



HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE 1

Concept Note

Event title	Progress Made in Implementing the Sendai Framework - Global and Regional Perspectives
Date and Time	15 May, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Venue/ Room no.	Room 1, CICG
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Background and Rationale	The Sendai Framework calls for the implementation of disaster risk reduction at all levels, while recognizing the primary responsibility of Governments in its implementation. The Sendai Framework underlines the importance of a truly participatory and people-centred approach that engages all competent actors in disaster risk reduction. With the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/69/283) on the Sendai

Framework, Global and Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction were recognized as unique multi-stakeholder mechanisms, which play an instrumental role in supporting Sendai Framework implementation and monitoring at global and regional levels through the promotion of coherent collaboration across stakeholders and among sectors and regions. Global and Regional Platforms also play a major role in policy setting with the identification of DRR challenges and gaps, the definition of DRR priorities, the exchanges of good practices and lessons learned as well as the development of appropriate DRR strategies and policies to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework at global and regional levels by 2030.

More specifically, Regional Platforms for DRR facilitate the development, implementation and monitoring of regional DRR strategies that are expected to support national DRR implementation, with particular focus on national DRR governance. Regional intergovernmental organizations are playing a growing role in this process and work closely with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and national governments to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework, including for the achievement of Target E by 2020.

The new international political context that resulted from the adoption of the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Development Agenda, the Paris Agreement and other post-2015 new development frameworks, has also allowed Global and Regional Platforms for disaster risk reduction to be increasingly recognized as new mechanisms for building coherence across development agendas, including through the provision of monitoring and periodic reviews in support of UN Governance bodies. In this respect, the 2018 Regional Platforms and the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction are expected to contribute to the SDGs deliberations at the 2019 UN General Assembly, the ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum, the UN Climate Action Summit and the Samoa Pathway.

Regional and global level processes aimed at fostering the implementation of the Sendai Framework, including through Global and Regional Platforms for DRR, are mutually supportive and have common goals designed to influence national level implementation and effective DRR governance, promote the development, implementation and monitoring of inclusive DRR strategies by 2020 that integrate DRR, sustainable development and climate change efforts.

<p>Session objectives</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify progress and challenges in implementing the Sendai Framework at regional and national levels based on 2018 Regional Platforms’ outcomes and global efforts in building coherence between DRR, sustainable development and climate change. 2. To highlight success stories and special achievements in Sendai Framework implementation in critical areas such as DRR Governance, inclusiveness and multi-stakeholder participation, as well as in the development, implementation and monitoring of inclusive DRR strategies. Efforts to bridge the gap between science and technology and DRR policy-making will also be highlighted. 3. To provide concrete recommendations to address challenges and identify innovative approaches to accelerate action in implementing the Sendai Framework and SDGs towards the achievement of risk-informed development by 2030.
<p>Agenda and Structure</p>	<p>The session will be led by a professional moderator who will engage the panellists on stage through targeted questions. The discussion is expected to be fully interactive by fostering exchanges across panellists and engaging the audience, including through social media (based on technology available onsite).</p> <p>The session will start with a key note speech setting the stage with global perspectives on Disaster Risk, Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sendai Framework. It will be followed by opening remarks by the SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction. The moderator will then open a panel discussion on the outcomes of the 2018 Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction and global efforts made in building coherence between the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Development Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Panellists will be invited (5 min each) to focus on: (i) national and regional experiences and lessons, including on the role of the respective Intergovernmental organizations, (ii) how they intend to ensure coherence among the 2030 agendas, inclusivity and multi-stakeholder participation, and (iii) how to overcome the lack of funding for DRR nationally, regionally and globally. The panellists’ interventions will focus on outcomes from the regional platforms that are especially important for their region, particularly on areas where most progress has been made or lessons have been identified. From the floor, specific achievements in supporting Sendai Framework implementation will be provided from a set of DRR practitioners. The floor will then be opened for the audience to engage with the panellists and to</p>

	<p>identify further success stories, lessons learned, innovative approaches to accelerate action in DRR.</p> <p>The moderator will wrap up the session summarizing core issues addressed throughout the discussion and will invite each of the panellists to share one take away from the session or concrete recommendation to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework and SDGs by 2030.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success stories of the last 2 years from various practitioners in implementing the Sendai Framework at regional and global levels, as inspirational models for possible replication. 2. Concrete, innovative and solution-oriented recommendations to address challenges identified in accelerating action in implementing the Sendai Framework. 3. Concrete elements that can be fed into the high-level political forum, the UN Climate Action Summit and the Samoa Pathway.
Special commitments / Announcements	<p>Proposed special commitments emerging from the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Governments integrate and reflect local actors in the design, development, implementation and monitoring of national DRR strategies by 2020 (in support of target ‘e’) • Creation of a toolbox that collects the best practices of the Member States for the implementation of strategies for DRR, with a focus on medium-term results.
Proposed Moderator of the Session	<p>Ms. Beatrice Marshall</p> <p>Beatrice Marshall is a global News Anchor for China’s international news organization, China Global Television Network; (CGTN) based at the network’s Africa headquarters in Nairobi. She anchors “Africa Live”, a daily News program that gives viewers a deeper perspective of the news and views of Africa. Beatrice is also the host of “Talk Africa”– the channel’s flagship weekly talk show providing global viewers with an insider’s perspective of the political and economic affairs shaping the African continent.</p>

<p>List of Speakers</p>	<p>Key note speaker on “Global perspectives”: Ms. Malini Mehra, Chief Executive of Globe International</p> <p>Opening remarks: Ms. Kirsi Madi, Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>Panellists are the chairs/hosts of the Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction that were held in 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Enkhtuvshin Ulziisaikhan, Deputy Prime Minister, Mongolia Asia-Pacific region - Asian Ministerial conference for DRR; • His Excellency Mr. Feliks Tsolakyan, Minister of Emergency Situations, Armenia Sub-regional Platform for Central Asian and South Caucasus countries; • His Excellency Mr. Edoardo Rixi, Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Italy European Forum on DRR; • His Excellency Mr. Walid Doudech, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and specialized institutions in Switzerland, Tunisia African-Arab Platform for DRR; • Mr. Eduardo José González Angulo, Director General of the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management, Colombia Regional Platform for DRR in the Americas. <p>Discussants from the floor will provide views from local communities, science and technology, youth, indigenous groups, NGOs, Local Governments, private sector, persons with disabilities, elderly persons, regional organizations involved in DRR etc.</p>
<p>Reference Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Platforms outcomes (Declarations and Action Plans) • 2017 Global Platform High Level Communiqué
<p>Technical equipment requirements</p>	<p>Power point projection facility</p> <p>Mobile application for feeding and voting on questions by the audience</p>