Learning Labs @ GP 2019

Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments online platform

https://sendaicommitments.unisdr.org

1. Purpose & Objectives:

The Sendai Framework recognizes that the State has the primary responsibility to reduce disaster risk, but it also underlines the shared responsibility of other stakeholders including local government, the private sector, academia and civil society. To respond to the request from the General Assembly resolution, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has launched an online platform in December 2018 as a mechanism to mobilize, monitor and take stock of voluntary commitments (VC) from multi-stakeholders for the implementation of the Sendai Framework until 2030.

The Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) online platform is a useful tool to know who is doing what and where for the implementation of the Sendai Framework. In particular, it serves to incentivize stakeholders to inform the public about their work, identify crossovers with others in the field and find potential partners to collaborate and maximize impact. In addition, stakeholders have the opportunity to be highlighted, particularly when their work is considered to be good practice. This can motivate others to also submit voluntary commitments toward the implementation of the Sendai Framework. In turn, UNDRR can monitor and take stock of the progress and impact.

The purpose of this session is to:

1) Introduce participants to the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) online platform;
2) Familiarize participants with functions and features of the online platform to utilize the online platform as a tool to inform the public about their work and achievements;
3) Guide participants to learn how to submit their voluntary commitments to the online platform and how to follow up their submission to report on progresses and deliverables;

2. Target participants:

The main target audience for this session is multi-stakeholders (local governments, the private sector, science and technology, civil society media etc) who are implementing any activities and projects to implement the Sendai Framework.

3. Methodology and Content:

- Overall presentation about the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) online platform (15 minutes);
- Present how to use the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) online platform including how to submit a VC and how to submit progress reports, deliverables, and highlights (15 minutes)
- Sharing of concrete examples and experiences from actual VC submissions (15 minutes)
- Questions, Answers and Discussion (15 minutes)

4. Logistics and Resources:

Participants may benefit from bringing their own laptop (but not essential)