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**Subject: Invitation to the Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 22-25 October 2012, Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

The Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is scheduled to be hosted from 22 to 25 October 2012 at Jogjakarta Expo Centre (JEC) at Jalan Raya Janti in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Pre-conference events are organized on Monday 22 October 2012, by the conference partners.

The theme of the conference “Strengthening Local Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction, will place specific focus on Integrating local level disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into national development planning; Local risk assessment and financing; and Strengthening local risk governance and partnership.

The ‘bi-annual’ Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction provides a unique opportunity where Governments, local governments and stakeholder groups can reaffirm their commitment towards the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action by exchanging valuable experiences and successful practices.

We take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the conference and benefit from your experience and expertise. Specifically, Mayors and Local Government Leaders are invited to:

1. A Pre-conference Meeting of Mayors and Local Government Leaders at 8.30 – 12.30 on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Jalan Raya Janti. The meeting objective is seek inputs from Mayors and Local Government Leaders for the preparation of the Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (Post HFA)
2. A discussion at the pre-conference meeting and also throughout the conference, as required, the Statement of Mayors and Local Government Leaders to the 5<sup>th</sup> AMCDRR.

Please find enclosed 1) the draft Statement of Mayors and Local Government Leaders, which was prepared based on a survey of local governments and a discussion of 50 Mayors and local government representatives at a meeting on 10th July 2012 in Surabaya, Indonesia; and 2) the concept note of the Pre-conference meeting of Mayors and Local Government Leaders.

**Honorable Mayors  
and Leaders of Local Governments  
Countries in Asia and the Pacific**

We will be grateful if you would kindly confirm your participation by registering online at the conference website [www.5thamcdrr-indonesia.net](http://www.5thamcdrr-indonesia.net). Kindly note that the organizers will not be able to cover the cost of participation of all invited partners, and that support will be decided on a case by case basis. Further details regarding sponsorship can be found on the event registration website.

Kindly also inform Ms. Pham Thanh Hang, Programme Officer of UNISDR Asia Pacific of your intention to attend the conference and the pre-conference meeting of Mayors and Local Government Leaders. Ms. Hang can be contacted at email: [phamh@un.org](mailto:phamh@un.org), telephone: +662 288 2864 (with copy to Ms. Nasikarn Nitiprapathananun at email: [Nitiprapathananun@un.org](mailto:Nitiprapathananun@un.org), telephone: +662 288 2749)

We look forward to receiving a positive response to this invitation.

With best regards,



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