

Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities for Sustainable Development: Thematic Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action

Mechanism to elect regional focal points for the group

Adopted by Steering Committee members on March 4, 2022

Endorsed by the Thematic group on March 9, 2022

1. The mechanism and rules below are suggested during the Steering Committee meeting held on February 28, 2022 and adopted by the Committee on March 4 2022. The mechanism is based on the provisions included in the Terms Of Reference of the group adopted on August 2020 and agreement of all present members. The mechanism entered into force upon endorsement by the Thematic Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action on March 9, 2022.

2. One main and one alternate focal point will be elected to serve for two years for eight regions as follows:

Africa, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Arab States, Asia, ASEAN region, Europe, and the Pacific.

3. Upon adoption of this mechanism by the group, the representative of the International Disability Alliance as the organizing partner will reach out to regional organizations of persons with disabilities inviting them to nominate suitable candidates in their region. The organizing partner will also launch an accessible call for eligible members to nominate themselves to serve as the focal point in any of the regions numerated above. Members fulfilling the below criteria will have two weeks to express interest;

- To be a person with disability;
- Currently reside in the respective region;
- Have background on disability-inclusive DRR;
- Ideally member of an organization of persons with disabilities OPD/DPO.

4. The voting is only open to those who are members of the TG-DRRCA before March24, 2022. For transparency, list of members will be published before launch of the elections. The voting will take place through anonymous survey with restrictions ensuring that each individual can vote only for one region. The voting line will remain open for five working days. Launching, monitoring and announcing the outcome of voting will be the responsibility of the International Disability Alliance as the organizing partner.

5. The person receiving the highest number of votes in each region will serve as the main focal point and the second person will be elected as the alternate focal point.

6. In case eligible candidates for one or both focal points in a region do not volunteer, persons with disabilities with DRR expertise who are not OPD/DPO member, and then persons without disabilities with expertise in DI-DRR will be accepted as candidates.
7. The new steering Committee of the group will consist of elected main and alternate focal points plus representative of the Stakeholders Group of Persons with Disabilities in Sustainable Development, and Inclusive DRR adviser of the International Disability Alliance as the organizing partner.
8. The new Steering Committee will elect one of the regional focal points as the global focal point for period of two years.