



## UNOPS DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FOR RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

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The underlying purpose of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) efforts is to influence policy, planning and practice in how development assistance is identified, designed and implemented. In practice, this is achieved through the creation of a risk-based culture, establishing risk and vulnerability analysis processes, enhancing capacity and technology, and facilitating access to risk information.

### UNOPS APPROACH TO DRR

UNOPS has developed a Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience (DRR4R) strategy to support the organization in meeting its commitments and aligning the organization's programmes within global DRR frameworks. This includes the framework that will come out of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2015. To date, the existing global frameworks are:

- United Nations Plan of Action on DRR for Resilience
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- World Humanitarian Summit

### KEY MESSAGES

#### What?

DRR4R is a risk management philosophy that aims to influence policy, planning and practice at all levels to enhance the likelihood of more sustainable and resilient project and programme outputs, contributing to the development goals of UNOPS partners.

#### How?

DRR4R entails the review and adjustment of existing strategies, initiatives and tools. It should be implemented as much as possible as a seamless process within core business activities and programmes.

#### Why?

In order to deliver on these commitments, UNOPS must examine what they mean in terms of transformational shifts in current core-business thinking, practices and resource prioritization.

**“Disaster risk reduction is a top priority as we seek to hold back the tide of rising economic and human losses. Its impact can be catastrophic for poverty reduction.”**

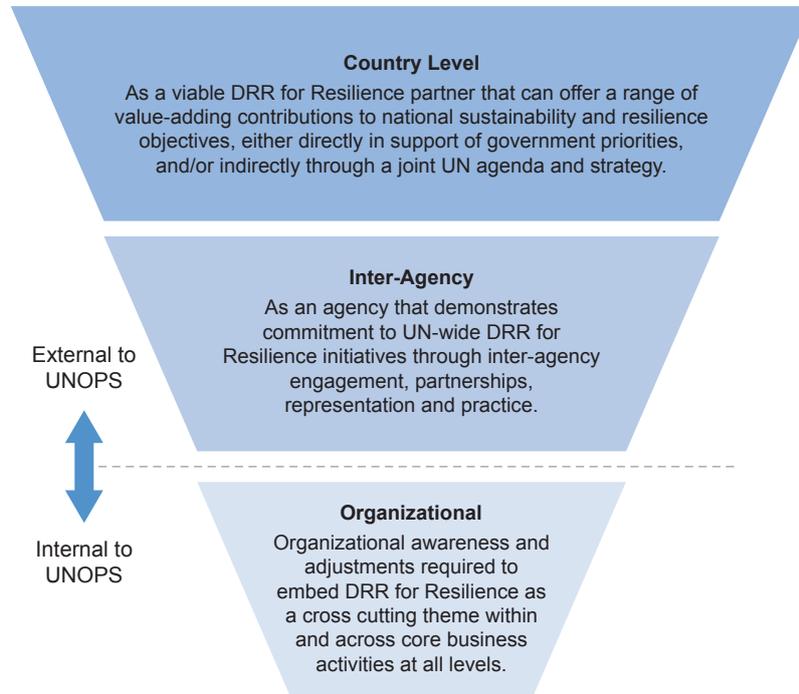
Ban Ki-moon  
United Nations  
Secretary-General

**“Our DRR strategy sets out to ensure that UNOPS has a risk-based culture that is fully integrated into all of our activities around the world.”**

Grete Faremo  
Under-Secretary General and  
UNOPS Executive Director

## SCOPE

The scope of the strategy will focus on two related dimensions (internal and external) as shown in the diagram below.



## OUTCOMES

Implementing the DRR4R programme will ensure that UNOPS is able to:

- regularly contribute to the global climate change, DRR and SDG resilience agendas;
- identify and provide services that add value to the sustainability and resilience objectives of host governments and other stakeholders;
- remain abreast of global DRR/Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) trends, emerging and strategic initiatives that are relevant to UNOPS core businesses;
- provide guidance on DRR/CCA on a UNOPS-wide basis, as demands increase for UNOPS engagement in global and regional planning events and meetings;
- achieve heightened recognition, representation and visibility on regional and global platforms in DRR;
- establish UNOPS as a leading UN organization in the delivery of project management, procurement and infrastructure technical and advisory services that contribute to building sustainability and resilience.

## UNOPS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### Infrastructure Systems

Technical and management services related to:

- Buildings
- Transport
- Power
- Utilities

### Procurement

Management and advisory services:

- Agent services
- Specialized support
- Needs assessments
- Training and certification

### Project Management

Management and technical support:

- Capacity assessments
- Project management advisory services
- Project support