

## **Making Disaster Risk Reduction Work. Building safer communities in Africa and worldwide**

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ProVention is a global consortium of international organisations, governments, the private sector, civil society organisations and academic institutions dedicated to increasing the safety of vulnerable communities and to reducing the impacts of disasters in developing countries. Working through multi-stakeholder partnership and networking, ProVention links key actors and resources across constituencies so that efforts and benefits are shared; promotes disaster risk reduction policy as an informal forum for dialogue and agenda-setting; develops innovative approaches and improves practice through effective-problem solving; advances, gathers and disseminates knowledge and information about hazards, risks and vulnerabilities.

The ProVention Forum provides an opportunity for ProVention partners to meet and dialogue on risk issues, address critical priorities in disaster risk management, identify current trends and innovations and catalyse new ideas and collaborative initiatives to help drive the global agenda on disaster reduction. The Forum brings together a diverse range of organisations and individuals in an informal setting and encourages open dialogue and critical reflection on progress and future challenges.

The 2007 Forum, to be held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, will focus on the central theme of 'Making Disaster Risk Reduction Work' and highlight the practical experiences and challenges faced by ProVention partners in reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience of the communities they work with. With broad participation from ProVention partners around the world, the Forum will examine key issues from both a global perspective and a special focus on Africa. The Forum plenary and parallel workshops will address a range of inter-related topics, including:

- Urban risk: moving from analysis to action
- Risk transfer: promoting disaster insurance in low-income countries
- Climate adaptation, slow onset disasters and disaster risk reduction: an uneasy alliance?
- Community and civil society perspectives, local knowledge and coping strategies
- From research and learning to training and action
- Governance and disaster risk reduction: enabling factors and challenges

Special sessions will also be held where ProVention partners will have the opportunity to present the outputs of their work with the Consortium.

Further details on the Forum agenda, including keynote speakers and workshop sessions, will be available mid of January 2007. Forum places are reserved for ProVention partners and invited participants.

**Please complete the Forum Registration Form and return to the ProVention Secretariat by December 22.**