

Emergency And Crisis Management Forum 2014

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Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Advisor, the fourth edition of the "Emergency and Crisis Management Conference 2014"

Under the theme: "Preparedness and Response is Everyone's Responsibility: A Ready Community", the conference was held on the 25 & 26 of February 2014.

Day	Main Topics	Agenda	Proposed Topics	Speakers
Day 1	Opening Session	Keynotes		- Dr. Nabil El Araby, Secretary-General, Arab League. - Mohammed Khalfan Al Romaithi, Director General, National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority.
	National Capabilities in Crisis Management	Session 1: Moderator: Major General (Ret.) Dr. Reda Al-Battoush, Deputy Chairman of the National Center for Security and Crisis Management in Jordan.	Developing Capabilities for Crisis Response	Gen. Michael Charlton-Wade, UK Cabinet
			Building Resilience	Raelene Thompson, Australian Institute for Disaster Management
			Business Continuity	Alan Berman, Disaster Recovery Institute, USA
	Media and Crisis Management	Session 2: Moderator: Ibrahim Al-Abed, Director General, National Media Council	Role of Media in Emergencies	Pierre Rikers, Emergency Media Organization, Australia
			Strategic Planning	Dr. Campbell Macfarlane, UK Emergency Management
			Media Strategies in Crisis	Nigel Kaye, Media and Crisis Management Expert, UK
Day 2	The First Responding Community	Session 3: Moderator: Col. Dr. Ghaith Ghanem Al Suwaidi, Dubai Police Academy	Role of Civil Defense	Maj. Gen. Rashid Thani Al Matrooshi, Civil Defense, Ministry of Interior
			Role of Red Crescent	Dr. Mohamed Atiq Al Falahi, Red Crescent
			Volunteer Organizations	Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Brian Hori Howard, Volunteer Organizations
	Risk Management	Session 4: Moderator: Mr. Saif Jumaa Al Dhaheri, National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority	Nuclear Risk Management	Mohammed Al Hamadi, Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation
			Risk Registers in GCC	Dr. Abdul Rahman Khalaf Al Anzi, GCC Emergency Management Center, Kuwait
			Shared Risks and Common Risks	Andrew Maskrey, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
	Climatic Phenomena and Natural Disasters	Session 5: Moderator: Ahmed Awad Al Katheeri, National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority	Geological Natural Risks in UAE	Dr. Khaled Saleh Al Blooshi, Geologists Association
			climatic phenomena and their role in disasters	Chris Felton, UK Civil Emergency Secretariat
			Mitigating weather and climate-related risks	Omar Ahmed Al Yazidi, National Center of Meteorology and Seismology

The conference concluded with several recommendations aimed at enhancing infrastructure and global best practices for crisis and disaster management. Below are the key recommendations:

1. Development of Advanced Infrastructure: Continuing efforts to develop advanced infrastructure capable of addressing crises and disasters, while leveraging global best practices and experiences.
2. International Exchange of Expertise: Emphasizing the exchange of expertise among stakeholders worldwide to create detailed and regularly updated emergency plans based on global developments.
3. Prior Coordination: Strengthening coordination between countries, especially at regional and Arab levels, to enhance preparedness for all stages of crises and disasters, with a focus on early warning systems.
4. Support for Research Centers: Supporting specialized research centers in crisis and emergency management to enhance their ability to analyze early indicators and provide actionable insights to decision-makers.
5. Accurate Information Management: The necessity for an official spokesperson in each sector to ensure unified media messaging and provide accurate information to support effective response and recovery.
6. Joint Training Programs: Organizing specialized joint training, particularly at regional and Arab levels, to improve readiness and collective response capabilities during emergencies.
7. Utilizing Modern Communication Technologies: Ensuring open, transparent, and positive communication with the public, and making full use of modern communication tools and social media to educate the community and differentiate between reliable and unreliable information.
8. Focus on Volunteering: Encouraging volunteerism, selecting, and continuously training volunteers while providing legal and legislative protection to ensure their safety.
9. Special Focus on People with Disabilities: Paying special attention to people with disabilities, equipping them with tools and resources to enhance their awareness and capability to respond during crises and disasters.
10. Use of Modern Technologies: Encouraging the use of modern communication technologies to identify the nearest shelters during emergencies or disasters, and preparing schools to accommodate displaced individuals from affected areas.

These recommendations were designed to enhance regional and international coordination, preparedness, and the overall response to emergencies and disasters.