



## Thematic Slot 2- Strategies

### Perspectives on risk reduction strategies, approaches & current initiatives

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Working in partnership to  
**build safer communities**  
and **reduce the impacts**  
**of disasters in developing**  
**countries**



## Session outline

- Examine to what extent disaster risk management strategies, approaches and initiatives are meeting the needs and priorities of at risk communities- reaching the last mile
- Perspectives of different international disaster reduction actors
- Critically reflect on the impact of our various strategies
  - How can we achieve greater impact?
  - How can we better coordinate & link our efforts?
- Identify priority issues & ideas for better results



## Priority issues & recommendations

- Improve risk identification & analysis at national, sub-national and local level
- Bridge gap between natural hazards science & technology and users
- Use GeoRisks research more effectively for advocacy purposes
- Strengthen the role of national platforms for disaster reduction
- Recognise potential of Munich Re Foundation to leverage high level public & private sector involvement and investment in disaster reduction



## Strategies Session- emerging issues

- Ensure disaster risk reduction is national and local priority with strong institutional basis through capacity building
- Strengthen national platforms- multi-stakeholder and cross-sector collaboration
- Improve risk identification & analysis at national, subnational and **local** levels- build up evidence base for decision making
- Support political, legal & economic incentives
- Develop economically viable solutions- risk transfer, insurance...
- Broader private sector involvement (building, tourism, etc)
- Connect scientific & technical information to decision makers and translate for users
- Political leadership and state responsibility
- Knowledge, advocacy and education

