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Committee on DRR
Major recommendations

- Promote regional cooperative mechanisms and knowledge-sharing arrangements for disaster risk reduction, including on ICT and space technologies
- Enhance regional cooperation to prepare for the natural hazards resulting from climate change and requested that the secretariat facilitate such efforts in the region

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Major recommendations

- Establish the Asia-Pacific gateway for disaster risk reduction and development

Regional platform for information sharing and partnerships to assist countries with policies and programmes that deliver economic and social benefits and to ensure that DRR and CCA are integrated with development

- Work programme 2010-2011: regional workshop on the Asia-Pacific gateway for disaster risk reduction and development

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- Issue a publication focusing on best practices and lessons learned in various aspects of disaster risk reduction and management in the Asia-Pacific region

HLRT: Asia-Pacific disaster report - on best practices and lessons learned from specific national efforts, regional cooperation, trends and major events, economic and social analyses, disaster recovery programmes

- Collaboration with UNISDR, other UN entities, regional and subregional organizations


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