

PHILIPPINE STATEMENT
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EXCELLENCIES, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES, CO-CHAIRS.

*THE PHILIPPINES THANKS THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND
AND UNDRR FOR HOSTING AND ORGANIZING THE GLOBAL
PLATFORM FOR DRR THIS YEAR.*

ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, IT IS MY HONOR TO SHARE IN THIS GLOBAL PLATFORM OUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN MAKING THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REGION DISASTER- RESILIENT IN LINE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK. CONSISTENT WITH OUR RELENTLESS DRRM EFFORTS, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN OUR SHARE OF SIGNIFICANT, COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS TO ATTAIN THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK'S SEVEN GLOBAL TARGETS.

SINCE OUR LAST GATHERING IN CANCUN, WE HAVE REMAINED COMMITTED IN UNDERTAKING THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF DISASTER RISK

REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE REMAINS IN OUR PRIORITY
AGENDA:

1. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO COLLABORATE WITH OUR DRRM PARTNERS THROUGH THE CONDUCT OF SERIES OF EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND POLICY DIALOGUES TO ENHANCE CAPACITY TO JOINTLY REDUCE DISASTER RISKS. LAST YEAR, WE ORGANIZED A POLICY DIALOGUE AMONG GOVERNMENTS IN THE PACIFIC AND TIMOR LESTE ON DRR, PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER DISPLACEMENT, WHICH IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF AN INNOVATIVE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION TO PREVENT AND REDUCE DISASTER RISK.
2. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCIENCE-BASED INSTITUTIONS, WE CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE ON EXISTING SCIENCES AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS TO ADVANCE OUR CURRENT EVIDENCE-BASED DRRM EFFORTS IN THE ASPECT OF PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA) EFFORTS.

3. LIKEWISE, WE DEVELOPED NATIONAL POLICIES AND GUIDEPPOSTS TOWARDS INTEGRATING HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY BASED DRR AND CCA PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
4. WE HAVE ENHANCED THE ROLE OF OUR PARTNERS THROUGH MECHANISMS TO ENGAGE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, CSOS, NGOS, THE MEDIA, THE ACADEME, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
5. WE HAVE LOCALIZED THE KEY MESSAGES OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK BY TRANSLATING THESE FROM ENGLISH TO FILIPINO AND ENSURING THAT THESE REACH EVEN THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.
6. WE HAVE ENHANCED OUR INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN COORDINATED, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY, AND FORMULATED THE NATIONAL PLANNING GUIDE FOR DISASTER

REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY IN LINE WITH THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLE OF BUILDING BACK BETTER.

7. LASTLY, WE CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR MARAWI CITY, INSTITUTING CONFLICT-SENSITIVITY AND PEACE-BUILDING MEASURES.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN OUR DRR EFFORTS. BUT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO FURTHER UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING CURRENT AND FUTURE INTERVENTIONS FOR DRR AND CCA:

1. AT THE NATIONAL POLICY LEVEL, WE ARE PUSHING FOR THE LEGISLATION OF A MORE RESPONSIVE DRR LAW THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN INSTITUTION WITH ADEQUATE MANDATE, AUTHORITY AND CAPACITY TO LEAD AND HARMONIZE THE COUNTRY'S DRR AND RESILIENCY EFFORTS.

2. TO TRACK OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK, WE ARE WORKING ON THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE SENDAI MONITOR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS IN DISASTER INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF DISASTER LOSS AND DAMAGE STATISTICS.

3. ON THE REALIZATION OF TARGET E OF SENDAI FRAMEWORK, WE ARE ENHANCING AND UPDATING OUR COUNTRY'S DRR AND CCA STRATEGIES TO ENSURE THEIR ALIGNMENT WITH THE SDG AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND TO GUIDE THE COHERENT LOCALIZATION OF THESE GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS.

4. RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF RISK-INFORMED NATIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND POLICY FORMULATION, WE ARE CREATING A ROBUST, SCIENCE-BASED AND UNIFIED DISASTER RISK INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS.

5. WE CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S MULTI-HAZARD, IMPACT-BASED FORECASTING AND EARLY-WARNING ACTION SYSTEMS AS BASIS FOR DEVELOPING GENDER AND RIGHTS-BASED SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

DRR AND CCA POLICIES ARE NOW MAINSTREAMED AND BEST PRACTICES ARE BEING VIGOROUSLY SHARED AND ADOPTED. YET MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND ITS PARTNERS COLLECTIVELY REAFFIRM OUR STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS TARGETS.

OUR EARNEST PARTICIPATION IN THIS GLOBAL PLATFORM IS A TESTAMENT TO OUR RESOLVE AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ENSURING A GLOBAL VILLAGE WITH RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU. (END).

