disaster Risk – Globalization
- Make DRR a national priority – still on the way
- Local and Stakeholder's Initiatives
- Use of Advanced Technologies

Monitoring and Linkage

- Post-MDGs, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2015

Preparatory Process in 2014

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (PrepCom)

- A 10-member Bureau and Japan
- First PrepCom: 14-15 July in Geneva
- Second PrepCom: 17-18 November in Geneva

Regional Platforms

- May to July : six regional platforms planned
- Asia: Asian Ministerial Conference on 23-26 June in Bangkok Thailand

ISDR Secretariat

Sendai, March 2015:

- Four years later from the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
- Sendai, a core city of the affected areas, in collaboration with other local governments in Tohoku region



A significant opportunity

- appeal the build-back-better reconstruction of the affected areas
- share Japan's experience and knowledge on DRR with international community

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Official Logo



World Conference on
Disaster Risk Reduction
2015 Sendai Japan

- Originally designed by young designer in Host City Sendai, Japan
- Represents people joining hands to create a chain of action for resilience
- Five colors represents Five Priorities for Action of HFA
- Used in the official documents and various public materials on the WCDRR