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Concept Note of Technical Session

Event title	Technical Session 4: Disaster preparedness for effective response and to 'build back better'
Event code	TS4
Date and Time	Thursday 3 November 2016 – 16.30-18.30
Venue/ Room no.	Plenary Hall Ground Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
Theme	Strengthening disaster preparedness for effective response and to 'build back better' in recovery and reconstruction in Asia
Organizers	Chair: Government of Japan Collaborators: International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA); International Recovery Platform (IRP)
Session objectives	This Technical Session aims to: 1. Share knowledge and experiences of how disaster preparedness for effective response and to 'build back better' in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction saves lives and protects

	<p>development</p> <p>2. Deliberate on how to achieve the related milestones and two-year actions proposed in the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of Sendai Framework.</p>
<p>Background and context</p>	<p>The Sendai Framework recognizes the ongoing increase in exposure of people and assets to hazards. It emphasizes the need to learn the lessons of the past and further strengthen preparedness to respond effectively. It also calls for preparing for recovery ahead of disasters, which can be used as an opportunity to reduce risk and build back better.</p> <p>The various recommendations within Priority 4 of the Sendai Framework require increased investment in multi-hazard early warning systems, evacuation plans and contingency planning with comprehensive coverage (as called for in Sendai target g). In addition, disaster recovery plans should be prepared and risk concerns and measures integrated into recovery planning and practice to enable ‘building back better’.</p> <p>Drawing on past learning, the Technical Session will explore how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the effectiveness of multi-hazard early warning systems, including of trans-boundary risk • Strengthen national and local preparedness for response in terms of coordination, contingency planning, evacuation, organization of disaster response, and anticipation of unprecedented events • Strengthen sub-regional and regional cooperation for preparedness and response in terms of protocols and standard operating procedures to improve capacities and resources • Integrate risk concerns and measures into pre-disaster recovery and reconstruction plans and their implementation in order to build back better
<p>Session format</p>	<p>The session will be in the form of a panel discussion with interactions from plenary.</p> <p>16.30 – 16.35</p> <p>Introduction by Chair –objectives, agenda and panelists</p>

	<p>16.35 – 16.55</p> <p>Part 1 - Trans-boundary cooperation: Two speakers (8 mins each no ppts) will share one example each of how stronger regional cooperation in emergency preparedness for response has had a positive impact at the national and local level. (Total 20 mins)</p> <p>16.55 – 17.15</p> <p>Part 2 – Building back better: Two speakers (8 mins each no ppts) will share one example each of how pre-disaster planning provided an opportunity to ‘build back better’ during post-disaster recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction. (Total 20 mins)</p> <p>17.15 – 17.35</p> <p>Part 3 – Strengthening national and local preparedness: Two speakers (8 mins each, no ppt) will share one example each of how coordination strengthens effective preparedness for response. (Total 20 mins)</p> <p>17.35 – 18.20: Moderated panel discussion: What is your main recommendation to enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to ‘build back better’ in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction? The chair will then invite five questions/ interventions from the floor. (Total 45 mins)</p> <p>18.20 – 18.30: Chair’s summary and recommendations</p>
<p>Main outcome</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge and experiences documented and shared on disaster preparedness for effective response and to ‘build back better’ in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction. 2. A set of recommended actions on how to achieve the related milestones and the two-year action plan of the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework
<p>List of Speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Chair: Government of Japan</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Prof. Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement, Myanmar

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Krishna Raut, Head of the DM Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal - Mr. Yukimoto Ito, Vice-Mayor Sendai City, Japan - Mr. Brendan Moon, Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, Australia - Ms. Resty Lou Talamayan, Manager of Disaster Management Service, Philippines Red Cross - Dr. Rahmawati Husein, Muhamadiyah Disaster Management Centre, Indonesia
<p>Background documents</p>	<p>Sendai Framework Words into Actions Implementation Guide on Disaster Preparedness and Response</p> <p>Asia Study on disaster response and preparedness (January 2015, prepared for advising the Preparatory Committee for the Third UN World Conference on DRR)</p> <p>Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of Sendai Framework</p>
<p>Technical Equipment</p>	<p>Projector, computer, microphones</p>