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Scaling Up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action

High-Level Roundtable Dialogue and E-Learning Course Launch

6 September 2023 | Hybrid

Overview

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Office (UNDRR) continue to join efforts to offer training to government officials and key stakeholders on critical topics related to disaster management.

UNITAR and UNDRR are pleased to host the High-level Roundtable Dialogue “Scaling Up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action” to be held on 6 September 2023 in a hybrid format in Geneva, Switzerland and online via zoom at 13:00 (CET).

The High-Level Roundtable objectives are two-fold:

- 1) **Facilitating a dialogue** led by experts on disaster management and humanitarian action on the importance of analysing potential hazards and their risk levels, while determining how humanitarian situations might evolve over a given period of time and informing contingency planning, preparedness measures, and early actions ahead of possible developments to reduce risk.
- 2) **Launch the e-learning course, “Checklist on Scaling Up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action”** to serve as a tool to guide humanitarian action in adopting a risk-sensitive approach when planning humanitarian needs and responses. Although humanitarian crises cannot always be prevented, the suffering associated with the impacts of various shocks, crises, and disasters can be greatly reduced through strong, proactive, and collaborative risk-informed programming.

Objectives

- Raise awareness about the need for incorporating risk-informed programming in humanitarian action
- Exchange knowledge, good practices, and strategies that support adopting a risk-sensitive approach in humanitarian action planning
- Encourage participation in the newly launched e-learning course

Format

The high-level roundtable dialogue will consist of a hybrid 1-hour panel with the participation of esteemed guests and experts in humanitarian action and disaster risk reduction.

The roundtable dialogue will be held at UNITAR HQ- Lake Room on 6 September 2023 from 13:00 to 14:00 (CET).

Participants are invited to connect virtually via Zoom and may register for the event using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3EVqU-fuRWaHboO6kOqfGQ.

Expected Outcomes

The event will bring together representatives from governments, academic institutions, international organisations, civil society organisations, volunteers, and practitioners, and those working in humanitarian action and disaster management to promote the use of the e-learning course about the “Checklist on Scaling Up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action”.

An expected outcome of this event is raising awareness of the online availability of the “Checklist” as a tool to integrate disaster risk reduction into humanitarian response.