

INTERNATIONAL ERRA CONFERENCE: April, 19 –21, 2010

“CONVERTING ADVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY: LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCES IN RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION FOR REBUILDING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES AFTER DISASTERS”

Indicative Themes for Sessions on

Disaster Risk Reduction, “Strategies and Approaches for Sustainable Development”

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Thematic Areas	Notes To Speakers	Session Guiding Questions	Outputs from the Conference
<p>Session is of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Presentation of papers by 4 resource persons.</p> <p><u>Theme:</u> Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Approaches for Sustainable Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response centric approach by governments • Invest today for a safer tomorrow, or face much harder situations in the years to come • Integration of disaster risk considerations into sustainable development policies, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important are the awareness and sensitization of different segments of the society, in effective implementation of DRR activities, and to counter the challenges posed by disasters? • What are the main issues and challenges faced by different governments in implementing Hyogo framework for action? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of issues and challenges, and strategies to overcome them.

<p><u>Sub- Themes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaster Risk Reduction in Post Disaster Reconstruction and Rehabilitation - Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in the Development Planning and Implementation - Risk Identification, Assessment, Monitoring and Early Warning - Safe Schools & Hospitals for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), in post disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation interventions, identifies the areas of prevention, mitigation and preparedness to recover the affected population in better conditions with an obligation to: “Build Back Better”. • Mainstreaming exploits the root causative agents of the development failures. • Mainstreaming DRR ensures the sustainable development. • Strengthening government institutional capacities for mainstreaming risk reduction. • How science & technology could be effectively used for Disaster Risk Reduction. • Hazard vulnerability & risk assessments and early warning systems for DRR. • Cross border sharing of knowledge, expertise, and resources. • Hospitals and Schools are among 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the overall organizational challenges and capacity gaps vis-à-vis a joint and harmonized multi-agency integrated approach? • How to ensure systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities? • How to devise strategies for mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into development planning and implementation? • What tools and practices are available for mainstreaming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of best practices and lessons learnt in integration of DRR in rehabilitation & reconstruction. • Gathering the best practices, approaches, methods, tools and techniques for comprehensive mainstreaming of DRR. • Developing links with international organizations and expertise. • Exploitation of available tools & techniques for risk identification & and options for early
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<p>Disasters - Structural & Non-Structural Aspects</p>	<p>the critically needed institutions during and after disasters. They act as safe havens. If safe havens are destroyed.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing safe learning environment to our future generation is the responsibility of all citizens. • -From a human perspective, all disasters are a health issue, and damage to health systems affects every part of society and nations as a whole. As such, everyone should be made aware of the importance of this issue to ensure that hospitals and health facilities are resistant to natural hazards. • Health sector damage can cause devastating secondary disasters. 	<p>DRR?-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How hazard vulnerability and risk assessments are basis for any DRR related activity that generates information & knowledge for better planning & decision making? • What options are available for collaboration in use of science & technology for DRR? • What is the significance of schools and hospitals in disasters? • What are the factors due to which hospitals and schools are at risk? • What are structural and non-structural considerations for protecting hospitals and schools against the forces of nature? 	<p>warning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting and understanding the importance of safe schools and hospital. • Gaining knowledge about the structural & non-structural aspects of safety of schools and hospitals. • Identification of critical elements of occupational/function safety.
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The session will be followed by 15 minute Q&A session.	For all the sessions speakers are to correlate ERRA approaches with that of their work or their development experiences. This is expected to form the basis of shared international practices to generate knowledge and lessons for replication and institutionalization		
Key recommendations/best practices, for the session, will be captured and shared at the end of the conference with the participants			