North American Meeting of the Review of the Hyogo Framework for Action

Canada’s Progress

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Canada’s Contribution to DRR

Since 2005, significant progress has been made in Canada’s response to the five HFA priorities for action, including:

- Modernized the *Emergency Management Act*.
- Development of key policies and programs.
- Establishing Canada’s Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Establishing the 72 Hours Campaign.
Emergency Management Act

- Modernized *Emergency Management Act*:
  - Affirms leadership role of Minister of Public Safety;
  - Establishes the role of each Minister within their area of responsibility;
  - Basis for coordinated federal response to emergencies; and
  - Brings greater accountability to the federal government’s approach.

- Enhances collaboration with provinces/territories, the private sector and non-government organizations:
  - Strengthens protection of information shared with the Government of Canada;
  - Emphasizes the need for a common and integrated approach;
  - Enables federal readiness for response at the request of a province/territory; and
  - Does not impose any new obligations on provinces/territories.

- Adapts an All Hazards Approach to emergency management.
Policies and Programs

● National Mitigation Strategy

● Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements

● Critical Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan

● Federal Emergency Response Plan
National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction
72 Hours: Is Your Family Prepared Campaign

First Prize Winner, Grade 2: Olivia Hamilton, ON.
Priority Areas to Advance DRR

- Strengthen multi-lateral and cross-sectoral engagement and participation, including communications.

- Enhanced support for prevention-mitigation activities.

- Increased incentives to enable long-term sustainable DRR activities across all sectors, and with all stakeholders.
Canada’s Barriers to DRR

- Understanding and addressing environmental change and sustainability
- Enabling horizontal collaboration across multiple jurisdictions
- High expectations to advance DRR nationally with limited resources