Collaboration in Disasters

Designing, testing, and deploying the concept
Objective of the Concept

Establish meaningful collaboration among crisis centres, scientists and other stakeholders in disasters
Objective of the Session

Discuss how the concept can be implemented and widely introduced
Objective of the Presentation

Introduce a few ideas and considerations as a basis for discussion in the session
What is needed to make the concept work

- We need to understand/define
  - Actors/stakeholders
  - Information needs
  - Information sources
  - What to expect from analysis
  - Information products
  - Triggers (for activation and stand-down)

- We need to identify/develop
  - Procedures, guidelines
  - Technology, tools
  - Policies (membership, certification)
  - Synergies between related activities
  - Plan of Action for implementation
Opportunities

- Collaboration among related activities
  - Global Crisis Centre Network
  - WHO/ECO-NET
  - UN OPSCEN Network
  - EC Crisis Labs Network
- Stakeholder support
- Frequent regional SIMEX
- Advocacy among stakeholders at HNPW
- VO as coordination platform is widely used
- “Virtual” disaster coordination – developed through “virtual” collaboration
- Low costs – high impact
Considerations

- Leadership by Core Group of key stakeholders
- Start small and grow bigger
- Inclusive vs exclusive
- Evolution vs “perfect design”
- Keep it simple and pragmatic
- Result oriented (not procedure oriented)
- Standards and predictability
- Added Value !!
“Evolutionary“ development of the concept

- Design Revision
- Procedures Tools
- Testing (SIMEX) Application (disasters)
- Awareness Training Certification
Session discussion

- Collaborative process for the development of procedures
- Introducing and testing of procedures
- Evaluations and revisions
- Policies and formalization