

The CaDRi Partnership

Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative



Terms of Reference

CADRI Partnership in West and Central Africa

Background

The Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) is a partnership composed of 6 UN agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP and WHO) and 6 observers (IFRC, UNESCO, UNITAR, UNOPS, WB/GFDRR and WMO). The CADRI partnership was established to strengthen coherence of UN System and other stakeholder's interventions in support of capacity development in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at country level.

Drawing upon the vast expertise of its members, CADRI offers a unique combination of knowledge, experience and resources to support countries at risk implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. It can leverage a network of DRR / DRM experts in 20 regional hubs with expertise in 9 areas: environment, health, WASH, education, food security and agriculture, nutrition, infrastructures, migrations and climate risks.

The objective of the CADRI Partnership is to support the identification of critical capacity gaps at country level in view of prevailing risks and the articulation of coherent UN System and other stakeholder's interventions to address those capacity gaps. CADRI is a key enabler of the revised *UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience*¹ as it addresses the need for coherence and mutual re-enforcement of the UN's resilience building efforts, and it seeks to ensure that the UN system is responsive to the different country needs and contexts in regards to disaster risk reduction. The Partnership extends the potential for coherence beyond the UN system, particularly through participation of the IFRC and the World Bank.

CADRI main service lines are:

- (i) Facilitating an assessment of national capacities in Disaster Risk Reduction including preparedness and response;
- (ii) Facilitating multi-stakeholders engagement around national priorities articulated in a costed national plan of action for DRR – a key global target of the Sendai Framework;
- (iii) Connecting countries with available expertise, knowledge and resources for DRR;

¹ *UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience: Towards a Risk informed and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development*
http://www.preventionweb.net/files/49076_unplanofaction.pdf

- (iv) Providing a comprehensive offer of trainings in DRR

The adjusted CADRI partnership strategy post 2015 makes the case for activating the CADRI Partnership in the regions with a view to promote stronger alignment of CADRI interventions with regional priorities, as well as to ensure closer follow up with the UNCTs; stronger buy-in at regional and country level, and better dissemination of CADRI findings, recommendations and lessons learnt to stakeholders in the regions.

The West and Central Africa region is the region that has benefited most from CADRI. Since 2010 the CADRI Partnership has supported 10 countries in the sub-region to conduct capacity assessments and develop national plan of action for DRR (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome e Principe). There is a pool of 20 trained DRR/ DRM experts that can be deployed from Dakar, Accra, Brazzaville or Ouagadougou.

Objectives

- Strengthen coherence of UN System and other stakeholder's engagement in support of DRR capacity development at country level in West and Central Africa region.
- Support the implementation of the UN Plan of Action for DRR Resilience at country level.
- Support the implementation of the IASC Global Framework for Preparedness; including the Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) roll out.

Responsibilities:

The CADRI Partnership in West and Central Africa (or CADRI WCA) will:

1. Communicate and disseminate information about CADRI services and upcoming activities in the region, in particular to most at risk countries
2. Deploy inter-agency multi-disciplinary expertise to respond to country requests for CADRI services (e.g. capacity assessment and sector analysis, advice on available knowledge and resources on DRR, capacity development plans, training etc.) together with UNDAC and/or EU Civil Protection network when relevant
3. Support coherent UNCT DRR programming at country level to contribute the implementation of the UN Plan of Action on DRR for resilience (including when required technical support to UNDAF pillar on resilience)
4. Disseminate findings on status of DRR, preparedness and response capacities in the region
5. Document and disseminate lessons learnt to stakeholders in the region
6. Report annually to the R-UNDG for Africa through the UNDG Secretariat in Dakar

Membership

The CADRI WCA includes DRR experts from the 6 participating agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP and WHO) and 6 observers (IFRC, UNESCO, UNITAR, UNOPS, WB/GFDRR and WMO). CADRI membership is opened to all interested UN entities and NGOs.

The CADRI WCA will be integrated into an existing regional coordination mechanism such as the DRR regional task force, the Resilience working group and the Emergency Response and Preparedness (ERP) group.

Facilitation

A CADRI facilitator agency will be responsible to host the coordination function for the CADRI Partnership, respond to country requests for support, disseminate information about CADRI and coordinate the deployment of sectoral expertise from the agencies.

The CADRI facilitator role can be fulfilled by any of the six CADRI executing partners. The facilitation role will rotate every two years. It is envisaged to deploy a CADRI Coordination Officer for West and Central Africa to support the facilitation function during the initiation phase, possibly through the Stand-By Partners deployment facilities.

Modus Operandi for CADRI country requests

- i- CADRI requests are addressed by the UNCT through the RC Office to the CADRI WCA Facilitator, copy to the CADRI Geneva team.
- ii- CADRI WCA Facilitator Agency will send a standard questionnaire to the UNCT to determine the scale and scope of CADRI capacity development services (national capacity assessment, training, support to UNCT programming etc.)
- iii- CADRI WCA Facilitator will consult with CADRI WCA Participating Agencies and Observers on the country request
- iv- When necessary a preliminary appraisal / scoping mission will be conducted to determine the scale and scope of CADRI WCA services
- v- The CADRI WCA Facilitator will coordinate the deployment of expertise from the region / global level to respond to the country request. When necessary the CADRI Geneva team can be called upon to provide remote / direct support.

Requests from high risk countries will be prioritized using the CADRI engagement criteria, including the INFORM Risk Index. The CADRI WCA Partnership will identify the most at risk countries taking into consideration vulnerability and exposure to natural, biological and technological hazards.

The CADRI WCA will give due consideration to ERP priority countries in the region and countries prioritized under the UN Resilience road map, as well as countries considered under global partnership initiatives such as the Global Preparedness Partnership and the 5-10-50 Partnership.

Support from the CADRI Geneva team:

- i) Training on the CADRI methodology and sector modules
- ii) Participation in country preliminary scoping missions
- iii) Mobilization of human and financial resources for CADRI WCA including Stand-By Partners deployments and direct supervision of the CADRI Coordination Officer
- iv) M&E of CADRI impact in the region
- v) Knowledge management & Lessons learned consolidated at corporate level