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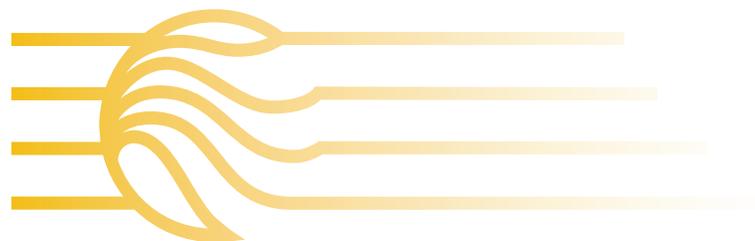
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DKKV at WCDRR

Commissioned by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), DKKV facilitated Germany's consultations on a new global framework agreement for disaster risk reduction, to be adopted at WCDRR. It conducted an online survey and organised a workshop with its members to gather the opinions and expectations of major stakeholders about the new global framework, and fed the German positions into the global UNISDR process.

In DKKV's view, the new framework should

- strengthen the integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with a focus on vulnerability,
- provide recommendations about how local communities – including the private sector, civil society and local governments – can be integrated into disaster risk reduction more effectively, and
- promote good governance and accountability, in order to make decisions in disaster risk reduction more transparent, to guarantee legal standards and make information publicly available.



German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV)

Germany's national platform for disaster risk reduction



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DKKV in brief

DKKV – a non-governmental organisation – is Germany's competence centre for national and international disaster risk reduction. Its membership covers all levels and fields of disaster risk reduction in Germany – from a local citizens' group engaged in flood protection to aid agencies, leading scientific institutions, federal ministries and national media. Together, they make up DKKV's General Assembly and its Scientific and Operational Boards.

With its integrated approach, the Committee provides a unique framework for its stakeholders to link their research, policy and action, exchange lessons learned, cooperate and inspire – at the interface between science and practice and on an interdisciplinary basis. This contributes to DKKV's distinctive multi-angle perspective on disaster risks and its ability to offer a broad range of innovative solutions for their mitigation.

DKKV is funded from membership fees and grants from the German Federal Foreign Office. In addition, DKKV implements projects for national and European Union donors.

National tasks

In Germany, DKKV

- supports the transfer of knowledge from science to policy and practice and vice versa,
- provides forums for expert dialogues, networking and cooperation,
- raises awareness among professionals, the media and the general public,
- advises policy actors, research institutions, aid organisations and state and non-governmental emergency response agencies,
- promotes scientific and technical innovation with a focus on interdisciplinary research, and
- implements projects in disaster risk reduction.

Global tasks

At the global level, DKKV

- strengthens transboundary disaster risk reduction by cooperating with other national platforms in Europe and beyond,
- supports national platforms in disaster-prone developing countries to increase their resilience to natural and man-made disasters,
- implements DRR projects in less developed countries,
- lobbies for an integrated approach to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation,
- promotes global policies on disaster risks, such as the Hyogo Framework for Action follow-up, the United Nations climate process and the Sustainable Development Goals, and
- is engaged in the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul in 2016.