

Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia and South Caucasus (CASC)

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United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) jointly with United Nations Development Programme in Tajikistan (UNDP) and Committee on Emergency Situations under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (CoES) facilitated conduction of CASC Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction meeting which will be held in Dushanbe from the period of 12-14 July 2016.

The Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in CASC, represented by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, aims to discuss and facilitate focused policy dialogue and strategic planning, identify areas for priority action, assess the status of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and assistance required for its implementation. Participants of CASC Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction are also expected to provide recommendations for resource mobilization plans, commitments, benchmarks and progress indicators at national and regional level.



“I am confident that the Regional Platform will help coordinate common position on Disaster Risk Reduction efforts in the CASC region” stated Rustam Nazarzoda, Chairman of CASC Regional Platform and Head of the CoES in Tajikistan, in the welcoming speech. In addition, Zokirzoda Mahmadoir, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of National Platform of the Republic of Tajikistan on Disaster Risk Reduction, highlighted Government’s appreciation to the support provided by the development partners. : *“Our Government will continue its close cooperation with UN agencies, donor countries and international community towards building disaster resilient communities in Tajikistan”*. CASC Regional Platform meeting was attended by ministers and senior representatives of disaster management sector, as well as representatives from Ministries of Development Planning, Economic and Social Development, Environment and Education sectors.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was endorsed as the global guidance for resilience building to disasters at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) held in Sendai, Japan in March 2015 and was attended by representatives of 187 states. The Sendai Framework calls for “risk sensitive development”, and “investing in disaster risk reduction as a precondition for developing sustainably”.

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