

Using the Hyogo Framework for Action to strengthen climate change adaptation

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The Cancun Adaptation Framework (CAF) makes specific reference to the Hyogo Framework for Action as a tool for enhancing adaptation. Specific elements of the HFA can be used as tools by Governments to make their adaptation planning and implementation more effective globally, and within countries. The newly established work programme on loss and damages due to climate change impacts will need record of existing and historic impacts of climate-related hazards; national disaster loss databases are best suited to provide an accurate and comprehensive baseline against which to measure future losses. National Meteorological and Hydrological Services have an important role to play in this regard. From data gathering and compilation on hydro-meteorological hazards that form the basis of understanding risk through to the monitoring of extreme events for effective early warning systems NMHSs are an essential part of national strategies for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.