



African Union & Partners for Resilience, Side Event

Global Platform for DRR, 5th session, 22-26 May, Cancun, Mexico

Theme | Response & recovery from El Niño Impacts: Is Africa learning from past disasters?

Wednesday, 24 May 2017, 13.30-14.25
Venue: EXPO 4

Abstract | The impact of the 2015/16 El Niño, amplified by climate change, was far-reaching and led to extensive drought in eastern and southern Africa, exposing more than 60 million people to food insecurity and a disruption of markets, water and sanitation, education, health, infrastructure, peace and security, and social cohesion. There is no lack of lessons on what needs to be done for Africa to strengthen its ability to cope with climate-change related risks. There is convincing scientific evidence that such extreme and intense climate events are likely to repeat with obvious humanitarian impacts in most regions of Africa, there is compelling need for Africa to use lessons from past disasters to strengthen its future preparedness, response and recovery efforts. This interactive side-event will explore how to mainstream humanitarian responses to long-term resilience of communities and enhance knowledge on effective mitigation, response and recovery policies and best practices.

Facilitation

Ms. Mwape Thandie, Humanitarian Diplomacy Coordinator, Partners for Resilience

Panelists

- E. Mrs. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner, Department Rural economy, African Union Commission
- H.E. Mr. Francesco Rocca, Vice President, International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Society
- H.E. Mr. Mitiku, Kassa, Commissioner/State Minister, Disaster Risk Management & Food Security Sector.
- Mr. Keflemariam Sebhatu, Head Disaster Risk Reduction, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD)
- Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction Division at the Economic Community for West Africa States (ECOWAS) Commission.
- Mr. Papa Zoumana Diarra, Head Contingency Planning Division at the African Risk Capacity, South Africa
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