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SIDE EVENT at the Global Platform for DRR, 5th session, 22-26 May, Cancun, Mexico

Theme I A fundamental shift in DRR: integrating ecosystem-based solutions with climate and development dimensions

Wednesday, 24 May 2017, 13.30-14.25
Venue: Sunrise 10

Abstract I Disaster risks can be reduced if ecosystem-based solutions are integrated into DRR, climate change adaptation and sustainable development planning. A full understanding of root causes to risk across the landscape and how we manage land and water resources is central to sustainability and resilience. Ecosystems globally are under pressure. We need initiatives that can transform whole landscapes into safer and more prosperous environments. However, there is a major gap in terms of implementation at scale, and 'business as usual' approaches in terms of major water infrastructure and coastal defence prevail. but what does it take to speed up implementation on the ground? We will share promising examples and identify different components of a forward-looking plan.

Programme

- Opening and introductions by moderator: Jane Madgwick, CEO Wetlands International
- Status quo ecosystem based DRR: Fabrice Renaud, United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
- Needs, barriers and opportunities for scaling up
 - o Juriaan Lahr, Netherlands Red Cross, PfR steering group chair
 - o Javier Gonz ales Iwanciw, Helvetas Swiss Inter-cooperation Bolivia
- Multilateral collaboration and financing. Discussion with:
 - o Margaret Arnold, Senior Social Development Specialist with the World Bank
 - o Francis Ghesquiere, Head of the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)
 - o Mrs Shukri AHMED, FAO Deputy Strategic Programme Leader on Resilience
- Reflections by Ms. Joy Navarro, Ecosystems Management Section DENR - Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Philippines
- Reflections from the audience
- Closing remarks by the moderator