

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

A. Official Designation

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

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the IWG is to facilitate and promote international cooperation in science and technology as it relates to all phases of natural and technological disasters. Towards this end, the IWG shall provide an interagency forum to exchange information on disaster-related science and technology programs and capacities of other countries, and to identify and coordinate opportunities for beneficial international collaborations. The IWG shall also coordinate the SDR's role as the U.S. National Platform for the UN International Strategy on Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and lead other international efforts as requested by the SDR Co-chairs.

C. Functions

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

1. Provide Near-term Recommendations to the SDR that will:

- Identify opportunities within FACA guidelines to enhance coordination between the SDR and non-federal stakeholders for international disaster risk reduction efforts, including the incorporation of non-federal representatives on the:
 - 1) U.S. National Platform for the ISDR; and
 - 2) U.S. delegations to future ISDR Global and Regional Platform meetings.
- Facilitate development and implementation of U.S. strategy and goals for ISDR meetings and activities.

2. Work towards Long-term Goals that will:

- Facilitate domestic use of international best practices for disaster risk reduction;
- Coordinate domestic federal policies with international agreements and work abroad; and
- Provide a mechanism to inventory and share information regarding international disaster risk reduction activities of the federal agencies.

Through its Co-chairs, the IWG will recommend action on topics related to international contributions or activities. The group will provide recommendations to SDR and coordinate efforts through the U.S. Department of State.

D. Membership

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

- Department of Commerce;
- Department of Defense;
- Department of Homeland Security;
- Department of the Interior;
- Department of State;
- Department of Transportation;
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- National Science Foundation.

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

- Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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

E. Leadership and Reporting

The SDR Co-chairs shall appoint the Co-chairs of the IWG. The IWG Co-chairs, or their designee, shall report on activities of the working group at meetings of the SDR on a quarterly basis or as requested by the SDR Co-chairs.

F. Private-Sector Interface

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

G. Termination Date

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

H. Determination

I hereby determine that the establishment of the International Working Group is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.