



CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER REDUCTION
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABILITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction (SDR) is hereby reestablished by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the SDR is to advise and assist the CENRS and the NSTC on policies, procedures, plans, issues, scientific developments, and research needs to facilitate and promote disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The SDR provides a senior-level interagency forum to leverage expertise, inform policy-makers, promote technology applications, coordinate activities, and promote excellence in research. The SDR mission encompasses catastrophic and non-catastrophic hazards, whether domestic or foreign, natural or technological in origin.

C. Functions

The functions of the SDR include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Establish clear national goals for Federal science and technology programs aimed at disaster reduction.
2. Coordinate Federal research related to natural and technological hazards and disasters.
3. As permitted by law, identify and coordinate opportunities for the U.S. Government to collaborate with state, local, and foreign governments; international organizations; and private/academic/industry groups in the science and technology of disaster reduction.
4. Provide information to the senior policy makers that summarizes relevant resources and scientific work within the member departments and agencies of the SDR.
5. Provide scientific and technical information to senior policy makers in response to current disaster situations.
6. As permitted by law, communicate with Administration officials, Congress, NGO's, and other policy development bodies as appropriate about the science and technology of disaster reduction.
7. Promote disaster reduction preparedness and practices.

8. Facilitate the fusion of classified and unclassified data streams and research for disaster reduction applications.

Through its Co-chairs, the SDR will recommend action on policy and R&D issues to the CENRS for approval.

D. Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the SDR:

- Department of Agriculture;
- Department of Commerce;
- Department of Defense;
- Department of Energy;
- Department of Health and Human Services;
- Department of Homeland Security;
- Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Department of the Interior;
- Department of State;
- Department of Transportation;
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; and
- National Science Foundation.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President shall also be represented on the SDR:

- National Security Council;
- Office of Management and Budget; and
- Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include such other Executive branch organizations, departments, and agencies as the SDR Co-chairs may, from time to time, designate.

E. Private-Sector Interface

The SDR may work with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to secure appropriate private-sector advice, and will recommend to the CENRS and/or the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy the nature of additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The SDR may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the CENRS prior to its expiration, the SDR shall terminate no later than December 31, 2014.