

## **High-Level Dialogue 1**

### **Progress Made in Implementing the Sendai Framework - Global and Regional Perspectives**

Global and Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) are crucial multi-stakeholder mechanisms that support the implementation of the Sendai Framework. Regional Platforms play a major role in policy setting and in the identification of DRR gaps and challenges that are informed by exchanges of good practices and lessons learned. Working closely with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, regional intergovernmental organizations play an important role in promoting DRR through such platforms. Importantly, Global and Regional Platforms for DRR are mutually supportive, and are essential for building coherence across development agendas to ensure that they are risk informed.

Informed by the 2018 Regional Platforms' outcomes, this high-level interactive dialogue will provide an overview of progress and challenges in implementing the Sendai Framework at the regional level. Achievements made in DRR governance and the adoption of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies (Target "e" of the Sendai Framework) will be highlighted. Regionally-experienced DRR practitioners will comment on specific efforts to implement the Sendai Framework. The dialogue seeks to provide concrete recommendations to overcome identified challenges in order to accelerate action in implementing the Sendai Framework and to ensure that the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 benefits from a risk-informed development approach.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 15 May 2019, 10:00 – 11:30

**Venue:** Room 1, CICG

**Moderator:** Ms. Beatrice Marshall

**Key Note Speaker:** Ms. Malini Mehra, Chief Executive of Globe International

**Opening and closing remarks:** Ms. Kirsi Madi, Director, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

#### **Panellists:**

Panellists are the chairs/hosts of the Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction that were held in 2018.

- **His Excellency Mr. Enkhvshin 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.

### **Scenario**

- 10:00 am Moderator **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** opens the session (include intro of facilities, conference app, social media) and introduces **Ms. Malini Mehra**, the keynote speaker (3 minutes)
- 10:03 am **Ms. Malini Mehra** proceeds to stage and delivers key note speech from lectern (10 minutes) on “global perspectives” to give context to the discussion – disaster trends, disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, climate change.
- 10:13 am **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** introduces **Ms. Kirsi Madi**
- 10:13 am **Ms. Kirsi Madi** offers opening remarks focusing on systemic risks, enablers for progress, role of the regional platforms (5 minutes)
- 10:18 am **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** introduces each of the panellists. (5 minutes)
- 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 learned, including on the role of the respective Intergovernmental organization, (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.
- 10:23 am **His Excellency Mr. Enkhtuvshin Ulziisaikhan** provides remarks (5 minutes) provides remarks (5 minutes)
- 10:28 am **His Excellency Mr. Feliks Tsolakyan** provides remarks (5 minutes)
- 10:33 am **His Excellency Mr. Edoardo Rixi** provides remarks (5 minutes)

- 10:38 am **His Excellency Mr. Walid Doudech**
- 10:43 am **Mr. Eduardo José González Angulo** provides remarks (5 minutes)
- 10:48 am **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** invites participants to engage in an interactive dialogue from the floor. Participants will seek the floor by raising their flag. Interventions are encouraged but should not to exceed three minutes (so around 6 discussants could intervene).

From the floor, specific achievements in supporting Sendai Framework implementation will be provided from a set of DRR practitioners (see suggested list of discussants below). Views should be encouraged from communities, youth, persons with disabilities, elderly persons, indigenous groups, science and technology community, non-governmental organizations, national governments, local governments, regional organizations, private sector, etc.

Moderator will start with the two most voted questions in the conference app, then take free questions from the floor, alternating between the audience and suggested discussants, and can revert back to the panel on specific questions. Moderator will end by asking panellists to provide takeaway messages or recommendations on the way forward.

Suggested discussants:

Mr. Bijay Kumar - Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) – outline civil society and local engagement based on the “Views from the Frontline” report

Mr. Ronald Jackson – Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) – perspective from a regional organization focusing on DRR

- 11:10 am **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** invites panellists to give final remarks.
- 11:11 am **His Excellency Mr. Enkhtuvshin Ulziisaikhan** offers final reflections (3 minutes)
- 11:14 am **His Excellency Mr. Feliks Tsolakyan** offers final reflections (3 minutes)
- 11:17 am **His Excellency Mr. Edoardo Rixi** offers final reflections (3 minutes)
- 11:20 am **His Excellency Mr. Walid Doudech** offers final reflections (3 minutes)
- 11:23 am **Mr. Eduardo José González Angulo** offers final remarks (3 minutes)
- 11:26 am **Ms. Kirsi Madi** provides brief closing remarks in the form of a set of recommendations and opportunities (3 minutes)
- 11:29 am **Ms. Beatrice Marshall** provides closing remarks
- 11:30am The High-Level Dialogue concludes

**Arrangements:**

- There will be a head table with microphones.
- Key note speaker will be seated in front row of the room in reserved seat.
- A lectern will be available for key note speaker
- Water will be provided for the speakers sitting at head table and on the lectern for the key note speaker

**Support material:**

- Concept note
- Scenario
- Speakers' bios

**Language:**

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

International Sign Interpretation (IS), RealTime Captioning (CART), live webcast, remote participation

**Seating Arrangement:**

Moderator	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker
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