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**German Committee for Disaster Reduction**  
*within the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)*

**Subject: Submission on views and information on the effectiveness of the Nairobi Work Programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities**

**Background**

The German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV) contributed to the Nairobi Work Programme's (NWP) development, contributed expertise and text to NWP technical papers and reports, and participated with presentations at NWP workshops. In concrete terms DKKV:

- Developed to studies on the effects of Climate Change and linkages to DRR “Refining the agenda – Humanitarian Assistance in Times of Climate Change” and “Adaptive Disaster Risk reduction – Enhancing Methods and Tools of DRR in the light of Climate Change”
- A side event on inter linkages and need for integration of DRR and CCA was organized at the Global Platform 2011.
- A concept for the integration of Climate Change into the project planning of NGO was developed (Climate Proofing).
- Together with our partner National platforms from Czech Republic, France and Poland a European funded project is carried out (REX-Integrated Prevention) which analyses on specific case studies if past natural extremes caused disasters because threshold designs were surpassed.

NWP has served as an important forum to promote the recognition among the Parties to the UNFCCC that disaster risk reduction measures form a core component of adaptation to climate change—they provide the “first line of defense” against the harmful impacts of climate change.

The NWP's nine areas of work correspond closely with the five priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Almost all of the UNFCCC Parties have also signed HFA. The NWP has facilitated collaboration between the ISDR and UNFCCC secretariats and provided a single efficient medium through which Parties can access information on disaster risk reduction technologies and best practices and understand their relevance for adaptation.

**The way ahead**

DKKV would like to reiterate the suggestions submitted in August last year, especially to further the integration of disaster risk reduction by partnering of UNFCCC Focal Points and ISDR National Platforms and HFA Focal points on the country level.

The NWP is a mechanism that is already recognized by parties and partners, and an accurate measure of its effectiveness will be possible after adaptation has become more “operational”—i.e., after the Parties have had the opportunity to see if the NWP sufficiently meets their adaptation needs. Therefore, the mandate of the NWP should be considered by parties to become further extended. Only then it is possible to establish an effective mechanism of cross fertilization between the scientific/technical expertise and the operational aspects of the realization of the adaptation funding system. The effectiveness of any of the operational project work needs the accompanying methodological developments within the UNFCCC-process only coverable by the NWP.

DKKV would like to recommend to develop under the auspices of the NWP tools allowing to evaluate operational work. This is already covered but in a non-focused way in the existing 9 fields of work of the NWP.

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