The Permanent Mission of Canada and DARA invite you to the presentation of

RRI
RISK REDUCTION INDEX
IN WEST AFRICA
CAPE VERDE, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, NIGER, SENEGAL
ANALYSIS OF THE CAPACITIES AND CONDITIONS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

WHEN
20 February 2014, 15h - 16h15
RRI presentation and discussion
Coffee and refreshments will be served

WHERE
Permanent Mission of Canada, Avenue de l’Ariana 5, 1202 Geneva

WHO
Opening Remarks
Ed Schenkenberg - DARA Chief Executive
Presenter
Belén Paley - DARA Advocacy Manager and RRI Lead Researcher

WHAT
We would like to invite you to the presentation of the Risk Reduction Index (RRI) second report, carried out in West Africa (Cape Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Niger and Senegal). In West Africa, underlying risk drivers continue to increase communities’ vulnerability to natural hazards, decrease their resilience overall, and potentially diminish important development gains that have been made. As in the first phase of the RRI carried out in 2009-2010 in Central America, the 2013 RRI West Africa measures local perceptions of risks and has identified links between underlying risk factors and increased vulnerability, raising awareness around the need for greater risk management initiatives.

WHY
The goal of the RRI is to generate knowledge in the region and beyond that will help civil society, local administrations, national governments, the regional community of states, ECOWAS, and donors address underlying factors of risk from a more integrated perspective. The RRI also aims to promote better integration of DRR into development, poverty reduction and humanitarian strategies and policies of all stakeholders, especially donors and affected governments. RRI recommendations will contribute to the current discussions around Hyogo Framework for Action 2 (HFA2).

The event will take place in English. RRI reports will be available in both English and French.