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Concept Note of Technical Session

Event title	Technical Session 6: Migration, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
Event code	TS 6
Date and Time	Tuesday, 28 March 2017, 09:00 – 11:00 hrs
Venue/ Room no.	Convention Center - Ground Floor
Organizers	<p>Lead: Zuhal KARAKOÇ DORA, Head of Strategy Development Department, AFAD</p> <p>Malte SCHÖNEFELD, Public Safety and Emergency Management of the Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany</p> <p>EFDRR Secretariat: Mechthilde FUHRER, Council of Europe, Deputy Executive Secretary , European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement;</p> <p>Members of the organizing team as Annex to the concept note (see bottom)</p>
Session Objectives	<p>The session will review and make recommendations concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk reduction strategies and actions to reduce migrants' vulnerability and exposure to risks; • Best practices on disaster risk management at regional, national and local levels in Europe; • Improving co-ordination between civil protection and other agencies supporting migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; • Engaging young people in civil society and in all phases of the disaster risk management cycle, including migrant youth. • Strategies for engaging with migrants and using their skills and capacities for disaster risk reduction.

<p>Background and context <i>(rational of the session)</i></p>	<p>Globally, more than 60 million people - refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) - are forcibly displaced by conflict, violence, disasters and human rights violations. This is the highest level of forced displacement since World War II. Internal displacement is a reliable barometer of the scale of humanitarian needs around the globe and last year there were 27.8 million displacements associated with conflict, violence and disasters in 127 countries including 19.2 million forced by natural hazards in 113 countries.</p> <p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction emphasizes a people-centred approach, reducing existing levels of risk and avoiding the creation of new risks which might trigger future displacements.</p> <p>Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees constitute a significant and growing proportion of the general population of countries in Europe. They have limited access to risk and prevention information, lacking the language of the country in which they are displaced; they may be unaware of local natural or technological risks known to the rest of the population.</p> <p>Acknowledging the vulnerability, it includes the active engagement of civil protection agencies to deliver services and increase risk awareness. Civil Protection are on the front line increasing support and capacity. They can play a fundamental role in increasing risk knowledge and view the opportunities presented by cultural knowledge and means of communication to allow the recognition of migrants. Migrants’ skills and coping capacities should also be recognised and utilised.</p> <p>Migrants must be included in disaster risk management efforts to reduce the impacts of hazards. Part of the prevention approach is to empower people particularly at the local level including coordination and consultation with migrants. Thereby, public policies on issues such as relocation of human settlements can be developed and implemented, in accordance with national laws and legal systems.</p>
<p>Session format and programme</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr Lorenzo Guadagno, Manager, Department of Operations and Emergencies, International Organization for Migration</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr. Mehmet Halis BILDEN, AFAD President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Panellist 1 - Sendai Framework and Human Rights: Ms Virginia Bras Gomes, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2. Panellist 2 - Good practice example on how to integrate migrants in disaster risk reduction activities – point of view the Civil Protection: Ms Ana Freitag, EUR-OPA Permanent Correspondents Chairperson, Civil Protection, Portugal

	<p>3. Panellist 3 - Examples on how Youth and Volunteers can contribute to sharing risk knowledge information to migrants – Ms Hala Mohammed, President of the Swedish Red Cross Youth and Vice-President of the Swedish Red Cross</p> <p>4. Panellist 4 - Example on European awareness campaign for all groups of the population - How do migrants and persons with disabilities develop a network for campaign?: Mr Mohamed Hannan, Coordinator, Disabled Peoples’ International- Europe, France</p> <p>5. Panellist 5 - Examples on tools available in building resilience to disasters for migrants: Mr Malte Schönefeld, University of Wuppertal, Germany</p> <p>Interventions from the floors envisioned</p>
<p>Intended main outcome and Key messages</p>	<p>Outcome: improved knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk reduction policies and strategies to support and protect migrants more effectively • the roles and activities of different agencies (civil protection and other) in implementing these policies and strategies • strategies and good practices for communicating with migrants and involving them in disaster preparedness and response <p>Key messages: The need for more co-ordinated, integrated and inclusive approaches to disaster risk reduction with regard to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees</p>

**List of
Speakers**

Mr Lorenzo Guadagno, Manager, Department of Operations and Emergencies, International Organization for Migration. Lorenzo Guadagno is managing the International Organization for Migration's project on "Reducing the vulnerability of migrants in emergencies". He has worked and published on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation with the International Organization for Migration, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and several United Nations entities. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Sannio (Benevento, Italy).

Mr Mehmet Halis BILDEN, Acting President of Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD). Mr Mehmet Halis Bilden is the Acting President of Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and he also works as Advisor to the Deputy Premiership Mr Veysi Kaynak. Previously, Mr Bilden has been the Head of Directorate-General of Personnel between 2005 and 2006 and Advisor to Higher Board of Commissioners during 2006-2007 at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock. His career began at the municipal level, first as a Control Engineer in Istanbul Pendik and Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipalities and then leading to the role of Deputy Mayor, responsible for technical affairs, in Seyhan Municipality, Adana. Mr Bilden has studied Engineering, Architecture and Business at Dicle University and TOBB University of Economics and Technology.

Ms Virginia Bras Gomes, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Senior social policy adviser in the Ministry of Employment, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal. Present Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. She was one of the co-rapporteurs of the Committee's General Comments nº 19, on the right to social security, and nº 23, on the right to just and favourable conditions of work. Member of the International Board of PWESCR (Programme for Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights); of the UNRISD Advisory Group for the project on Linking Social Protection and Human Rights; of the Board of the Portuguese UNICEF Committee; and of the National Committee for Human Rights. Faculty member of the Nottingham University Human Rights Law Centre Summer School (2008); of the UNDP Global Human Rights Community of Practice Meeting (2009); of the Leadership Institute in Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2011 to 2015). Invited expert at the Australian National University (2015). She has participated in a number of international conferences on economic, social and cultural rights, social security, and social development, and conducted training in treaty body reporting, on behalf of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Ms Ana Freitag, EUR-OPA Permanent Correspondent Chair Person, Civil Protection, Portugal. Anna Freitas began Working in 1998, in the Ministry of Solidarity, moving, in 2004, to the Ministry of Internal

Affairs, namely the National Authority for Civil Protection, to date. Currently, she represents ANPC in various international fora, such as the Civil Protection Group of the EU Council, the Committee of Permanent correspondents of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement, (EUR-OPA) etc, and, in cooperation with the Portuguese-speaking countries, is responsible for the civil protection technical cooperation project, and provides technical assistance within the framework of the Portuguese-speaking countries Fire-brigade Unions, among other duties.

Ms Hala Mohammed, President of the Swedish Red Cross Youth and Vice-President of the Swedish Red Cross. Hala Mohammed, President of the Swedish Red Cross Youth and the Vice president of the Swedish Red Cross. Hala Mohamed is also the Vice Chair of the Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Network, representing 1,5 Mio. young volunteers from 53 countries. She is working on the topic of migration and studied International Migration and Ethnic relations at the University of Malmö. Overall, she advocates on behalf of young volunteers and young migrants, especially regarding their specific needs. Hala has a background as a refugee herself.

Mr Mohamed Hannan, Coordinator (Coordination & Development); Disabled Peoples' International- Europe, France. Mr. He has been working within Disabled Peoples' organisations in the last 18 years (in Bangladesh and Europe) and worked on developing the approach "Persons with disabilities self-initiatives to Development (PSID)". (www.bpkssbd.org). He has worked in project planning, developing action plans, project implementation plans, in supervision, monitoring, and follow-up; especially disabled persons' self- initiatives programs of equal rights, equal access to all opportunities and full participation in national-building activities.

Mr Malte Schönefeld, Research Associate, University of Wuppertal. Malte Schönefeld, M.A. (Political Science), is a Research Associate at the Institute for Public Safety and Emergency Management (University of Wuppertal [UW], Germany). UW plays a particularly important role in establishing the societal dimensions of resilience, establishing social parameters for tool development and evaluating tools for societal acceptability. From 2013 to 2016, Mr Schönefeld was part of the project „Rescue – Aid – Culture“ at the University of Greifswald where he contributed to the establishment of a nation-wide cultural competence course for civil protection staff and volunteers. Previously he worked for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the International Department of the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief.

Annex 1: Organizing Team of the 2017 EFDRR Open Forum – Technical Session 6: Migration, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

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Annex 2: Reference on migrants within in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2020

Para 7. There has to be a broader and a more people-centred preventive approach to disaster risk. Disaster risk reduction practices need to be multi-hazard and multi-sectoral, inclusive and accessible in order to be efficient and effective. While recognizing their leading, regulatory and coordination role, Governments should engage with relevant stakeholders, including women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, poor people, migrants, indigenous peoples, volunteers, the community of practitioners and older persons in the design and implementation of policies, plans and standards. There is a need for the public and private sectors and civil society organizations, as well as academia and scientific and research institutions, to work more closely together and to create opportunities for collaboration, and for businesses to integrate disaster risk into their management practices.

Para 27 (h) To empower local authorities, as appropriate, through regulatory and financial means to work and coordinate with civil society, communities and indigenous peoples and migrants in disaster risk management at the local level;

Para 36 a (vi) Migrants contribute to the resilience of communities and societies, and their knowledge, skills and capacities can be useful in the design and implementation of disaster risk reduction;