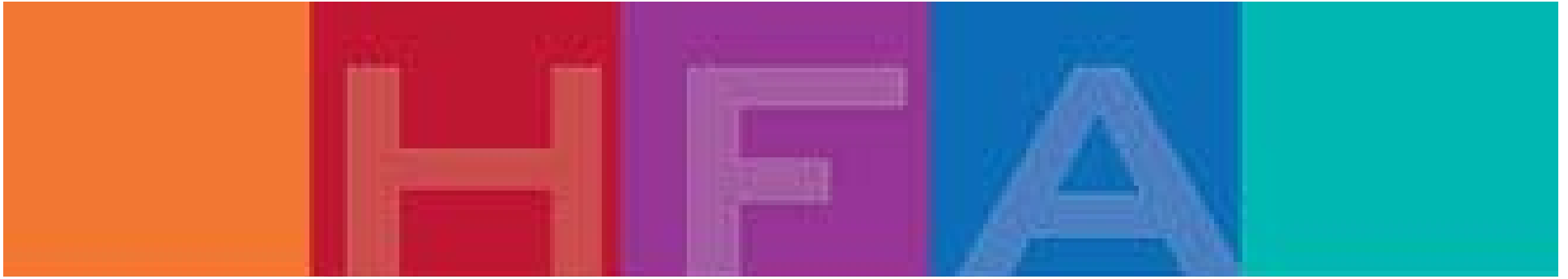


ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

20th MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
Port of Spain, Trinidad-and-Tobago, 22nd-23rd November, 2012



Presentation on the progress made in the Implementation of the HFA in the Region of the Americas



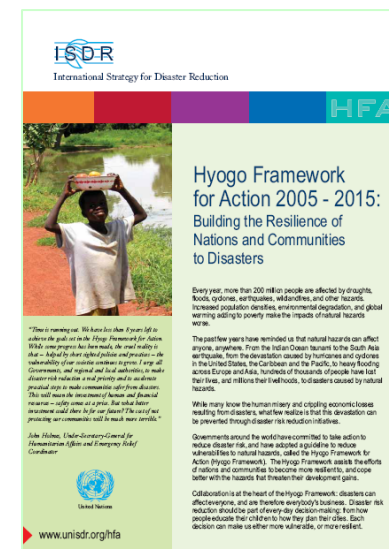
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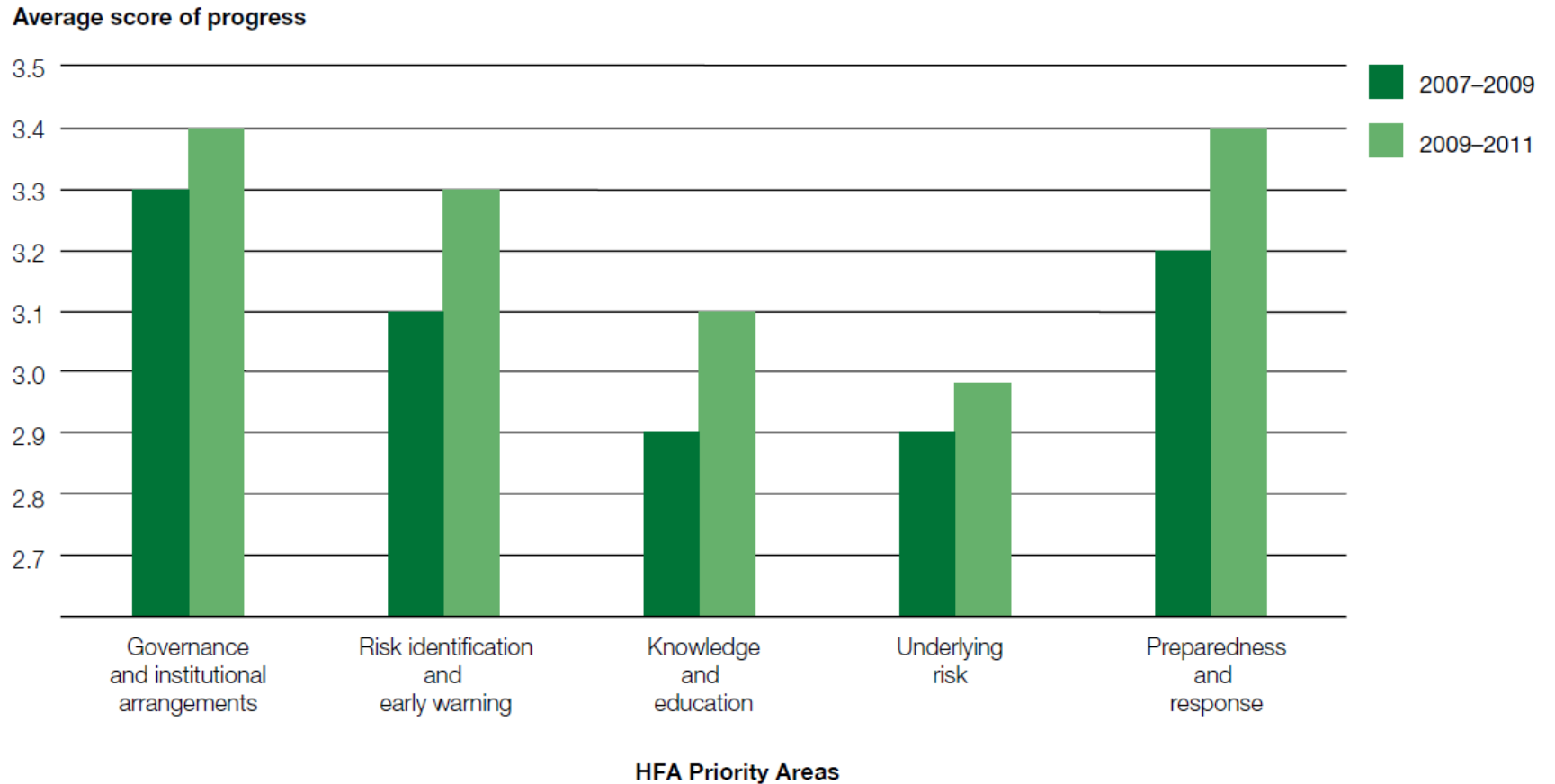
Hyogo Framework for Action: 5 priorities

Local adaptation

1. **Make DRR a priority:** Ensure that reducing disaster risk is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation
2. **Know the risks and take action:** Identify, assess and monitor disaster risk -urban risk assessments- and ensure early warning
3. **Build understanding and awareness:** Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels - PARTICIPATION
4. **Reduce risk:** Reduce underlying risk factors - PLAN AND ENFORCE
5. **Be prepared and ready to act:** Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels



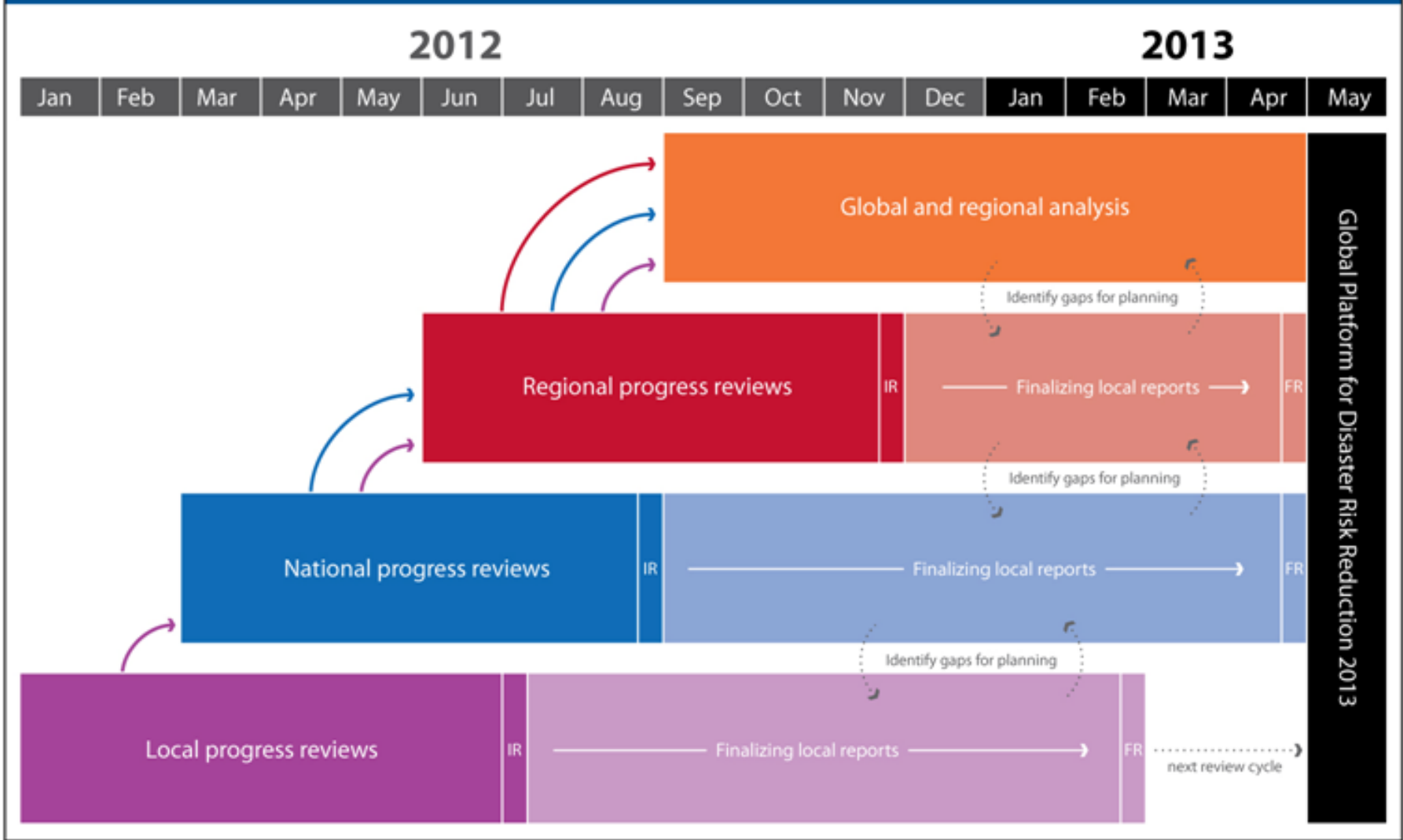
Mixed progress towards achieving the HFA



Reviewing progress at all levels

- Three separate but interlinked HFA review tools and methodologies for regional (and sub-regional), national and local levels
- Self-assessment through consultations with multiple stakeholders
- Led and owned by intergovernmental organisations, national and local governments respectively
- Reviewing their own progress and achievements, gaps and challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction efforts

Reviewing progress in disaster risk reduction: the 2011-2013 process of monitoring HFA progress at local, national and regional levels



IR - Interim Reporting FR - Final Reporting

Towards a post-2015 framework for **Disaster Risk Reduction**

BUILDING THE RESILIENCE OF NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES TO DISASTERS



Objectives

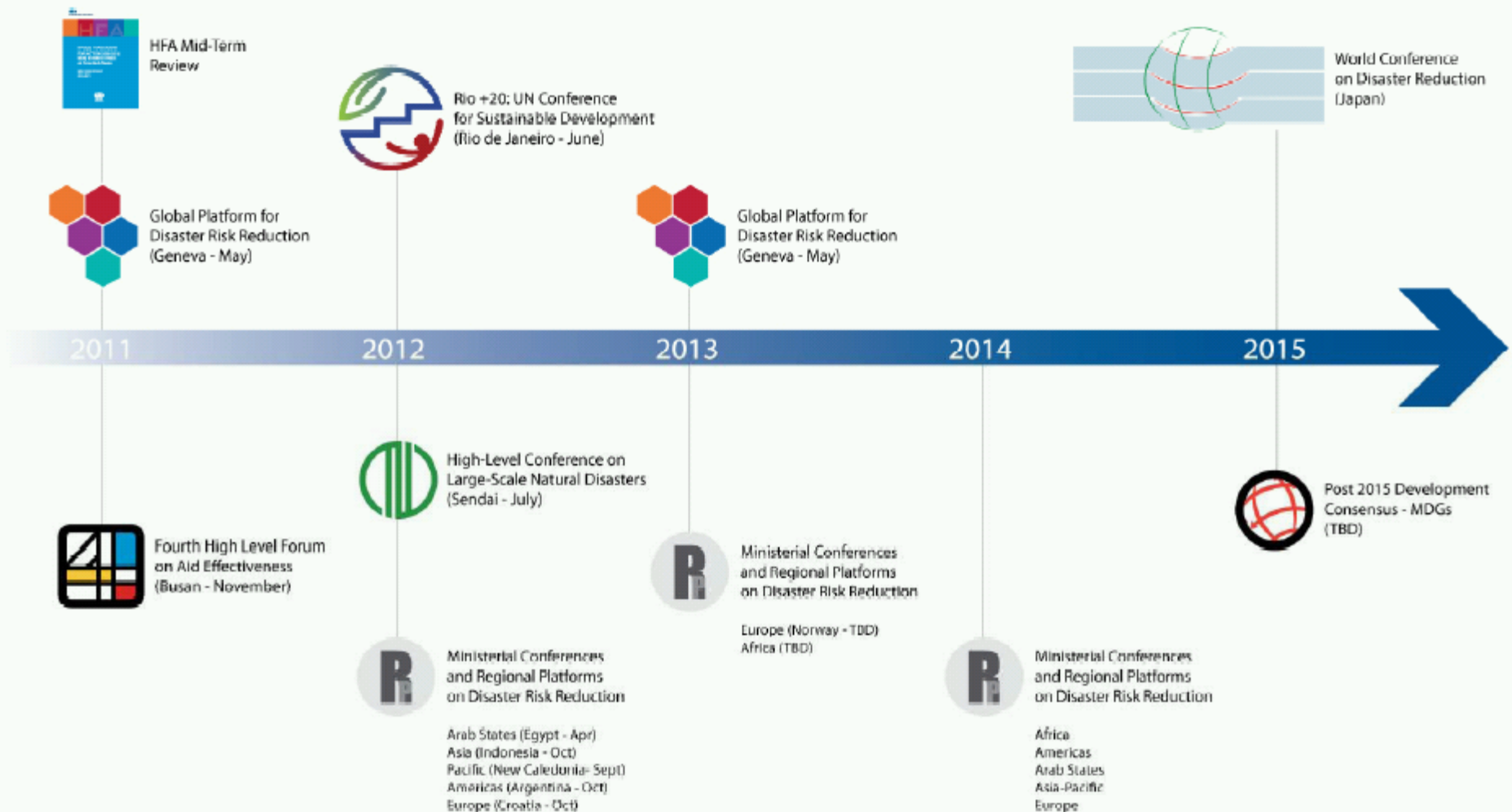
- Engage a wide range of stakeholders to secure their active participation and contribution to the preparatory process in developing a Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction
- Review success and lessons learnt, identify challenges and solutions to risk reduction and resilience building, especially at national and local levels
- Deepen understanding and knowledge of issues imperative to making socio-economic development resilient to the impact of natural hazards



United Nations
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Timeline of Main Events for Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Version: 16 February 2012



Note: These reflect the key milestone events for disaster risk reduction. Other events and consultation meetings will also be part of the process.

Approach

Consultation process: participatory and inclusive approach, involving all stakeholders, especially organizations at national and local levels through:

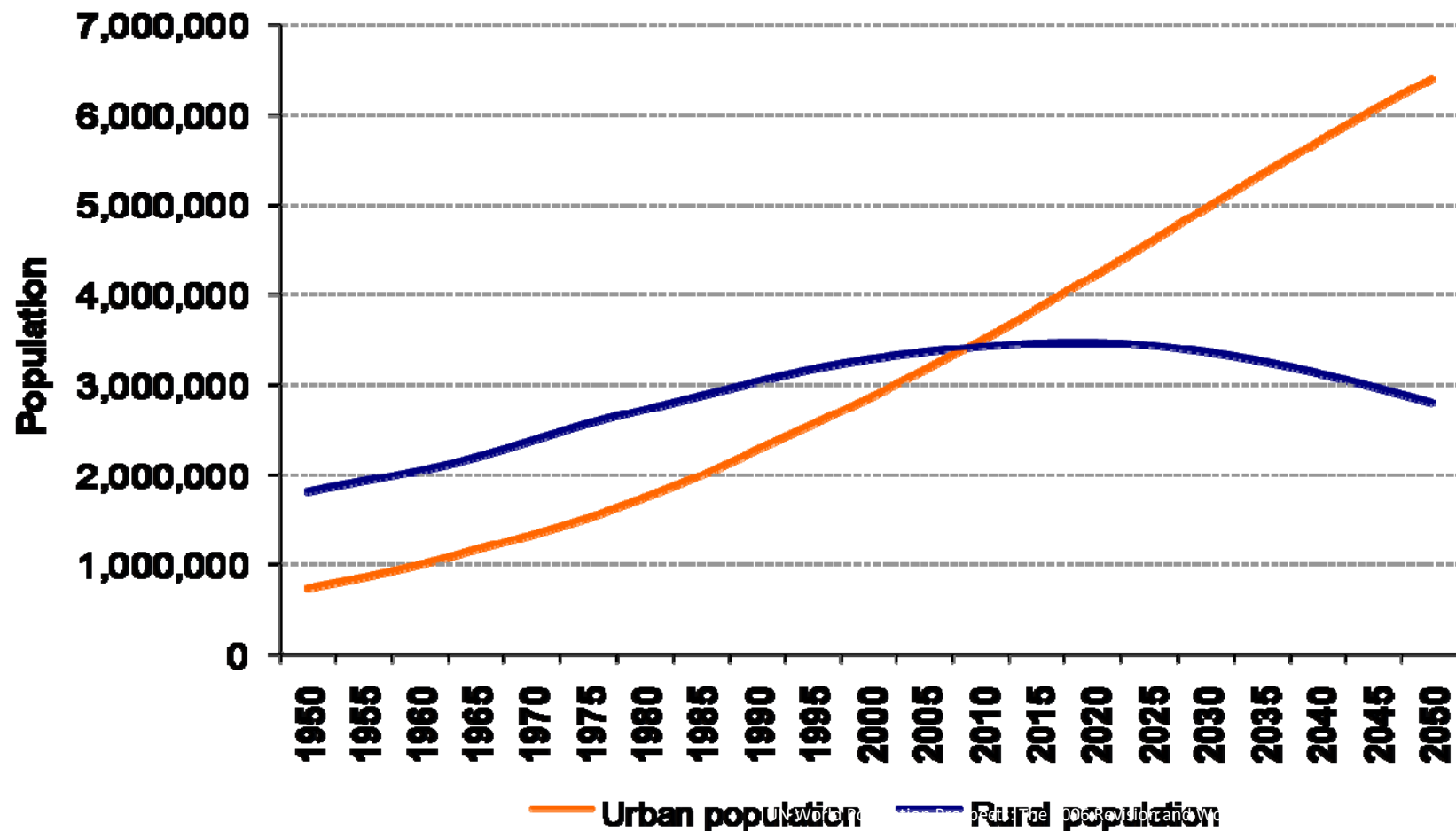
- Organizing consultative meetings
- Facilitating on-line discussions
- Organizing or participating in thematic consultations
- Integrating post-2015 consultations into major conferences related to DRR and development at all levels (*e.g. Regional Platform for DRR for the Americas, 26-28 November 2012, 7th CDM conference 2012*)

Detailed information available at:

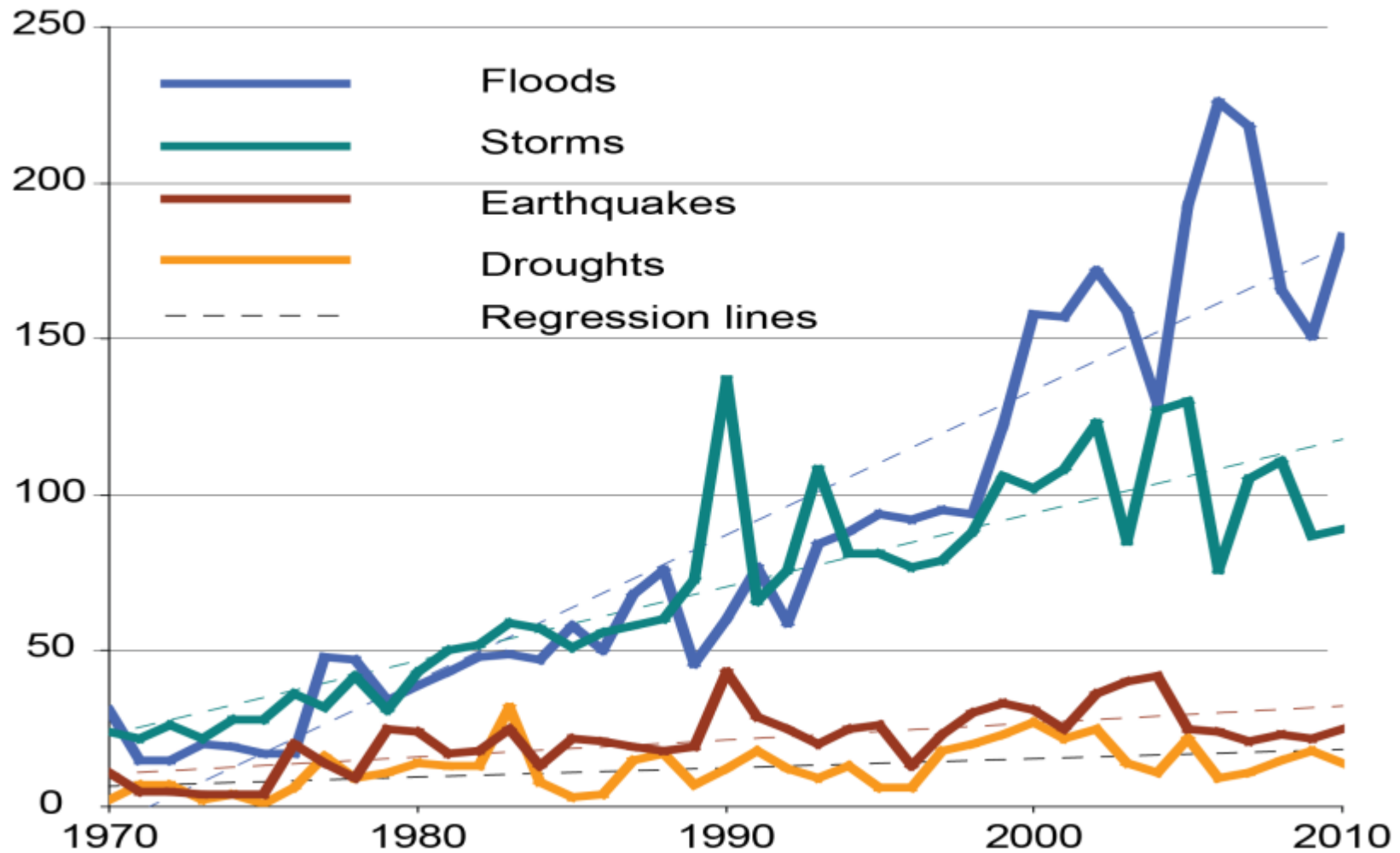
<http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/?pid:507&pif:3>

Over 50% of world population
live in urban settlements

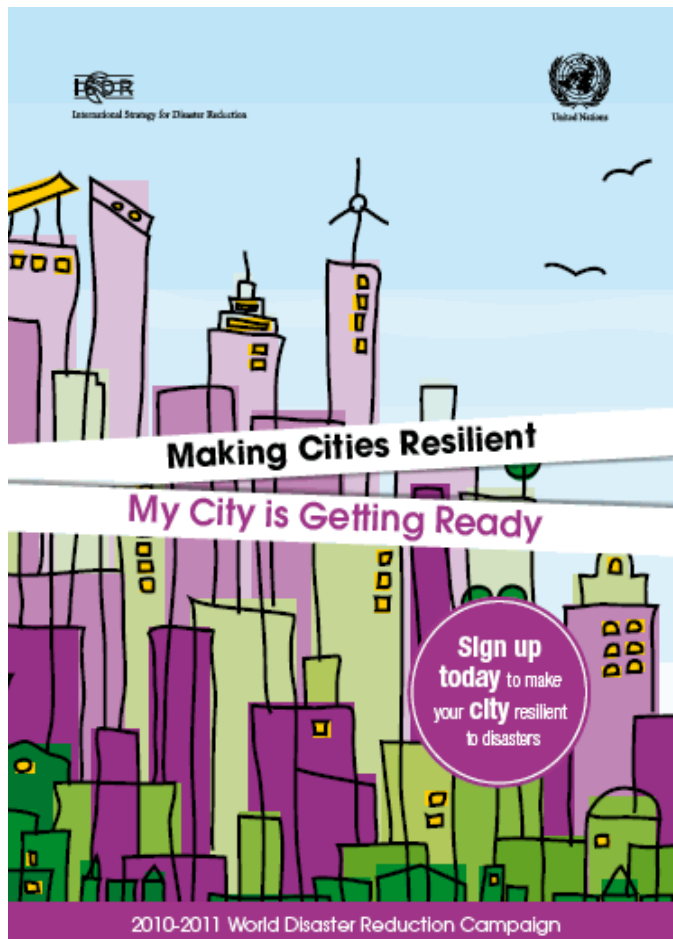
Prediction for 2030: 2 billion new urban habitants



Increase in economic loss and – increased vulnerability and exposure



Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready! 2010-2015



Objective

✓ Achieve resilient, sustainable urban communities through actions taken by local governments to reduce disaster risk



Know More



Invest Wisely



Build More Safely

Ten-Point Checklist - Essentials for Making Cities Resilient

- ✓ 1. Put in place **organization & coordination** to clarify everyone's roles & responsibilities.
- ✓ 2. **Assign a budget** & provide incentives for homeowners, low-income families, private sector to invest in risk reduction.
- ✓ 3. Update data on hazards & vulnerabilities, **prepare & share risk assessments**.
- ✓ 4. Invest in & maintain **critical infrastructure**, such as storm drainage.
- ✓ 5. Assess the **safety of all schools and health facilities** & upgrade these as necessary.



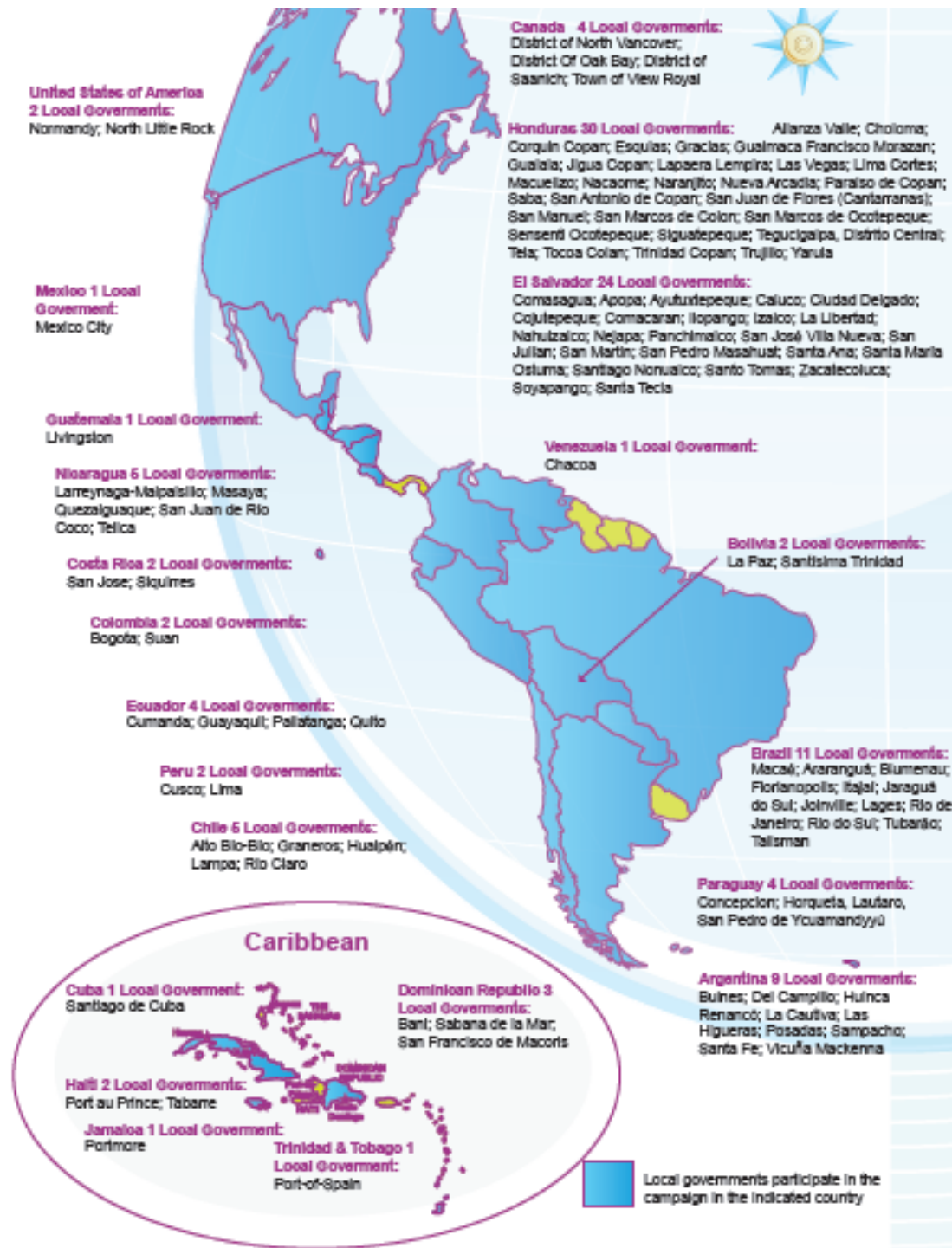
- ✓ 6. Enforce **risk-compliant building regulations & land use planning** principles, identify safe land for low-income citizens.
- ✓ 7. Ensure **education programmes & training** on disaster risk reduction are in place in schools and local communities.
- ✓ 8. **Protect ecosystems & natural buffers** to mitigate hazards, adapt to climate change.
- ✓ 9. Install **early warning systems & emergency management capacities**.
- ✓ 10. After any disaster, ensure that the **needs of the affected population are at the centre of reconstruction**.



Leadership in the campaign

- **“Participating Cities”**: Working in the field of disaster risk reduction and committing to implement at least one of the 10 essentials.
- **“Champions”**: Mayors, other local leaders, or Public figures, promoting the campaign and engaging other local governments.
- **“Role Models”**: Local Governments that can demonstrate achievements in at least 5 of the 10 essentials; willingness to share their experience with other local governments.
- **“Campaign partners”**: 8 Frameworks of Collaboration with national associations and federations of local governments, More than 20 regional campaign partners





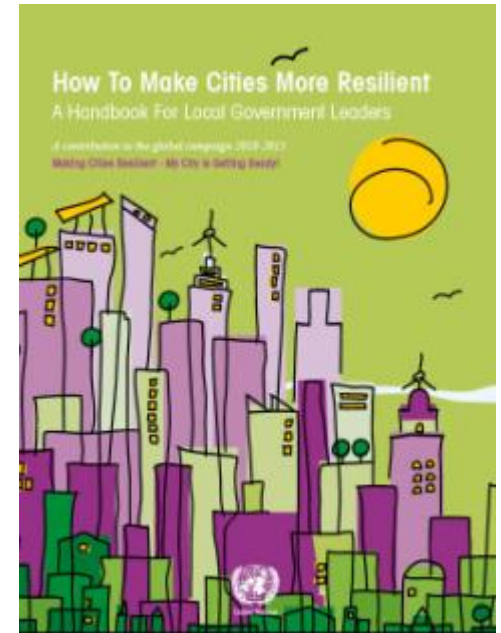
At Global Level:
1285 local
governments from 82
countries.

**Americas (Latin
America and
Caribbean): 181** local
governments from 23
countries

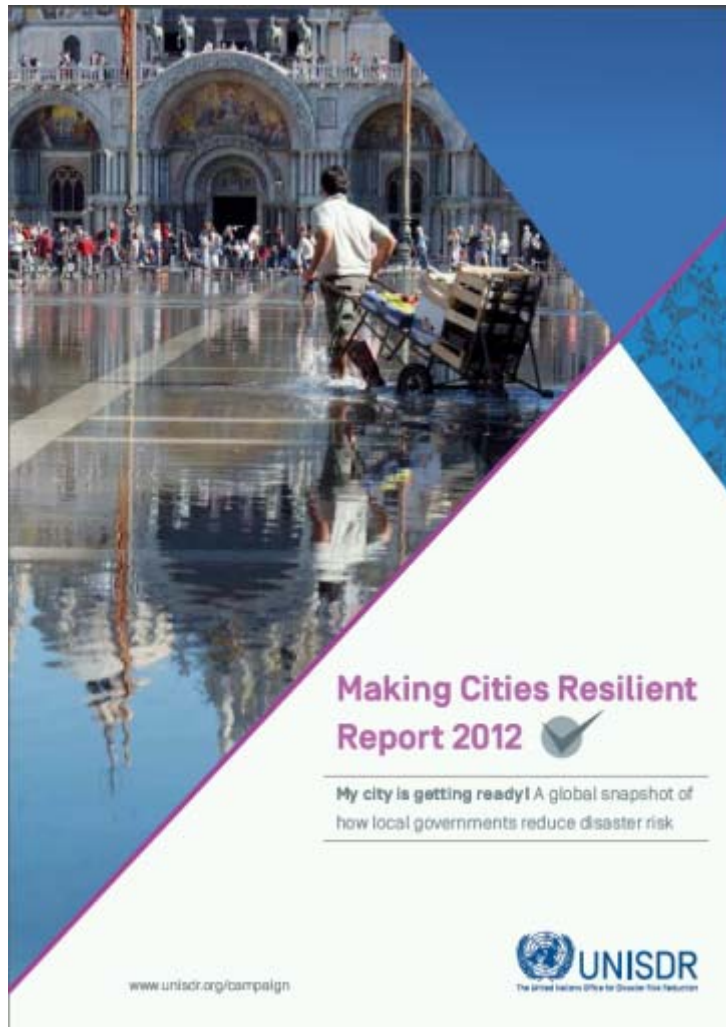
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Campaign Tools and mechanisms:

- ✓ **Handbook for local governments**
Guide on how to make cities more resilient
(contains: suggested action to be taken, good practices, tools, etc.)
- ✓ **Auto-evaluation for local governments / local HFA**
Tool to assess progress along the 10 essentials that helps in identifying gaps and opportunities; undertaken through multi-stakeholder involvement
- ✓ **Thematic Platform on Urban Risk in the Americas**
Platform that provides space for exchanging experiences
(city-to-city exchange, experiences and knowledge, etc.)



Making Cities Resilient Report 2012



- Snapshot of resilience building activities at the local level
- Identifies trends in the perceptions and approaches of local governments toward disaster risk reduction
- Focus on resilience: reflects a mounting recognition that disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development are inextricably linked
- Cities profiled in the report are signatories to the Campaign



Sign-up

My city is getting ready!

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