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## Introduction

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) has been appointed by the government to coordinate, through a national platform, the work to prevent and mitigate the consequences of natural hazards and disasters. This is accomplished in cooperation with other relevant authorities and organisations. The work of the platform aim to fulfill Sweden's commitments to the Hyogo Declaration and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA).

This annual report covers the calendar year 2011 which is the fourth year of the work of the Swedish National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Through Ms. Mette Lindahl Olsson, the MSB is the point of contact for Sweden's national commitments under the HFA, whereas other responsibilities for the HFA rest with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

During the year the following authorities and organisations were members of the Authorities' Network:

The Swedish National Board of Housing, the Swedish Energy Agency, Lantmäteriet: the Swedish Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authority, the County Administrative Boards of Sweden, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Swedish Forest Agency, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare, the Swedish Geotechnical Institute, Svenska Kraftnät (the Swedish National Grid), the Geological Survey of Sweden, the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions and the Swedish Transport Administration.

The Swedish National Heritage Board joined the platform in August 2011.

### Sweden's National Platform

In September 2007 the government commissioned the Swedish Rescue Services Agency to establish and operate the Swedish National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. Today it is the MSB that has been given the task by the national government to collaborate with relevant agencies and organizations and together operate the national platform. The platform works to prevent and mitigate the effects of natural disasters in line with Sweden's commitments under the Hyogo Declaration and the Hyogo Framework for Action.

The mission of the Swedish National Platform is:

To **create** a safer Sweden by reducing the risks of natural disasters and increasing society's capacity to manage them.

To **provide** an arena for interaction between organizations and existing networks to increase the overall capacity of all actors.

To **support** stakeholders with new information about disaster risk reduction for the local, regional and national levels.

## Purpose, Objectives, and Tasks

The overall purpose of national platform is to prevent and mitigate the consequences of natural hazards and disasters by improving coordination at local, regional and national levels.

To achieve this, activities are conducted within the following three areas for which strategic objectives have been set:

### 1. *Cooperation and coordination between authorities and organisations*

The objective is increased and broader cross-sector cooperation between authorities and organisations that provides a more comprehensive picture of the risks, possible measures and their consequences and results in needs-based support for primarily the municipalities, County Councils and County Administrative Boards regarding matters related to natural hazards.

### 2. *Effective provision of data*

The objective is to identify the need for data and a basis for planning, to improve accessibility, and to facilitate exchange of information. This will provide increased knowledge for decision-making for preventing and mitigating the consequences of natural hazards and disasters.

### 3. *Research, development and provision of knowledge*

The objective is to strengthen societal capacity for the prevention and handling of natural hazards and disasters through research, development, information and education.

The work is performed through specific activities that are conducted by the national authorities with their resources or through the participation of other actors. These activities are usually in the form of seminars, studies or projects.

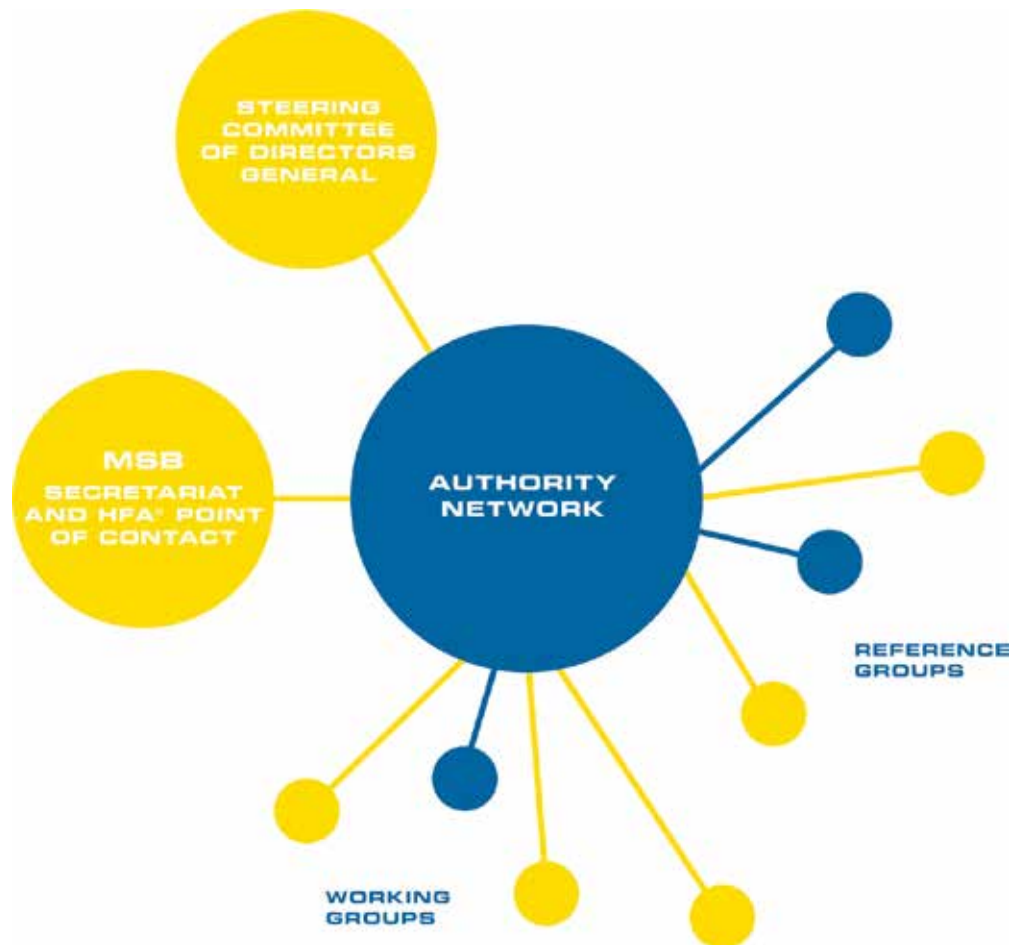
## The Swedish Platform's Organisation

The Sweden National Platform consists of the following:

- The Steering Committee of Directors General who are responsible for the overall direction and approval of the work. Participants are the Directors General (or equivalent) from the authorities included in the platform.
- The Authorities Network that is comprised of representatives from participating agencies and organisations. The network carries out the routine work of the platform.
- The Secretariat for the platform is located at the MSB. The Secretariat is responsible for coordination, communication and management of the platform. Sweden's Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) focal point is the leader of the Secretariat at MSB. \*
- Working groups may be established to work with specific tasks.
- Reference groups can be established when the need arises.

\*) The Swedish Department of Foreign Affairs is the point of contact for Sweden's policy development related to the HFA.





The steering group meets once a year in the fall when platform activities are nearly completed. Other meetings can be scheduled at the request of the Steering Group.

The main tasks of the Steering Group are to:

- Provide overall direction and frameworks for the work
- Approve an action programme
- Approve an activity plan
- Approve the annual report
- Decide on new members for the Authorities' Network

The following authorities are represented in the platform:

Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning; Swedish Energy Agency; Lantmäteriet: Mapping, Cadastral and Land Registration Authority; Swedish National Food Administration; the County Administrative Boards; Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, (MSB); Swedish Environmental Protection Agency; Swedish Heritage Board, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida); Swedish Forest Agency; Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI); Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare; Swedish Geotechnical Institute (SGI); Svenska Kraftnät (the Swedish National Grid); Geological Survey of Sweden (SGU); Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL); Swedish Transport Administration.

The Authorities' Network meets at least twice a year. Its main tasks are to:

- Prepare objectives for the platform's disaster risk reduction work in Sweden
- Prepare an action programme, including strategies and measures for attaining the objectives
- Follow up on completed activities in relation to the objectives
- Contribute to and check the annual report
- Prepare the activity plan
- Report back to the Steering Group about the status of activities
- Suggest authorities that ought to participate in the Authorities' Network

The main tasks of the Secretariat are to:

- Coordinate and run the work of the platform
- Prepare Steering Group meetings
- Prepare and lead meetings with the Authorities' Network
- Prepare proposals for operating plans and annual reports
- Prepare basic data and background documents
- Prepare the platform's communications activities
- Maintain contact with the UNISDR and the national platforms of other countries
- Report to the UNISDR on Sweden's implementation of the HFA



*The Authorities Network gathered in May at the beach at Sandhammaren during a field visit. Back row from left: Mette Lindahl Olsson, Leif Sandahl, and Åke Svensson, MSB; Urban Bergstrom, Energy Agency; Håkan Nordlander, Transport Administration; Stigbjorn Olovsson and Martin Ehlén, Lantmäteriet; and Dan Rydberg, Forest Agency.*

*Front row from left: Janet Edwards, MSB; Christina Nordensten and Erika Lind, National Food Administration; Anna Hedenström, Geological Survey; Anna Meyer Engstrom, the National Grid; Erika Hedhammar, National Heritage Board; Tor Borinder, Environmental Protection Agency; Carin Nilsson, Meteorological and Hydrological Institute; and Bengt Rydell, Geotechnical Institute.*

**In 2011, The Authorities' Network consisted of:**

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning	Patrik Faming	Vacant
Swedish Energy Agency	Urban Bergström	Mikael Toll
Lantmäteriet	Stigbjörn Olovsson	Martin Ehlén
Swedish National Food Administration	Christina Nordensten	Erika Lind
County Administrative Boards	Linda Kazmierczak	Staffan Edler
County Administrative Boards	Carl-Philip Jönsson	Vacant
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)	Mette Lindahl Olsson	Håkan Axelsson
Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Tor Borinder	Lars Westermark
Swedish Heritage Board	Erika Hedhammar	Camilla Altahr-Cederberg
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	Patrick Kratt	Knud Falk
Swedish Forest Agency	Dan Rydberg	Johan Eriksson
Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute	Lena Lindström	Per-Olof Hårsmar
Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare	Lennart Engblom	Vacant
Swedish Geotechnical Institute	Bengt Rydell	Karin Lundström
Swedish National Grid	Anna Engström Meyer	Maria Bartsch
Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions	Ann-Sofie Eriksson	Emilie Gullberg
Geological Survey of Sweden	Anna Hedenström	Mats Engdahl
Swedish Transport Administration	Tage Larsson	Håkan Nordlander

*The Swedish National Platform's secretariat at MSB consists of Mette Lindahl Olsson, the HFA focal point; Åke Svensson, the national coordinator; and Janet Edwards, the international coordinator.*





*In connection with the meeting in May in Ystad, the Authorities Network participated in a field trip to look at insect damage in the forest and beach erosion. Photo by Åke Svensson.*



## Activities

### Completed Activities

#### Authorities Network Meetings

The Authorities' Network held four one-day meetings and one two-day meeting, including a field visit to the Ystad district where forest damage and beach erosion, among other things, were studied and discussed. Smaller working groups were formed for the activities mentioned in this annual report.

As with previous years there has been a relatively large turnover of those representing the authorities and organisations of the Authorities' Network. Several authorities were unable to participate in all meetings, or were only able to attend meetings occasionally. In some cases, there is no ordinary representative or an alternate has not been appointed.

#### Steering Group Meetings

The Steering Group met on November 15th, 2011 at the Kista Conference Centre in Stockholm. Mette Lindahl Olsson, Sweden's HFA focal point and the MSB's representative in the Authorities Network and Stina Sjölin, Deputy Head of Unit for Coordination and Operations opened the meeting and gave an overview of the international and national activities related to implementing the HFA.

Janet Edwards, international coordinator of the Secretariat reported on measures undertaken and planned to recruit Swedish municipalities to the UNISDR campaign Making Cities Resilient. In the ensuing discussion several agencies expressed an interest in encouraging more municipalities to join the campaign.

Tord Kvick, Deputy Director General of the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) reported on the agency's task to create a national knowledge center for climate change adaptation. The center will be operational in February 2012. In the ensuing discussion the close working relationship between the platform's Authorities Network and climate adaptation portal managed by the SMHI was brought to light. The Steering Group encouraged the continued close cooperation even with the new centre.

Lars Jansson, Deputy Director General of Lantmäteriet thanked the Steering Committee for the letter earlier this year that was sent to the concerned government departments with an appeal to secure funding for continued work on the detailed elevation data. Lars Jansson said that funding is now secured and that the work can continue as planned. He pointed out that such cooperation within the platform can lead to positive results.

Stigbjörn Olovsson, Lantmäteriet's representative in the Authorities Network, gave a brief background to the two projects aimed on testing the new elevation data. Greger Lindeberg, Metria AB, presented a selection of results and showed the increased precision and detail that are now possible to achieve for various mapping projects.

Fredrik Söderberg and Daniel Söderlund from PWC AB reported on the review of the platform. The Steering Group agreed to incorporate recommendations of the PWC and the Steering Group's discussion into the review of the platform's governing documents and methods of working.

The Steering Group agreed that the Authorities' Network should carry out development work during 2012 on such activities as an overhaul of the current action programme based on the recommendations from PWC.

Åke Svensson, national coordinator for the platform, reported on the group work to examine Swedish national documents on climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction. The platform decided that the Swedish national strategy for climate change adaptation is the Sweden climate and energy bill. MSB also reported on efforts to integrate climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction into the platform via a number of activities in the work plan for 2012 and onwards. The platform will continue its interactions with climate adaptation coordinators at the county level. In addition the platform will develop co-operation with research centers such as the Centre for Climate and Safety (CCS) in Karlstad and Centre for Natural Disaster Science (CNDS) in Uppsala. Discussions will be launched in 2012 regarding a joint conference to be conducted in 2013.

The Steering Group welcomed the Swedish National Heritage Board as a member of the national platform. The Steering Group requested that the Authorities' Network offer the Swedish Board of Agriculture and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management the opportunity to join as well..

### **External Evaluation of the Platform**

By request from the MSB, the auditing company Öhrlings Pricewaterhouse Coopers AB (PWC) reviewed the platform's organisation, governance, objectives, and achievements, and how participating agencies and organisations perceive the collaboration. The review was carried out based on the governing documents, supplemented by interviews with the Secretariat and representatives of the Steering Group, the Authorities' Network and the Ministry of Defence. The results of the review show, among other things, that the platform has led to better coordination and cooperation among the participating authorities and organisations, and that the results were used more effectively through joint projects. PWC also emphasized a number of areas for improvement including an overhaul of the action programme's objectives and concepts. Other areas for improvement are to more clearly emphasize the value of participating in the platform and finding ways to cooperate with private partners.

### **Tests of New Elevation Data**

There is great interest in how the New National Elevation Model (NNH) can be used to prevent natural disasters. The target groups are broad, which is reflected in the involvement and interest of several authorities in the project.

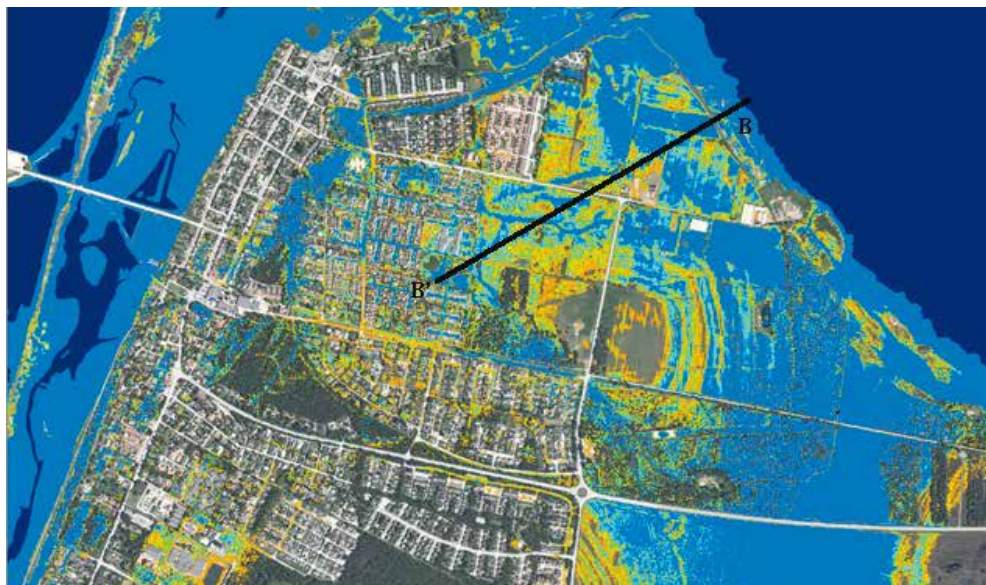
Two projects have been completed in which the purpose was to test how NNH-based analyses can be used as support in preventing natural disasters. One of these called "NNH and sea level elevations" evaluated how the NNH can be used to analyse the consequences of an expected rise in sea levels. Examples of how the NNH

could be used to achieve greater precision in analysing the influence of erosion along the coast can be added to this. The authorities collaborating on this project are the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Lantmäteriet (LM), the Swedish Geotechnical Institute (SGI), the Geological Survey of Sweden (SGU), the Swedish Transport Administration and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL).

The other project that used the NNH as its primary source of data was “NNH for identifying causeways and railway embankments”. High causeways are at risk in floods and strong currents in water courses and could require high restoration and repair costs. Gradients steeper than 1:1.5 in causeways are considered to be especially vulnerable, but this also depends on what types of soils make up the base. This project aimed at developing a method for assessing high causeways based on elevation data from the NNH and road information from the National Road Database (NVDB). The NNH and NVDB were used to chart sections of road with potential risk objects in the form of causeways higher than 2 meters and 5 meters respectively. The collaborating partners in this project were the Swedish Transport Administration and Lantmäteriet.

### Geotechnical Sector Portal

An initial study was conducted to clarify the conditions for establishing an efficient data infrastructure for access to geotechnical investigations, and to provide data at a geotechnical sector portal through [www.geodata.se](http://www.geodata.se). The initial study shows that there are good conditions for a sector portal of this kind and that a core study should be carried out to clarify the technical data infrastructure, organisation, relationship of responsibilities, and funding. Partners for this project have been Lantmäteriet, Swedish Geotechnical Institute, Geological Survey of Sweden, and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions. A proposal for a subsequent study has been submitted to MSB’s crisis management (2:4) financial instrument.



*The photograph shows how Skanör would be adversely affected by a water level equivalent to 50 year reoccurrence (from the activity on the new national elevation model and sea level rising).*

### Overview of Governing Documents for Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

A working group with representatives from the County Administrative Boards, the MSB, Swedish Geotechnical Institute and the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute\*, created an overview of the governing documents for Sweden's work in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction. They have noted where the participating public authorities and organisations in the platform have contributed documents that they consider governs their work. These documents were then ranked by the working group. Information was also brought in from international and national conferences and meetings. The work of the group has been compiled in a presentation that was communicated within the Authorities' Network and at a couple of national conferences during the autumn, and reported to the Steering Group at the same time. The material will be used, for example, as a basis for discussions at a joint meeting between those coordinating climate change adaptation at the County Administrative Boards and the Authorities' Network to be conducted during 2012.

*\*) The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions participated in the beginning discussions.*

### Handling Flooding Problems – Inspiring Examples

The seminar series conducted in the autumn of 2010 has been documented in a book. The book was distributed to the 230 participants from four seminars, but also to climate adaptation coordinators at the county administrative boards, as well as at various seminars and conferences. The book has also been published and can be downloaded at [www.preventionweb.net](http://www.preventionweb.net) and [www.msb.se](http://www.msb.se).



*The handbook on flooding problems and solutions in Swedish is free and can be downloaded at [www.msb.se/nationellplattform](http://www.msb.se/nationellplattform).*



### **UNISDR Campaign - Making Resilient Cities**

During 2010, every municipality was informed of the UNISDR campaign to implement HFA at the local level. Karlstad Municipality joined the campaign and was deemed a “champion city” by the UNISDR. In the spring of 2011, Kristianstad Municipality wrote an application and the UNISDR acknowledged the municipality as a “role model city”. During 2011, the platform arranged a national seminar on climate change adaptation and Making Cities Resilient with lecturers from the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, SMHI and the MSB. Karlstad and Kristianstad municipalities spoke about the measures they have taken to reduce disaster risk. The seminar also took on an international character since a guest from UNISDR in Nairobi was invited to lecture, as well as two experts from the city of Ancona in Italy. The seminar was planned, conducted, and funded by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions and MSB.

The Swedish National Platform and the Great Britain’s Environment Agency arranged a study trip at the local level for Kristianstad and Karlstad Municipality as part of the Making Cities Resilient campaign. They visited London, Hull and York to see and discuss flood risk and mitigation measures.

Some countries, primarily in Europe, have also shown an interest in an exchange with Swedish municipalities. These contacts will be cultivated during 2012 to stimulate further Hyogo Framework for Action exchanges. Sweden’s HFA focal point also leads a working group within the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction that deals with information distribution and exchange. Several exchanges will take place at the local level and will be profiled as part of the UNISDR campaign.

## **Activities Not Completed**

### **Starting Points for Testing Cases of Beach Erosion**

A case of lining the beach with extra sand to protect against a disaster in Ystad, demonstrated the need for increased understanding of the basis for such decisions made by various public authorities. This platform activity could not be carried out in 2011 but will be conducted in 2012 instead.

### **In-depth Study on Activating the ‘Biological Threat’ in Platform Work**

The Swedish Board of Agriculture was commissioned by the government to carry out a comprehensive study of biological threats in Sweden. The study that the Swedish Forest Agency and MSB should have carried out as part of the national platform during 2011 has therefore expired. The Authorities’ Network has instead agreed to invite the Swedish Forest Agency to a network meeting during 2012 to present and discuss the results and the need for including biological threats as part of the platform’s focus.

## **Reference Groups**

The Authorities’ Network formed a reference group in connection with MSB’s thematic announcement of research funding in the field of natural disasters and climate adaptation. The Authorities’ Network contributed ideas for the announcement text and participated in the selection process. Some authorities reported a conflict of interest as applications for funds also came from employees in the agencies and organisations that are included in the platform’s Authorities Network.



*The Nordic HFA group met in Karlstad, Sweden and participated in a flood risk and mitigation tour around the city. Researchers from the Centre for Climate and Safety (CCS) at Karlstad University lead the guided tour. From the left in the photo is Klas Jansson, Karlstad Municipality, Lars Nyberg, CCS, Sweden; Åke Svensson, MSB, Sweden; Carin Nilsson, SMHI, Sweden; Kristin Knutsen, Justice Department, Norway; Tapio Torula, Meteorological Institute, Finland; Karianne Seim, Justice Department, Norway; Dag Olav Högvold, DSB, Norway; Janet Edwards, MSB, Sweden; Taito Vainio, Ministry of the Interior, Finland; Mette Lindahl Olsson, MSB, Sweden; Mariele Evers, CCS, Sweden.*

The Authorities' Network also formed a reference group in connection with MSB's interest in sending observers to Australia, a country that suffered from the adverse effects of both floods and forest fires during 2010 and 2011. A study trip is planned for 2012, with participants from agencies like the Swedish Transport Administration, the National Food Agency, MSB, and the County Administrative Boards.

## International Cooperation

### Cooperation in the Nordic Countries

The second Nordic meeting between national platforms and HFA focal points in the Nordic countries took place in Karlstad on March 6–7, 2011. Representatives from Finland, Norway, and Sweden participated in the meeting. The group discussed climate adaptation issues and cooperation in different areas like the UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient campaign. Karlstad Municipality and the Center for Climate and Safety (CCS) at Karlstad University took part in the meeting. The first day of meetings concluded with a walk through Karlstad, where CCS and the municipality indicated the problems with flooding that Karlstad prevents and/ or mitigates. The next meeting will be conducted in Pori, Finland, in the spring of 2012.

### Cooperation in Europe

The HFA focal point and the Secretariat's international coordinator participated in the "Friends of Chair" planning group meeting from February 28 – March 1, 2011 in Brussels. The meeting was a part of the planning prior to the second meeting at the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) under the Macedonian chairmanship. Sweden spoke about experiences as the first chair of the EFDRR.

On July 2, Sweden's HFA focal point and UNISDR's European Coordinator participated in the PROTEC Conference in Turin, Italy. The conference focused on civil protection and natural hazards. UNISDR informed about the Hyogo Framework for Action and Sweden's HFA focal point discussed how the HFA is implemented.

Later in the year, the MSB played an active role in the EFDRR's second annual meeting on October 10-12 in Skopje, Macedonia. Sweden led a session on information sharing and exchanges, and presented the results of the working group's analysis of successful HFA exchanges within Europe.

In the capacity of her role as chairman of the platform's steering committee, MSB's Director General Helena Lindberg discussed current topics with Margareta Wahlström, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction. They discussed HFA mainly focusing on humanitarian efforts. This was also the first contact with the UNISDR's coordinator for private-public partnership. Ms. Wahlström was in Stockholm to speak during World Water Week 2011.

### **Cooperation at the Global Level**

On March 8-9, Sweden's HFA focal point took part in the Midterm Review Launching meeting in Rome. Sweden led a session on national experiences of the HFA.

A Swedish delegation which included representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Defence, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, and the MSB participated in the third Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva from May 9-13, 2011. Sweden's HFA focal point led the session on national platforms. The session's conclusions were presented by Sweden during the meeting's closing session.

A delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan met at the MSB office in Karlstad the 9th-11th of August. National platforms as well as the management of natural disasters were in focus for this 3-day study trip. This exchange was a direct result of contacts made at the Global Platform meeting.

Also as a result of the Global Platform meeting in Geneva MSB's Director General invited Margaret Wahlström, to the national conference on societal security, which took place on 16-17 November 2011. Margareta Wahlstrom spoke about future risks in the first plenary session. On the same day Ms. Wahlstrom interviewed Sten Hermansson, chairman of the Kristianstad City Council, on how the city builds resilience to disasters. The video film from this interview can be viewed at UNISDR's website at [www.preventionweb.net](http://www.preventionweb.net).

MSB was responsible for a session of the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient. In the same session the UNISDR's Europe Coordinator Paola Albrito launched the "Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Revealing Risk, Redefining development". The report provides an overview of successes and challenges related to implementing HFA in different countries in the world.

MSB organized a study visit on 26-30 September for civil defence personnel from Jordan and Palestine to learn about how Sweden deals with all phases in the disaster



*Sten Hermansson, chairman of the City Council of Kristianstad signed up for the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient campaign with approval from UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction Margareta Wahlström. The ceremony took place during MSB's Civil Security Conference in Kista, Stockholm.*



*In August a delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, visited MSB's office in Karlstad. Together they exchanged experiences about national platforms and natural disasters during the three intensive days of the study visit.*



management cycle. MSB discussed the development and management of the national platform, the work carried out and practical tips for how to successfully implement the action plan. The study trip was funded through the EU project PPRD-South.

MSB's experts in climate change adaptation participated in a joint EU / UNISDR meeting in Brussels for researchers. "Governance of Climate Related Risks in Europe: The Need for Policy-Oriented Research" was held September 8th to 9th. This was the third joint meeting of its kind and the purpose is to encourage greater dialogue between researchers and other sectors who work on disaster risk reduction.

The platform's international coordinator participated in UNISDR's Making Cities Resilient partners meeting in Geneva on the 1st - 2nd of November 2011. During this meeting Sweden presented how the national platform supports the campaign within the country, the planned activities, successes and challenges.

### **Follow-up of the National Reporting to UNISDR**

In the spring of 2011 the Secretariat analysed the responses received for the national reporting to UNISDR on Sweden's implementation of the HFA during the period 2009-2011. A few gaps were identified and, therefore, new activities were proposed for the 2012 – 2014 action programme.

### **Economy**

MSB has been responsible for the cost of the work of the HFA focal point and the platform's secretariat including administrative costs, travel, some of the investigations and reports and informational brochures.

The other agencies and organizations in the platform finance their own costs for participation in meetings. Activities that are initiated within the platform are funded through agreements within the Authorities Network on a case by case basis and through collaboration with other organisations (in Sweden or abroad). Platform activities that are linked with the ordinary responsibilities of one or more authorities are usually funded by those same authorities.

For fiscal year 2011, the platform activities excluding the payroll of the Secretariat's personnel, was financed by the MSB for 800 000 Swedish kronor. Participating authorities have funded their own time and travel costs. The authorities that hosted Authorities Network meetings have paid for the cost of coffee and lunch at these meetings.







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