Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Expert Forum for producers and users of climate change-related statistics
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Motivation and mandates

A priority development issue in Asia and the Pacific
• The Expert Group emerged from policy debates on disaster risk reduction & resilience to disasters
• Call for improved statistics to strengthen evidence base for DRR

The need for better statistics continuously highlighted by Governments
• First resolution in 2014: Establish an Expert Group to develop a “basic range of disaster-related statistics”
• Second resolution in 2016: Integrate requirements for Sendai Framework for DRR and 2030 Agenda monitoring
• Third resolution in 2017: Provide guidance and support for national baseline and monitoring of the SFDRR and the SDGs
Expert Group: The approach

Two professions working together

- Statisticians from national statistical offices; disaster experts from national disaster management agencies; other national and international experts

Development of a statistical framework - the DRSF

- Responding to local, national and global demands in a coherent manner
- Bridge between disaster and risk management information and socio-economic statistics
- Developed through sharing of best practices; country case studies and pilots; expert discussions and online consultation

Expert Group result: The DRSF

Part I: Disaster-Related Statistics Framework

- Introduction
- Main concepts and related frameworks
- Statistical classifications and definitions

Part II: Guidelines for implementation

- Principles for implementation
- Data items: Basic range of disaster-related statistics
- Data sources and strategy for data collection
- Research agenda

Note: Draft chapters are open for review during September-December 2017 through online survey
Way forward

Selected decisions of 5th meeting of the Expert Group, Republic of Korea, 20-22 September 2017

- The DRSF will be submitted for consideration by Asia-Pacific Governments in May 2018
- A regional group should continue to operate
  - Application of DRSF for statistics production
  - Research agenda
- The regional group should contribute to the work of the global partnership on disaster-related statistics
- Seek to include TF-MEED outputs in the DRSF

Linkages to the TF on Measuring Extreme Events and Disasters

- Close collaboration during the past two years
- Complementary efforts
- The respective roles of NSOs and NDMAs are not captured in the current DRSF
- The Expert Group has welcomed inclusion of TF results as a chapter in the DRSF
- Timing is of essence: DRSF must be finalized by March 2018
The Global Partnership

- A vehicle to:
  - Maximize the utility of efforts of the Asia-Pacific Expert Group and other initiatives for monitoring of the SDGs and the SFDRR
  - Establish global consensus on related statistical standards
  - Ensure that appropriate guidance material is developed
- Founding partners: UNISDR, UN-ECE, ESCAP
- All contributors are welcome to join

Thank you

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