



Community
Practitioners
Platform
for Resilience

LOCAL MECHANISMS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT
Practitioner-Policy Dialogue Workshop
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The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. As part of the Strategy, the Community Practitioners Platform on Resilience aims to build a constituency of community based organizations and networks of grassroots women who will be recognized stakeholders and advisers to UNISDR on advancing the local implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action. Huairou Commission and GROOTS International were invited by UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to lead this Community Practitioners' Platform for Resilience. This formal networking and advocacy space represents a unique opportunity for community level representatives living and working in poor communities, affected by disaster and climate change to play a key role in agenda-setting and influencing ISDR's strategic plans and the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in May 2011.

The Alliance for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, India was launched in late 2007 as a civil society network that bridges communities living and working in disaster prone areas to policymakers. The Community Practitioners Platform and Alliance are thus jointly convening this practitioner-policy dialogue to catalyze collaborative initiatives among grassroots organizations and institutional actors who represent major development, adaptation and risk reduction programs.

This one-day practitioner-policy dialogue jointly organized by the Alliance for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in and Community Practitioners Platform for Resilience will convene 30 community practitioners, NGO leaders with policy makers to analyze locally focused pro-poor mechanisms to advance climate resilient development. The goal of the dialogue is to analyze these mechanisms and identify mechanisms through which local initiatives can be scaled up and mainstreamed into development, poverty reduction, adaptation and disaster reduction programs. Existing innovative mechanisms for advancing pro-poor, gender equitable resilient development will be presented:

1. **Community Disaster Resilience Fund:** Small funds given directly to grassroots women's organizations for demonstrating their capacities to reduce community vulnerability to disaster
2. **Learning and action networks:** grassroots networks for transferring and scaling up community innovations.
3. **Partnerships for mainstreaming DRR/climate adaptation into development programs:** Multi stakeholder partnerships that promote pro poor and climate resilient development by re-designing and shifting allocations within existing poverty reduction, development, adaptation and DRR programs.

The outcomes of this dialogue will also feed into the recommendations that the Community Practitioners Platform will advocate for at the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction convened by UN ISDR in Geneva in May 2011.



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