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**Consolidated Concept Note for Thematic session**

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Development of Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guides - Working Group on DRR Governance and Accountability</b>
<b>Event code</b>	THEM-2
<b>Date and Time</b>	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 13.30-15.00
<b>Venue/ Room no.</b>	Hall 2+3. First Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
<b>Organizers</b>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Prof. Richard Haigh &amp; Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga (representing UNISDR Words into Action on Governance and Accountability working group)</p> <p><b>Collaborators:</b> University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; DeSHARI Consortium (A consortium of four leading INGOs in Bangladesh working on Disaster Risk Reduction and Humanitarian Response.) The INGOs members are Action Contre la Faim, Christian Aid, DanChurch Aid &amp; Muslim Aid, Bangladesh; Farmers’ Voice, Bangladesh; Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA), India, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA), India; CDM, LBSNAA, Mussoorie, India; AIDMI, India</p> <p>Contact Details* (lead): <a href="mailto:r.haigh@hud.ac.uk">r.haigh@hud.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Name: Prof. Richard Haigh &amp; Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga</p> <p>Designation: Professor of Disaster Resilience /Co-lead, UNISDR Working group on Words into action on Governance and Accountability</p> <p>Email id and phone number: <a href="mailto:r.haigh@hud.ac.uk">r.haigh@hud.ac.uk</a> +44 (0)7983 866957</p> <p>Organization name and address: Global Disaster Resilience Centre, School of Art, Design and Architecture University of Huddersfield Queensgate Huddersfield HD1 3DH</p>

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<p><b>Session Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain consensus on a conceptual framework for disaster risk governance that will form the basis of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guides Working Group on DRR Governance and Accountability</li> <li>• Share and gain input from local examples and cases towards developing a practical guide on DRR governance and accountability, to help countries and partners to move ahead with the implementation of the Sendai Framework</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background and context</b></p>	<p>During the decade that followed the adoption of the Hyogo Framework for Action in 2005, calls for greater public, private and civic accountability to reduce risk and vulnerability became increasingly vocal.</p> <p>Disaster Risk Governance refers to “the way in which public authorities, civil servants, media, private sector and civil society coordinate at the local, national and regional levels in order to manage and reduce disaster- and climate-related risks.” Strengthening governance has been identified as essential for effective prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation. Addressing fundamental issues that underpin risk - including governance, within the context of DRR creates a global platform for addressing risk in a way that ushers it into the mainstream of daily political and civil life.</p> <p>Investing in governance should be seen as a new opportunity, which is highlighted as one of the four priority areas in the Sendai Framework. This can help to address policy gaps, reduce exposure and vulnerability and in so doing, minimize the risk of economic, social and human failures, and the costly losses for countries and humanity that these entail. Ensuring clear accountability and transparency, and avoiding the creation of new and unnecessary risks will help generate opportunities for a safer and more resilient future.</p> <p>This session will elaborate on some of the very complex and challenging issues of risk governance. It will present and seek input on the work of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guides Working Group on DRR Governance and Accountability, which is developing a practical guide to help countries and partners to move ahead with the implementation of the Sendai Framework. The focus of the first edition of the guide will be on DRR accountability as a component of governance. The guide will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer models of disaster risk reduction accountability at different levels</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance to the focal point on disaster risk reduction at the central government level on how to improve leadership in risk governance, transparency, sharing of risk information, stakeholder participation and public awareness, and encouraging and acting on stakeholder feedback</li> <li>• Focus on identifying mechanisms of implementation for the various elements of disaster risk reduction governance</li> <li>• Share examples and good practice, in particular related to multi-stakeholder participation, compliance and enforcement of disaster risk reduction policies, transparency, responsiveness to stakeholders, consensus orientation, equity, effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, and strategic vision for reducing disaster risks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session format and programme</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The moderator, Prof Richard Haigh, will open the session with a short introduction of himself and each speaker, and lay a framework for the presentations and discussion <b>(5 minutes)</b></li> <li>2. Expert presentations <b>(60 minutes – 10 minutes per presentation)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Briefing on Words into Action – Sendai Framework’s implementation guide</li> <li>b. Words into Action for governance and accountability and the implementation of Sendai Framework – Approach and key components</li> <li>c. Partnering Local People to Free them from Pseudo-development while Transforming Sendai Words into Action</li> <li>d. Strengthening accountability in humanitarian actions and DRR programme through partnership and consortium approach</li> <li>e. Strengthen the capacities of local governments/ organisations to improve their Resilience towards Disaster Risk (In conformity with SFDRR) - Linking Disaster Management Plans with respective Districts, States and National Disaster Management Plans</li> <li>f. Policy and institutional framework to enhance local level preparedness - case studies of sub-national governments and local level organisations</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The moderator will facilitate a discussion among panel members using guiding questions to consider future plans and actions that need to be considered in contributing positively towards the “Words into Action” Implementation Guides on DRR Governance and Accountability <b>(20 minutes)</b></li> <li>4. The moderator will conclude with closing remarks including the way forward <b>(5 minutes)</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Intended main outcome and Key</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasising the importance of good governance at the global, national</li> </ul>

<p><b>messages</b></p>	<p>and local levels to facilitate the disaster risk reduction agenda and contribute to the Sendai Framework for DRR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real actions addressing the challenge of the implementation and achievement of those targets</li> <li>• Sharing knowledge and good practices with examples</li> <li>• Identifying plans and actions to be considered in the future including contributing positively towards the “Words into Action” Implementation Guides on DRR Governance and Accountability</li> </ul>
<p><b>List of Speakers and their interventions</b></p>	<p><b>Prof. Richard Haigh, Professor of Disaster Resilience/ Co-Director, Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield, UK;</b> e-mail: <a href="mailto:r.haigh@hud.ac.uk">r.haigh@hud.ac.uk</a></p> <p><i>Richard Haigh</i> is a Professor and Co-Director of the Huddersfield Centre for Disaster Resilience at the University of Huddersfield, Joint Editor of the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment, and Co-Chair of the International Conference on Building Resilience series. He was formerly Acting Associate Head of the Research and a Research Professor at the School of the Built Environment, University of Salford. His research interests include the conceptual understanding of resilience, the reintegration and rehabilitation of conflict-affected communities in Sri Lanka, and engagement of the private sector in the development of societal resilience. Richard is Principal Investigator of ANDROID (Academic Network for Disaster Resilience to Optimise Educational Development), a partnership of 67 institutions across 31 countries committed to promote co-operation and innovation to increase society’s resilience to disasters of human and natural origin. Richard was also Principal Investigator of Conflict Prevention through Infrastructure Reconstruction, a 12-month intervention to enhance the capacity of local stakeholders to deliver conflict sensitive infrastructure reconstruction programmes within the North and East of Sri Lanka, and thereby to help prevent future conflict in the region. The project was funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British High Commission in Colombo. Richard has published over 25 peer reviewed journal articles, 1 edited book, 7 book chapters, and 13 reports for a variety of stakeholders. A full list of Richard’s publications, projects, and national and international activities can be found at <a href="http://www.richardhaigh.info">www.richardhaigh.info</a>.</p> <p><b>Topic of intervention:</b> Moderator</p> <p><b>Jerry Velasquez - Chief of Section, Advocacy and Outreach, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR);</b> email: <a href="mailto:velasquezg@un.org">velasquezg@un.org</a></p> <p>Jerry Velasquez is Chief of the Advocacy and Communications Section and Head of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). Before moving to this function in Geneva in August 2013, he was for six years the UNISDR Regional Coordinator for Asia</p>

and the Pacific covering 37 countries and 16 territories from Central Asia to the Pacific Islands. The Regional Office is based in Thailand, with oversight for the sub-regional office in the Pacific in Fiji, and the Kobe liaison office in Japan. He previously worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya with the Division for the Global Environment Facility (DGEF) and the Division for Environmental Laws and Conventions (DELCO), where he focussed on the promotion of cooperation among Multilateral Environmental Conventions. Prior to this he was the Coordinator of the Global Environment Information Centre (GEIC), a joint programme of the Ministry of Environment of Japan and the UN University, where he coordinated the Inter-linkages programme – promoting synergies among the work of Multilateral Environmental Conventions.

**Topic of intervention:** Briefing on Words into Action – Sendai Framework’s implementation guide

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He has published widely in the areas of Youth, Peace and Sustainable Development and is widely recognized as one of the prominent academics leading research in areas of poverty, conflicts and Youth studies.

**Topic of intervention:** Words into Action for governance and accountability and the implementation of Sendai Framework – Approach and key components

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Dilanthi Amaratunga is a Professor of Disaster Risk Management at the University of Huddersfield, UK. She is a leading expert in disaster resilience with an international reputation. She currently leads the Global Disaster Resilience Centre, a global leader in interdisciplinary research, education and advocacy to improve the resilience of nations and communities at the University of Huddersfield, UK. Her research interests include disasters and the built environment; capacity building; socio-economic measures for disaster risks; gender and protection; Preparedness for response, recovery and reconstruction, conflict affected societies; Risk management and sustainability; and Public policy, governance and procurement. Her research leadership in disaster management has been recognized in the international research community by appointing her as the Editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment ([www.emeraldinsight.com/ijdrbe.htm](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/ijdrbe.htm)). She also led the Editorial Team of the Global Assessment Report 2015 key papers published by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction. She has project managed to successful completion several research projects generating significant research outputs including CASCADE, with 17 international partners. To date, she has produced over two hundred publications, refereed papers and reports, and has made over 50 key note speeches in around 30 countries, over 80 invited speeches and keynotes for international audiences. Full details of Dilanthi's publications, projects, and national and international activities can be found at [www.dilanthiamaratunga.net](http://www.dilanthiamaratunga.net).

**Topic of intervention:** Words into Action for governance and accountability and the implementation of Sendai Framework – Approach and key components

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Mr. Zakir has graduated in Organic Farming from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. Returned to the locality and established the tiny Farmers' Research Institute Krisoker Sor (Farmers' Voice). He is working more than 15 years with local people's support.

The institution considers DRR issue as the prime concern for locality development. He is vocal to establish local people's ownership over development policies and practices. Mr. Zakir has participated different international seminars, conferences including Strategic Dialogue with UNISDR and 6th AMCDRR where he introduced the new term "Pseudo Development" to DRR perspective. In the arena of "project culture", the tiny institution is an exception.

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**Topic of intervention:** Partnering Local People to Free them from Pseudo-development while Transforming Sendai Words into Action

**Shakeb Nabi**, DeSHARI Consortium (A consortium of four leading INGOs in Bangladesh working on Disaster Risk Reduction and Humanitarian Response.) The INGOs members are Action Contre la Faim, Christian Aid, DanChurch Aid & Muslim Aid; [SNabi@christian-aid.org](mailto:SNabi@christian-aid.org)

Shakeb is a seasoned development and humanitarian professional, leader and an executive with more than 18 years of diversified experience across South and South East Asia. His work focuses around program development and management, policy advocacy, donor relationships and networking & liaison. Shakeb has been working across various organizations at the senior management level since the last 7 years.

He holds a post graduate diploma (equivalent to MBA) from Indian Institute of Forest Management followed by a Masters in International Development Management from UK. He also has a Masters in Humanitarian Action (NOHA) from Uppsala University, Sweden which was supported by Erasmus Mundus Fellowship.

Currently Shakeb is heading Christian Aid in Bangladesh with huge emphasis on Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Response, Climate Resilience, Livelihoods and Market Led and Private Sector Engagement Approach to Poverty Reduction.

**Topic of intervention:** Strengthening accountability in humanitarian actions and DRR programmer through partnership and consortium approach

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Sridhar Chiruvolu, IAS (Bihar: 2001) Post Graduate in Agriculture with specialization in Genetics & Plant Breeding. After probation in Purnea District, he was posted as SDO, Rajgir; Deputy Development Commissioner of Kaimur and Patna; Municipal Commissioner, Patna & MD Bihar Rajya Jal Parishad; District Magistrate of Nalanda, Rohtas, Purnea, Vaishali, West Champaran and East Champaran. He served as Chairman, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam, CEO of Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society & Commissioner Self Employment and MD, Beltron. He served as Special DM, East Champaran during Nepal earth quake to organize rescue and relief operations. He was the State Project Director, SSA and Director, Primary Education before joining the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of

	<p>Administration.</p> <p>Presently he is posted as Deputy Director Senior at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie and is the Centre Director, Centre for Disaster Management. Disaster Management Plan of LBSNAA is being prepared under his leadership. He is also Centre Director, Centre for Rural studies and is involved in studying Land, rural poverty and livelihood issues. His areas of interest include Agriculture, HRD, Welfare, Health and Disaster resilience. He was the recipient of various awards - CMs cash award for Kosi Flood relief 2008 as DM, Purnea; Paryavaran Mitra Award as DM West Champaran and Commendation for enhancing electoral participation as DM, East Champaran.</p> <p><b>Topic of intervention:</b> Strengthen the capacities of local governments/ organisations to improve their Resilience towards Disaster Risk (In conformity with SFDRR) - Linking Disaster Management Plans with respective Districts, States and National Disaster Management Plans</p> <p><b>Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha, IAS (Retd.),</b> Vice Chairman; E-mail: vice_chair@bsdma.org</p> <p>Organization name and address: Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA), 2nd Floor, Pant Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna – 800001 (Bihar)</p> <p><b>Biography requested and will be added to concept note</b></p> <p><b>Topic of intervention:</b> Policy and institutional framework to enhance local level preparedness - case studies of sub-national governments and local level organisations</p>
<b>Technical Equipment</b>	Projector, computer, microphones