



# The Humanitarian Consequences of Climate Change

## Red Cross/Red Crescent work conference

### Programme

26-28 June 2007

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evening:

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From 26-28 June 2007 the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre will host the work conference 'The humanitarian consequences of climate change'.

The *aim* of the work conference is to:

- Facilitate efforts by Red Cross/Red Crescent (RC/RC) National Societies to integrate climate change related risks in their planning and programs.
- Share the first experiences within the Preparedness for Climate Change program and other climate change and disaster risk reduction programs of RC/RC national societies;
- Discuss common issues like understanding the risks of climate change and raising awareness about these risks; integrating climate change risks in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA); community based disaster preparedness programs; disaster contingency planning; cooperating with national and regional climate change knowledge centres, governments and other partners; strengthening the cooperation among RC/RC national societies on climate change issues, etc.;
- Work towards a "toolkit" of guidance and experiences for use by all NSs (and other partners), to be published at the occasion of the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Conference in November 2007
- Prepare for the 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference in November 2007. What is our message to the Movement and governments?

The conference will bring together people from many National Societies from developing countries who are now working on climate change, as well as Federation and PNS delegates from around the world, and, for the open part of the work conference, representatives from other NGOs and international organizations working on climate change.

*Context:*

The world is waking up to the risks of climate change. This is reflected in newspaper headlines, statements from world leaders, interest from the public, and not the least by rising concerns within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. This year, climate change featured prominently at the launch of the IFRC-appeal, and the IFRC also released a special media package for the launch of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) working group 2 report on April 6.

Many national societies have found their way to the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre for advice or to participate in the Preparedness for Climate Change program. Furthermore the humanitarian consequences of climate change will be addressed at the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in November 2007.

This is also the year we want to take stock of the first five years of experiences by the Red Cross/Red Crescent family in addressing the risks of climate change and to report these experiences and lessons learned to the International Conference in November to inspire others to address the risks of climate change in the years to come. Many other organizations are also starting to address the risks of climate change in their regular work, and some of them will join us to share their experiences and ideas, to reflect on common challenges and opportunities, and to strengthen partnerships.

We hope that the learning process during the workconference will lead to guidelines, case studies, do's and don'ts and most of all inspiration to continue working together in the years to come.

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### Monday 25 June 2007

Time	
Whole day	<b>Arrival of participants in Scheveningen</b>
19.30	<b>Dinner at Bora Bora beach pavilion in Scheveningen</b> <b>Word of welcome by Marc Hofstra, Director NLRC</b> <b>Introduction of participants</b>

### Tuesday 26 June 2007

Time	
09.00	<b>Registration of participants</b> Museum for Communication
09.30	<b>Chair: Pablo Suarez, Climate Centre</b> <b>Opening of the conference by Ibrahim Osman, Dep. Sec. Gen. of the IFRC</b>
10.00	<b>Poster presentation</b> of the individual participants. <b>Who are you, where do you come from, what do you do, what do you expect from the conference?</b>
10.40	<b>Introduction to the Conference by Madeleen Helmer, head of the RC Climate centre</b>
10.50	<b>Introduction of the toolkit 'Preparedness for Climate Change (worktitle) by Alex Wynther and his team</b>
11.00	<b>Introduction to the IPCC WG 1 report on the science of climate change, facilitated by Maarten van Aalst, RC Climate Centre</b>
	<b>Introduction to the IPCC WG 2 report, on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation facilitated by Ian Burton, advisor to the RC Climate Centre</b>
	<b>Introduction to the international policy development on the humanitarian consequences of climate change facilitated by Saleemul Huq (director climate change –IIED London)</b>
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00	<b>Poster presentations of the programs of the participating National Societies with the following elements: country; year (or in the last year: month) the NS started with CC related program; what you have done; what were the successes; challenges and wish list.</b> <b>Participants are invited to bring as many pictures, posters, brochures, tools, videos and other material that illustrate what you have been doing. There will be material to make your posters.</b>  <i>Nominations for the RC Climate centre award for the most inspiring action.</i>
15.30	<b>Tea break and 'Preparedness for Climate change', a play in four scenes by RC Climate Centre staff</b>

16.00	<b>Continued poster presentations</b>
17.00	<b>Closing remarks by Mr. Ed Nijpels , chairman of the RC/RC Climate centre</b>
19.30	<b>Dinner at Bora-Bora beach pavilion Scheveningen</b>

### Wednesday 27 June 2007

Time	
9.00	<p><b>Plenary session with sharing of observations of the main characteristics, successes and challenges of the climate-change and disaster-preparedness programs based on the poster presentations on Tuesday, by 2 representatives of the National Societies.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
	<p><b>Documenting RC experiences in addressing climate change risks for the vulnerable people.</b></p> <p>The main outcome document of this conference will be a 'guide' for all National Societies with general and thematic information on the humanitarian consequences of climate change; guidelines and practical examples from within the RC/RC. These themes will be discussed in workshop sessions, which will include presentations on the draft guidance (step-by-step guide, checklists, list of options) to NSs.</p> <p><b>The thematic modules identified are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Getting started: understanding the implications of climate change for a national society.</li> <li>2. Disaster Management</li> <li>3. Health and Care</li> <li>4. Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction and VCAs</li> <li>5. Communicating climate change</li> <li>6. Dialogue with government</li> </ol> <p>Another important element of the guide will be the experiences of NSses present at the work conference. The Climate centre's 'toolkit team', <b>John Sparrow, Alex Wynter and Caroline de Jong</b> will interview all participants to collect experiences and lessons learned to be used as illustrations in the toolkit modules.</p> <p><b>Participants will be divided in 6 groups and each group will discuss three topics during the day.</b></p>
10.00	<b>Introduction of the 6 modules</b>
10.30	<b>First session</b>
12.00	<b>Second session</b>
13.00	<b>Lunch</b>

14.00	<b>Continuation second session</b>
15.00	<b>Third session</b>
17.00	<b>Round up of the day</b>
19.30	<b>Diner at Bora Bora beach pavilion</b>

### Thursday 28 June 2007

Time	Event
09:00	<b>Presentation on the process towards the International RC Meetings in November.</b>
09:30	<b>Introduction to workgroup discussions</b> <b>Workgroup 1: how to strengthen the cooperation among RC NSses at regional level?</b> <b>Workgroup 2: The support role of the RC Climate centre, what can/should be improved</b>
11.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30	<b>Workgroup 3: Mobilization of resources for climate change reduction programs</b> <b>Workgroup 4: Learning from our experience: how do we measure whether we succeed?</b>
12.45	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00	<b>Workgroup 5: cooperation with other civil society organizations</b> <b>Workgroup 6: what should be the CC related outcomes of the International meetings in November ?</b>
15.00	<b>Teabreak</b>
15:30	<b>Final plenary session</b> <b>Draft outcome document of this conference presented and discussed</b> <b>Presentation of the award of the most inspiring climate change action.</b> <b>Evaluation of the work conference</b>
17.15	<b>End of the conference</b>
19.30	<b>Dinner at Bora Bora Beach pavilion and farewell singing</b>

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