

Symposium on Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management: multisectoral action to protect people's health from emergencies and disasters.

(organised by the WHO Thematic Platform for Health EDRM and the Research Network)

17h00-18h30, 16 May 2019

Venue: Lausanne Room, CCV Varembe (across the road from CIGG)

All actors from government, private, non-government, civil society, academic and research institutions, and community organizations whose activities contribute to reducing the health risks and consequences of emergencies and disasters are invited. It provides a forum for Member States, WHO Regional and Country Offices, HQ programmes and partners share and discuss the latest community, country, regional and international initiatives, innovations and good practice case studies from the field of Health EDRM. Panelists and participants will share their plans and priorities for implementing Health EDRM, the Sendai Framework and related frameworks such as the International Health Regulations. Outputs from the symposium will contribute to the Global Platform reports and recommendations.

Time	Session	Topic	Speaker
17h00-17h10	Opening	Natasha White, Deputy Director, Public Health, MoH, New Zealand & Stella Chungong, Chief, Core Capacity Assessment, Monitoring & Evaluation, WHO (Co-chairs)	
		Opening remarks	Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Program
		Opening remarks	Shoko Arakaki, Chief of Branch Partnerships, Inter-governmental process and Inter-agency cooperation, UNDRR
17h10-17h55	Protecting public health from emergencies: from local to global action for Health EDRM	Highlights from Health EDRM innovations session	Ron Law, Chief, Preparedness Division, Health Emergency Management Bureau, Philippines
		Psychosocial support and community recovery – case study from New Zealand	Natasha White, Deputy Director, Public Health, MoH, New Zealand
		Health security: linking to UHC and Health EDRM	Qudsia Huda, Team Leader, Health Emergency Preparedness, Planning and Operational Readiness, WHO
		Climate risk – a key focus of Health EDRM	Joy Guillemot, Head of Office, WHO/WMO Climate and Health Joint Office
		Regional perspective on implementing Health EDRM	Ciro Ugarte, Regional Emergency Director, PAHO
		Country perspective on Sendai Framework and Health EDRM	Jalal Mohammed Al-Owais, Supervisor General, Emergency and disaster management, MoH, Saudi Arabia
	Regional perspective on operational readiness linked to Health EDRM	Ngoy Nsenga, WHE Team Lead, Emergency Operations, AFRO	
17h55-18h25	Priorities for implementing Health EDRM	Audience inputs	Summary: Virginia Murray, Public Health England & Jonathan Abrahams, WHO
18h25-18h30	Closing	Closing remarks	Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness, WHO

Discussants from floor: Fahmy Hanna (WHO), Czarina Leung (China, Hong Kong SAR), Ryoma Kayano (WHO Kobe Centre).