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Concept Note for Thematic session

Event title	Strategies and Actions for Build Back Better: Experiences along different dimensions
Event code	THEM-17
Date and Time	Friday, 4 th November, 13.00-14.30
Venue/ Room no.	Hall No 6, Second Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
Organizers	<p>Lead: International Recovery Platform (IRP)</p> <p>Collaborators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRP Steering Committee members, including Cabinet Office of Japan, Hyogo Prefecture, UNOPS, ADB, WB, UNDP, and UNISDR etc• Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)• Caritas India• Duryog Nivaran• Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (RCEM)• Sichuan University- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University <p>Contact Details* (lead): Name: Yuki Matsuoka (UNISDR) and Gerald Potutan (IRP Secretariat) Designation: Ms. Yuki Matsuoka, Head of UNISDR Office in Japan Mr. Gerald Potutan, Researcher, IRP Secretariat Email id and phone number: matsuoka@un.org, gerald@recoveryplatform.org Phone number +81 (0)78-262-5550 or 6041 Organization name and address: International Recovery Platform DRI 5F East Tower 1-5-2 Wakinohama Kaigan-dori Chuo-ku Kobe 651-0073 Japan</p>

Session Objective

Objectives

To share experiences and draw lessons from practical actions and cases, which facilitate “build back better”, and to discuss how the implementation of the priority Four of the Sendai Framework for DRR will be further promoted, particularly those pertaining to: governance, gender, social inclusion, coordination, local capacity, and pre-investment. The actions along these dimensions are expected to strengthen the following four elements – essential to facilitate build back better in line the Disaster Recovery Framework.

- Ñ Policies
- Ñ Institutional arrangements
- Ñ Financing mechanisms
- Ñ Implementation arrangements and recovery management

To inform the development of the “Words into Action” guidelines for the theme “Build Back Better in Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction” in order to further constitutes practical guidance on how responsibilities can be carried out, where mutual reinforcement can be reached, and to be a useful tool for the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Background and context

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The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in its Priority 4 recognized the critical importance of Build Back Better as below:

Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction
Para 32. “Disasters have demonstrated that the recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction phase, which needs to be prepared ahead of a disaster, is a critical opportunity to “Build Back Better”, including through integrating disaster risk reduction into development measures, making nations and communities resilient to disasters”.

The International Recovery Platform (IRP), which is also recognized in the Sendai Framework, generally views build back better concept as “a systematic process to investigate the underlying reasons for failure and incorporating the lessons learned to inform the reconstruction and redevelopment process. Build Back Better priorities are identified and influenced by the recovery processes”.

Build back better is a complex process that has many relevant dimensions – ranging from governance, gender, shelter, infrastructure, social inclusion, and those aspects of sustainable development.

	<p>As the Guide to Developing Disaster Recovery Framework (the joint guide by EU/UN/World Bank) points out¹, enabling communities to recovery from disasters requires both good preparedness before the disaster and ensuring that recovery measures are aligned with ongoing developing following the disaster. DRF emphasized four key elements of preparedness for recovery – i) policies and strategies to enable recovery, ii) institutional arrangements, iii) financing mechanisms, and iv) implementation arrangements and recovery management.</p> <p>These four elements will guide the panel discussion of this session, by sharing concrete experiences from stakeholder and countries and discuss how build back better will be facilitated.</p> <p>In Asia, strategies and actions to facilitate build back better in recovery have been initiated and implemented by various actors. In this session, various stakeholders (national governments, CSOs/NGOs, and academic institution) will share their experiences and suggestions through the panel discussion to further facilitate build back better in recovery.</p>
<p>Session format and programme</p>	<p>Introduction (13:00-13:05) Opening remarks (13:05-13:10) Cabinet Office of Japan</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Stefan Kohler (UNOPS), Chair of the International Recovery Platform</p> <p>Chair will provide a brief introduction about the Disaster Recovery Framework which emphasizes four key elements of preparedness for recovery – i) policies and strategies to enable recovery, ii) institutional arrangements, iii) financing mechanisms, and iv) implementation arrangements and recovery management. These elements will guide the panel discussion.</p> <p>Panel Discussion (13:10-14:25) What specific actions have been carried out to facilitate “build back better” in recovery? What key challenges and lessons can be drawn from these actions in implementing recovery and reconstruction to further inform and strengthen policies, institutional arrangement, financing mechanism, and implementation arrangements?</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sushil Gyewali, Vice-Chairman of the Nepal Reconstruction Authority, the Government of Nepal: issues and challenges of recovery efforts, including presenting the Post-Disaster Recovery Framework 2016-2020 • Executive Director, National Disaster Risk Reduction and

¹ <https://www.gfdrr.org/sites/gfdrr/files/publication/DRF-Guide.pdf>

	<p>Management Council, Republic of Philippines: Good practice in Build Back Better with focus on pre-investment in BBB (suggested speaker by JICA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vinod Menon, Senior Advisor – Caritas India and Former Member of National Disaster Management Authority, India: Community Managed building back better for Inclusive Recovery (suggested speaker by Caritas) • Mr. Amjad Bhatti, Steering Committee member of Duryog Nivaran: presenting the South Asian Disaster Report 2016, including key messages from the report (suggested speaker by Duryog Nivaran) • Ms. Shaila Shahid, Team Leader, Gender and Water Alliance Bangladesh: Build back better - Gender responsive DRR towards resilience building which will focus Gender mainstreaming in water and food security linkages towards enhanced disaster resilience (suggested speaker by RCEM) • Prof. Linsheng Gu, Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, Sichuan University-The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Sichuan University: China's post-earthquake reconstruction mode and DRR (suggested speaker by Sichuan University) • ASEAN Secretariat: ASEAN Recovery Framework and several initiatives at recovery planning in the region (Speaker suggested by IRP) <p>The Moderator will facilitate discussion, questions and answers.</p> <p>Wrap up by the Moderator Closing remarks (14:25-14:30)</p>
<p>Intended main outcome and Key messages</p>	<p>Main Outcome: Experiences, good practices and models for replication and adaptability are shared by stakeholders including experiences in Bangladesh, Nepal, Philippines, India, China, CSO/NGO, and ASEAN.</p> <p>Mutual learning is facilitated on challenges and good practices for replication and influencing of public policies.</p> <p>Synthesis of salient points that can further facilitate to <i>Build Back Better</i> will be developed as the outcome of this session.</p> <p>Potential Key Messages from the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build back better is essential to reduce vulnerability and make the development gains more sustainable • Pre-investment is prerequisite for build back better • Recovery phase is an opportunity to build back better • Build back better in recovery is a large-scale institutional and technical effort, which requires all the stakeholders—government, bilateral and multilateral donors, and NGOs and civil society—to collaborate and work

	<p>together, including gender considerations and social inclusion at all phases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build back better in recovery is more successful when interventions aimed to help the affected people are implemented effectively. • Knowledge and capacity are essential in facilitating effective preparation to build back better in recovery. • Accountability, including monitoring of recovery progress, is an essential component of any build back better in recovery effort.
<p>List of Speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Proposed Speakers: (each of the following panelist will make a brief presentation and discussion will be moderated by the Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sushil Gyewali, Vice-Chairman of the Nepal Reconstruction Authority, the Government of Nepal: issues and challenges of recovery efforts, including presenting the Post-Disaster Recovery Framework 2016-2020 • Executive Director, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Republic of Philippines: Good practice in Build Back Better with focus on pre-investment in BBB • Mr. Vinod Menon, Senior Advisor – Caritas India and Former Member of National Disaster Management Authority, India: “Community Managed building back better for Inclusive Recovery“ by highlighting experiences in strengthening preparedness, risk identification, risk assessment, vulnerability analysis, risk remediation, emergency response, recovery planning and participatory process of Community centric Risk Management for More Effective Recovery. • Mr. Amjad Bhatti, Steering Committee member of Duryog Nivaran: presenting the South Asian Disaster Report 2016, including key messages from the report • Ms. Shaila Shahid, Team Leader, Gender and Water Alliance Bangladesh: Build back better - Gender responsive DRR towards resilience building which will focus Gender mainstreaming in water and food security linkages towards enhanced disaster resilience • Prof. Linsheng Gu, Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, Sichuan University-The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Sichuan University: China's post-earthquake reconstruction mode and DRR • ASEAN Secretariat: ASEAN Recovery Framework and several initiatives at recovery planning in the region

	<p>Comments from the floor can include: Representatives of multilateral and bilateral agencies (such as ADB, JICA, WB etc)</p>
Background document	<p><i>Background documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guide to Developing Disaster Recovery Framework (EU/UN/World Bank) • The South Asian Disaster Report 2016
Technical Equipment	<p>Projector, computer, and microphones.</p>