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Disaster-related Statistics

Expert Group on Disaster-Related Statistics for Asia and Pacific



Background

- The Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics was created by ESCAP Res 70/4 to develop a basic range of disaster-related statistics and the importance of disaggregated data related to disasters.
- ESCAP Resolution 74/6 “Advancing disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific” was put forward by the government of the Philippines and co-sponsored by Australia, Cambodia and Thailand and adopted by consensus on 18 May 2018.
- Such resolution recognized the outcomes of the work of the Asia-Pacific Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics.
- It also called for the review of the Expert Group’s results and recommendations at the forth coming Committee on Statistics (2018) and Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (2019). Then the results of the review will be submitted back to the Commission at its 76th session in 2020.
- The most important and significant contribution of the EG-DRS was in the form of the Disaster-related Statistics Framework in accordance with the group’s mandates



The Expert Group emphasized two key features and reasons for its success in this endeavor:

- Joint composition of the group by National Statistical Offices, National Disaster Management Agencies and international organizations; and
- Partnership and alignment with other initiatives, including for coherence with requirements set out in the 2030 Agenda and the SFDRR



The Expert Group also highlighted the remaining work that is needed to be done. Thus, there are also issues that the EG would like to bring to the Committee on Statistics in its 6th Session.

1. Review of the EG-DRS's outcome, the Disaster-Related Statistics Framework (DRSF)

In particular, the application of the DRSF at the national for the production of disaster-related statistics, including for SDG and SFDRR monitoring; there are three suggested activities:

- (i) developing case studies or pilot implementation of DRSF,
- (ii) in-country support by expert group members to assist with pilot implementation and execution of case studies;
- (iii) development of training materials as a tool to boost capacities in support of a sustainable international implementation of the framework



2. Transforming the Expert Group into a new group with a fresh mandate

Some concerns: should the Committee establish a new mandate or new TOR for the EG-DRS-AP experts; the proposal of the latter is to convert it into a new group (perhaps, TWG) to be able to review and implement DRSF.

Also, the members of the expert group network should continue to work on methodological development, in alignment with the proposed DRSF research agenda, which is included within the document.

3 Content of the joint report (CST and CDRR) to the Commission at its 76th Session

Some concerns: how the EG is going to manage the review of the CST and CDRR since there are substantive inputs from the members and how the process of reporting back to the Commission will be done.



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Thank you