

A meeting gathering the risk communication focal points was held from 18 to 20 of September 2012. A total of 46 participants, representing ministries of health, crises management centres, academic institutions and WHO Secretariat from country offices, regional office and headquarters, contributed to the discussions and outcomes of the first regional consultation on risk communication.

The consultation was effective in beginning a dialogue about risk communication and taking the first steps to develop a regional framework that contributes to the functioning of national preparedness and response systems. The implication for risk communication from this meeting was that there should be a greater use of networking and collaboration in planning and execution of strategy.

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