

HELP Workshop “Implementing DRR Recommendation of HLPW Outcome Document” The Summary of the workshop followed by the Minutes of the Meeting

4 May 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

HELP Workshop “Implementing DRR Recommendation of HLPW Outcome Document” was held on 4 May 2018 at the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. The workshop was co-hosted by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), and was attended by 31 participants from HELP member organizations, representing national governments, international organizations, academia, civil society and private sectors and 14 participants from 13 Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva.

Opening of the Meeting

Dr. Han Seung-soo, the Advisor of HLPW and the Chair of HELP, gave the opening speech, followed by the keynote speech by H.E. Ms. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, former President of Mauritius and former Co-Chair of High-Level Panel on Water (HLPW).

Briefing on HLPW Outcome Documents

The participants were briefed on the HLPW Outcome Document “Making Every Drop Count”, by Dr. Hiroki, the Sherpa of HLPW. The objectives, members, outcomes of the two-year activities of HLPW and 11 key recommendations in the Outcome document “Making Every Drop Count” were introduced.

Panel Discussions

The Panel Sessions consisted of three sessions; 1) Dialogue on ways to realize the recommendations of the HLPW Outcome Document, 2) Roles of the Alliance of Alliances in promotion of integrated research and 3) Roles of the Alliance of Alliances in promotion of education and capacity building.

Session 1: Dialogue on ways to realize the recommendations of the HLPW Outcome Document

Ahead of Session 1, Professor Toshio Koike, HELP Advisor presented his keynote presentation where he discussed how Science & Technology can contribute to Resilient Economies, Societies & Disaster Risk Reduction. Representatives of HELP organizations were called upon to participate in the panel discussion on ways to implement the recommendations of the HLPW Outcome Document. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Hiroki, the Sherpa of HLPW. During the discussion, panelists presented examples and projects from their country / organizations related to disaster risk reduction. The session was followed by a video presentation about the Giant Sea Wall Project in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Session 2: Roles of the Alliance of Alliances in promotion of integrated research

Ahead of Session 2, Professor Gretchen Kalonji, HELP Advisor made her keynote presentation, introducing the role, objectives, champion organizations and project plans of Alliance of Alliances. Five Members of HELP and representatives of HELP organizations were called upon to the panel discussion on the roles of the Alliance of Alliances to promote integrated research. The discussion was moderated by Professor Toshio Koike, HELP Advisor. At this discussion, panelists presented the activities, programs and projects that their organizations would contribute and possible collaborations with the Alliance of Alliances.

Session 3: Roles of the Alliance of Alliances in promotion of education and capacity building

Ahead of Session 3, Dr. Kenzo Hiroki, HELP Coordinator gave his keynote presentation on the recommended multilateral dialogues, based on an analysis of types and categories of meetings. Four Members of HELP, representatives of HELP organizations and guests were called upon to the panel to discuss the role of the Alliance of Alliances in promoting education and capacity building. The discussion was moderated by Professor Gretchen Kalonji, HELP Advisor. At this discussion,

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collaboration between networks, importance of capacity building, innovation of higher education and involvement of end users into the network process were discussed.

End of the summary of the workshop

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