



4th Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster Related Statistics

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Proceedings and Select outcomes



Forum Goals

- **Experience sharing:** Build on the success of prior forums, in facilitating knowledge exchange on the production and use of disaster-related statistics;
- **Coordination of efforts:** Identify important emerging areas of work which should be considered in the work programme of the IAEG-DRS;
- **Toward a Disaster-Related Statistics Framework:** formulate conclusions and recommendations for improving statistical frameworks and methodologies for disaster-related statistics, in particular for the development of the Global Framework on Disaster-related Statistics.



Agenda:

Session 1:	Scene-Setting
Session 2:	Current Landscape of Disaster Statistics
Session 3:	Collaboration & Partnerships
Session 4:	Communicating Disaster Statistics for Effective Decision-Making
Session 5:	Strengthening Capacity and Resources: Financing, Technology, and Capacity Development
Session 6:	Conclusions and Closing
Associate Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Warning Systems • Disaster Data and Statistics for Climate Change Adaptation • Roles of “quick and dirty data” and official statistics • Civil Registration and Disasters in Africa

Highlights:

- 145 participants, including 90 in-person; 49 countries.
- Mixed profiles: NDMAs, NSOs, UN, private sector, etc..
- Fed into Africa's StatCom, UNGGIM-Africa





Key Takeaways:

Session 2: Current Landscape

- A global framework for disaster-related statistics is needed to guide key data needs, standardize data collection, analysis, and dissemination, and harmonize definitions, terms, and concepts.
- National statistical systems must integrate new and innovative technologies across all phases of data production, toward improving prediction and streamline analysis and modelling, and reduce disaster response times
- Incorporate a geospatial dimension!



Key Takeaways:

Session 3: Partnerships

- Clarification of partnerships [common?] goals, coordination mechanisms, and mutual understanding / interoperability of systems
- Data governance is supreme: Official statistics to be considered as part of the “disaster-related data ecosystem” by all partners
- Missed opportunities: levers for DRR / sustainable development work.

Key Takeaways:

Session 4: Communicating for Impact

- Data accessibility / sensitivity
- Challenges in understanding shared / common information
- Trust in Data; data security
- Understanding your audience.



Key Takeaways:

Session 5: Capacity & Resources

- Budgetary allotments for DRS, needed resources & financing mix – dedicated strategies as a part of broader DRS work;
- Common approaches to technology, particularly remote sensing and GIS
- Increasing capacity gaps: between potential applications and realities

Way Forward

- Report fourthcoming
- Creation of the Disaster-related statistics framework
- Socialization of the framework, toward the 5th Expert Group Forum
- <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/fourth-global-expert-forum-producers-and-users-disaster-related-statistics>