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### Indonesia Launches the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

**Jakarta, 28 April 2009** – Indonesia launches today the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) with support from different DRR stakeholders in the country, including representatives from civil society, academia, media, private sector, government and international community.

The Platform will be a national multi-stakeholder mechanism which will serve as an advisory body on DRR at all levels through coordination, provision of analysis and advice on prioritized areas that require concerted efforts for mainstreaming DRR in development policies, planning and programming, all these in accordance with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005 – 2015.

The establishment of the Platform is based on the awareness the communities have taken on the high risks they face living in a country highly prone to disasters. The Platform aims to establish ways to synchronize perceptions, accommodate aspirations and interests, and bridge various parties on DRR in the country. The Platform shows a strong commitment from Indonesia to adopt the HFA, agreed by the country along with 167 other governments at the 2005 World Conference of Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan, in early 2005. The Platform is also in line with Law No. 24/2007 on Disaster Management, which notes that disaster management is a collective business among government, communities and private sector, with the main responsibility remaining on the government.

Disaster is one of main causing factors of decreased welfare conditions. Therefore, the relevant parties in the Platform are committed to include DRR as one of the priorities within the national development plans. It is expected that disasters can be prevented or their impacts reduced, thus ensuring the achievement of sustainable development programme objectives and increasing the nation's welfare.

The establishment of the Platform in Indonesia could serve as an example as it has been created through consultation and participation of stakeholders, in particular communities and private sector. Indonesia has been invited to present the formation process of the Platform at the international conference on the Global Platform in Geneva in June 2009.

In addition to the national level platform, several local platforms have been established, including in East Nusa Tenggara, Jogjakarta and West Sumatra Provinces.

Information on the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is available on [www.planasprb.net](http://www.planasprb.net).

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