

PARALLEL SESSIONS GUIDE

General directions

A maximum of 4 parallel sessions will be held; each of one will count with a Coordinator/Responsible organization and a structure suggested by a moderator and a relator.

Parallel session goal

- Complement specific aspects of the thematic axes identified by the advisory group.
- Parallel sessions should tackle experiences, discussions and results that contribute with the identification of challenges and opportunities at 2012-2015 short and midterm on the identified thematic axes.

Parallel session suggested structure

- Parallel session specific thematic Input (By the session Coordinator/Responsible organization).
- Dialogue and thematic discussion according with the methodological approach to be defined by the Coordinator/Responsible organization (panel, round table, groups of work, etc.)
- Conclusions and recommendations to be presented as inputs to the parallel session thematic axis coordinator entity.

Outcomes

- 1. Session summary card, handed over by the Coordinator/Responsible organization to the thematic axis responsible person to be appointed by UNISDR for this task.
- 2. The main Parallel Sessions' conclusions/recommendations will be incorporated to the Regional Platform final document.

Coordinator/Responsible Organization Responsibilities

- Provide the required information for the session development:
 - 1. List of participants
 - 2. Session methodology
 - 3. Tentative program









- Guarantee a geographic balance and a representation of the different agents during the session.
- Elaborate the Session summary card that should be handed over to the thematic axis representative that will be appointed for this task.
- Likewise, the Coordinator/Responsible organization will select the expositors for the session.
- Likewise, the Coordinator/Responsible organization will facilitate the expositors and specific representatives attendance to the session (flight-tickets and travel allowance, hotel reservations etc.) as well as the simultaneous translation fees that will be required.
- The Coordinator/Responsible organization is urged to consider expositors that are not already financed by EIRD, in order to expand the group of experts that will contribute with their input to the discussion.

Available logistic support

• UNISDR and the host country will provide the room, the computing equipment, projection, equipment, materials, wireless microphones and support staff needed on each session.





