



Crisis risk analysis and early warning in the Arab States region

Workshop 1-2 October 2018

Amman, Jordan

Concept Note

Workshop objectives

The overarching objective of the workshop is to strengthen UNDP's knowledge and practices in areas related to continuous context analysis, early warning and corporate crisis preparedness, by bringing together staff with relevant expertise and experience.

Specific outcomes of the workshop are two-fold:

- 1) To identify current practices of UNDP Country Offices in the areas of analysis, early warning – early action and corporate preparedness, and to enable participants to learn and borrow from these practices.
- 2) To identify needs for risk tracking and analysis at the regional level in the Arab States Region and explore options for how this can be taken forward by the Regional Hub.

Main expected outputs from the workshop include:

- Learning between Country Offices, Regional Hub and HQ
- Articulation of Country Office specific needs and support requirements
- Identification of options for models and tools for regional risk tracking and related analysis
- Identification of gaps and needs in the area of knowledge management products

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: Stocktaking and lessons learned

Monday, October 1st

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | <p>Opening and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Khaled Abdelshafi, Director, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States</i> |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | <p>Taking stock: Crisis risks and UN engagement in the Arab States region</p> <p><i>Set the regional context for the workshop with a brief scan of crisis risks in the region as well as overview of current UN resources for risk analysis and early warning.</i></p> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | <p>Sharing and exploring country level experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tunisia: Giordano Segneri and Federico Lo Giudice</i> • <i>Lebanon: Tom Lambert</i> <p><i>Presentations and discussion of initiatives on risk analysis, early warning, preparedness and preventive responses, including policy/ coordination aspects, tools, funding and usage.</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <p>Arab Development Portal and other regional hub initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Farah Choucair, Regional Programme for Arab States</i> <p><i>Exploring existing resources for data and analysis in the region, in particular the Arab Development Portal.</i></p> |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | <p>The Crisis Risk Dashboard (CRD): approaches, the tool, experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Corrado Scognamillo, UNDP Crisis Bureau, NY</i> • <i>Luqman Patel, UNDP Crisis Bureau, NY</i> <p><i>The Crisis Risk Dashboard (CRD), as an approach and as a data management and visualization platform to facilitate the assessment and tracking of risks at the country and regional level will be presented and discussed.</i></p> |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | <p>Risk Analysis and Early Warning: exploring good practices and common challenges</p> <p><i>Objectives for, and utilization of, risk analysis and early warning systems, along with recommendations to overcome political, institutional and operational obstacles.</i></p> |
| 17:00 – | <p>Informal Reception</p> <p><i>Gathering with Regional Hub colleagues at the Terrace (6th floor)</i></p> |

Day 2: Innovations and avenues for cooperation

Tuesday, October 2nd

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| 09:00 – 09:15 | Reviewing day 1 <i>The first session of the day will briefly reflect on the workshop discussion to date, before moving onto the needs design phase of the risk analysis system.</i> |
| 09:15 – 10:30 | Developing and elaborating regional and country-based risk analysis systems <i>Participants will define regional crisis risk tracking requirements and common country office crisis risk tracking needs, building on what exists. Participants will define the key objectives, attributes and benefits of both regional and country-based risk analysis systems, as well as challenges and potential obstacles.</i> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:45 – 12:45 | Exploring existing resources for risk analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Josie Kaye, Independent Expert</i>• <i>Tim Molesworth, Independent Expert</i> <i>Existing resources for risk and conflict analysis, including available data, analyses and tools. Critical reflections, particularly to identify limitations of existing tools as well as existing risk analysis gaps.</i> |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 13:45 – 15:30 | Outlining risk tracking system design and implementation plans <i>Overall system design and key steps for the development of an integrated risk analysis system (regional and country-level).</i> |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | Defining implementation of risk tracking initiatives <i>Participants will explore practical steps for implementation at the regional and country-level, while considering possible regional and peer-support mechanisms for the development, implementation and application of risk analysis systems and actioning corporate preparedness.</i> |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Summary and next steps <i>The final session will summarize the workshop outcomes and outline the next steps.</i> |