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**2<sup>nd</sup> Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,  
Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, 19-21 May 2008**

On behalf of the Government of Republic of Yemen, the World Bank and United Nations Secretariat of International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), it is my pleasure to inform you that under the auspices of His Excellency Dr. Ali M Mujawar, the Prime Minister of Republic of Yemen, the Second “*Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction*” will be held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen from 19-21 May 2008.

The Conference in Sana'a will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> regional initiative on disaster risk reduction to be held as a regional follow-up after the World Conference on Disaster Reduction held in Kobe, Japan, 18-22 January 2005, and subsequent adoption of Hyogo Framework for Action. The first Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference on “*Building Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction and Hazard Risk Management*” was successfully held in Cairo, 18-21 April 2007.

The upcoming Sana'a Conference, while aiming at promoting Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and long-term regional partnerships, will specifically focus on the critical theme of Disaster Risk Assessment in the Middle East and North Africa, as this has been clearly recognized as a critical tool to identify risk and subsequently reduce and manage it through strategic policy decisions.

The Sana'a Conference will also provide an opportunity to review progress on implementation of the strategic recommendations of Cairo Conference, and identifying further ways and means for advancement of disaster risk reduction and management at local, national and regional levels.

Please, kindly mark your calendar to make space for this event. The invitations as well as provisional agenda and other related information for the Conference will be sent out in the coming couple of weeks.

For Further information on Sana'a Conference, please visit [www.unisdr-wana.org](http://www.unisdr-wana.org)

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