



**Second Reference Group Meeting on Nuclear & Radiological Emergency Preparedness  
(Reference Group Meeting)  
29 – 31 January 2014  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**Meeting summary**

(Prepared by Red Cross Nuclear Disaster Resource Center)

Hosted by:	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Secretariat
Participants:	<p>American RC Austrian RC Belarus RC Canadian RC Finnish RC French RC Iranian RC Italian RC Japanese RC Magen David Adom (Israel) Ukraine RC International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) IFRC Europe Zone IFRC Secretariat World Health Organization (WHO) Green Cross International International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) OCHA*/UNEP** JEU (Joint OCHA/UNEP Environment Unit) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) * United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ** United Nations Environment Programme (Note: RC = Red Cross/Red Crescent)</p>
Background:	This was the second Reference Group Meeting following the first meeting held in Vienna in August 2013.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To share the IFRC's efforts for nuclear and radiological preparedness with many new participants in the Reference Group Meeting;</li> <li>To enhance dialogue with some external partners who are active in the area of nuclear and radiological emergencies.</li> </ul>
Discussion summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update of the IFRC nuclear emergency preparedness programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IFRC strategic action plan was presented.</li> <li>Of the action plan activities, there is still much more needed to spend more time and resources on mapping of capacities.</li> <li>The ICRC made a presentation about their CBRN programme.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chernobyl Humanitarian Assistance and Rehabilitation Programme (CHARP) To summarize the 23-year CHARP activities and experiences, the CHARP session was included in the meeting agenda. Two persons from the IFRC presented the first decade</li> </ul>



	<p>activities and planned final CHARP operational review, respectively. Two participants from Belarus RC and Ukraine RC presented their NS experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two persons in charge of IFRC communication talked about the importance of public communication during a nuclear disaster. The WHO crisis communication team discussed the importance of risk communication as well.</li><li>• Presentations were given by the following external partners:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- UNDP</li><li>- WHO</li><li>- OCHA/UNEP JEU (Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit)</li><li>- Green Cross International</li></ul></li><li>• Presentations were given by the following National Societies on experience in nuclear accident preparedness:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- French RC</li><li>- Magen David Adom</li><li>- Finnish RC</li><li>- Iran RC</li><li>- Italian RC</li><li>- Japanese RC</li></ul></li><li>• Legal issues related to nuclear emergencies were presented by the IFRC Disaster Law programme.</li><li>• Discussion of operational guidelines: During this session, participants divided into smaller working groups discussed various aspects and approaches of the guidelines including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All-risks/multi-hazards approach;</li><li>- Target audience;</li><li>- User-friendly guidelines (i.e. guidelines in combination of an online/electronic knowledge base);</li><li>- Integration with existing tools;</li><li>- Possible use of the guidelines in the movement-wide approach;</li><li>- Scope of the guidelines – Nuclear and radiological emergencies shall be the focus of the work in the beginning.</li></ul></li></ul>
Action points:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strategic Action Plan / Operational guidelines<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft a framework and guidelines on Nuclear emergency preparedness</li><li>• Establish a scenario mapping on Nuclear Emergency preparedness</li><li>• Connect to American RC preparedness center to explore opportunities in their current mapping activities</li><li>• Focus on a long term vision to ensure that the programme is sustainably integrated in IFRC work and structures</li></ul></li><li>2. Humanitarian Diplomacy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To improve knowledge about the nuclear preparedness programme within the RC movement, NS and IFRC will present the strategic plan and related activities in meetings of relevant Working groups as well as in various Regional meetings during 2014.</li><li>• In order to bring good expertise and success stories in the policy dialogue with relevant stakeholders, IFRC and NS will continue to engage with ICRC and external partners like the IACRNE, IAEA, OECD NEA, WHO and others.</li><li>• Prepare joint messages for high level conferences like the Hyogo Framework for action follow up conference, the IAEA emergency preparedness conference and similar</li></ul></li></ol>



	<p>events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broaden work on communication and visibility through presence on Fednet and IFRC.org and also use opportunities like anniversaries of Fukushima and Chernobyl to raise awareness on Nuclear emergency preparedness</li></ul> <p>3. Operationalize the strategy and GA Decision 11/46</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapping of NS capacities until end 2013 in NR preparedness and based on findings define needs of NS<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- for domestic support on NR preparedness</li><li>- for possible tools for International support in NR emergencies</li></ul></li><li>• Create Fednet Database as Movement-wide Knowledge base and start collecting relevant documents</li><li>• Draft joint messages and relevant communication tools for specific NR scenarios</li><li>• Explore capacity building options like an E-learning tool for basic awareness on CBRN and a radiation protection module in the Public Health in Emergencies tool.</li><li>• Seek with IFRC DCM, Health and CBDRR possibilities to include the topic in existing tools, trainings aso.</li></ul>
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