

Meeting Minutes of the Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction

3 February 2005, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., White House Conference Center, Eisenhower Room

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Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions
10:05 Approval of January Meeting Minutes
10:15 Report from the Chair
10:25 Report from the NSTC Liaison
10:35 Update on the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act
10:40 Briefing from the DHS Science and Technology Directorate
11:10 Tsunami Lessons Learned
11:25 Grand Challenges
11:35 International Working Group
11:50 Close and Next Actions

Handouts

- Agenda
- January meeting minutes
- Draft position paper on Public Warning from UN World Summit on The Information Society
- Phuket Ministerial Declaration on Tsunami Early Warning Cooperation
- Draft Version of Tsunami Lessons Learned White Paper
- List of CENR members
- Outline for Federal Investments in Disaster Reduction

I. Call to Order

SDR Chair Helen Wood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Members approved the January 6th meeting minutes.

III. Summary of Discussion

A. Report from the Chair

Ms. Wood began by discussing the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan. The event was very successful and the U.S. was well-represented.

Ms. Wood suggested that the Subcommittee now focus on the upcoming World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which will be held in June 2005. Dr. Eliot W. Christian of the USGS has already put forth a draft document on public warnings for this event, which suggests several useful talking points for this topic.

Actions

- Members will review the WSIS Public Warnings Document and submit comments to the Secretariat (dori@grs-solutions.com) by Thursday, 10 February 2005.

B. Report from the NSTC Liaison

Dr. Gene Whitney noted the Phuket Statement issued by the Government of Thailand as an example of the proliferation of international meetings subsequent to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Dr. Whitney stressed that this is an opportunity to leverage disaster related proposals and to extend the U.S. position, which supports the UNESCO/Intergovernmental Oceanic Commission as the orchestrating body for tsunami warning systems. In each meeting, SDR members are encouraged to promote the idea of local ownership, regional operations and world standards for all disaster warning systems.

The SDR should use this opportunity to promote the building of new, disaster resilient communities in the Indian Ocean. However, it also is important not to facilitate rebuilding in already high risk areas.

C. Update on the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act

Dr. Whitney said that the Wind Hazards Reduction Program (WindHRP) was originally a separate bill, but eventually was attached to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) reauthorization. The legislation gives requires a Federal Advisory Committee and gives the Office of Science and Technology Policy responsibility for the entire initiative.

D. DHS Science and Technology Directorate

Dr. Bruce Davis gave a presentation explaining the structure and function of the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate. The presentation is available on the SDR website (sdr.gov, login: SDR.member, password: SDR#2003.)

E. Tsunami Lessons Learned

A draft outline of the Tsunami Lessons Learned White Paper exists and members are encouraged to email comments to Margaret Davidson and David Applegate.

Actions

- Members will review the draft outline of the Tsunami white paper and submit comments to Margaret Davidson (margaret.davidson@noaa.gov) and Dorı Akerman (dori@grs-solutions.com) by Monday, 7 February 2005.

F. Grand Challenges

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) clearance on the Grand Challenges document began in mid-January and will continue next week. In order to demonstrate the budget relevance of the Grand Challenges, the next step is to produce a framework for Federal investment. The deadline for publication of the framework for investment is designed to coincide with Congressional appropriations hearings.

Actions

- Members will facilitate CENR clearance by the end of the day on Friday, 4 February 2005.
- Members will review the draft outline of the Federal Science and Technology Investments in Disaster Reduction Analysis and submit comments to the Secretariat (dori@grs-solutions.com).

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. ET.

V. Future Meetings

The SDR meets on the first or second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET in the Eisenhower Room of the White House Conference Center:

March 3, 2005

April 7, 2005

May 5, 2005

June 2, 2005

July 7, 2005

August 4, 2005

September 8, 2005

October 6, 2005

November 3, 2005

December 1, 2005

VI. Agenda Items and Other Communications with the Subcommittee

Please send proposed agenda items and any other items intended for distribution to the full Subcommittee to Dorı Akerman (dori@grs-solutions.com) by February 25, 2005.

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**VIII. Summary of Actions
February MEETING ACTIONS**

Action	Lead	By When
Members will facilitate CENR clearance by the end of the day on Friday, 4 February.	Secretariat	3 February
Members will review the draft outline of the Tsunami white paper and submit comments to Margaret Davidson (margaret.davidson@noaa.gov) and Dori Akerman (dori@grs-solutions.com).	Members	7 February 5 pm
Members will review the draft outline of the Federal Disaster Reduction Science and Technology Investment Analysis and submit comments to the Secretariat (dori@grs-solutions.com).	Members	10 February 12 pm
Members will review the WSIS Public Warnings Document and submit comments to the Secretariat (dori@grs-solutions.com).	Members	10 February 12 pm