



Launch: A Strategic Approach to Capacity Development for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Thursday, 16 May 2019, 9:00-10:30, Room Lausanne (CCV)
Organizer: UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Session Aims:

Within the overall context of the Global Platform 'the Resilience Dividend', this facilitated session will:

- Present the final output of the co-creation process to develop the *Strategic Approach to Capacity Development for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction* (hereafter, *the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development*);
- Share examples of approaches to a strategic approach capacity development and lessons learned so far;
- Launch the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development (CD)

Target Audience:

Open to all, the session targets Member States, Regional Intergovernmental Organizations and key capacity development support and service providers from UN and International Organizations, Private Sector, Academia and Civil Society.

Background:

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 recognizes the State's primary role in facilitating the achievement of its disaster risk reduction (DRR) goal and priorities and highlights the criticality of sharing these responsibilities with other stakeholders and realizing an all-of-society approach. To support this approach, UN Member States have identified a need for implementation support and enhancement of the capacity of institutions and individuals dealing with disaster risk reduction. Without adequate capacity, it will be challenging to implement the Sendai Framework. The pursuit of more collaborative and coordinated efforts to deal with increasingly limited resources is required as global progress towards meeting DRR targets advances towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda at large.

Beginning at the 2017 Global Platform in Mexico and through March 2018, UNISDR took the lead on an investigation of prevailing DRR-specific capacity development needs in collaboration with UN Member States, other UN entities, partners, and DRR stakeholders for the purpose of developing a more effective strategic approach. The main outcome was a *zero-draft strategy for capacity development implementation support for Sendai Framework implementation* that was reviewed at the Global expert consultation, 14-15 March 2018 in Geneva. The resulting *Strategic Approach to Capacity Development* document was published as a living document in June 2018 at the request of Member States and participating stakeholders, and subsequently further refined during sessions at Regional Platforms for the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and Arab States, and Europe and Central Asia throughout 2018.¹

¹ At the Americas Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction on 20 June, the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction on 3 July, the Africa-Arab States Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction on 10 October, and at the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction on 21 November 2018.

The consultations resulted in further refining of language and text of the document. The Member States and other relevant stakeholders re-emphasized the driving principles for effective CD for DRR:

1. Efforts are Guided by a Common Understanding (of terms, concepts, standards, and norms)
2. Efforts are Coherent Within and Between Levels
3. Efforts Pursue an “All-of-Society” Approach
4. Efforts are Goal-Driven, Impact-Focused, and Transformative
5. Efforts are Demand-driven and Needs-based
6. Efforts are Strategic and Sustainable
7. Efforts are Nationally-Owned and Coordinated
8. Efforts are Value-Added
9. Efforts are Practical, Replicable, and Localized
10. Efforts Foster Partnerships
11. Efforts are Standard-Conformant or Standard-Setting
12. Efforts Employ a Mix of Activities across Levels / Timeframes
13. Efforts Strengthen Knowledge Frameworks

Overall, the consultations validated the six areas of priority and the action areas therein:

- Developing and Strengthening DRR Fundamentals
- Institutionalizing DRR Capacity
- Sharing and Using Risk Information Before and After Disasters
- Establishing Collaborative Action for DRR
- Strengthening External Support Mechanisms
- Advancing and Expanding DRR Capabilities

About the Strategic Approach:

The Strategic Approach to Capacity Development is a living resource of empowerment for all relevant capacity partners and stakeholders. Within the goal for “A Vision of Risk-Informed Sustainable Development by 2030”, it provides advice on the capacity development principles, roles and responsibilities of various DRR stakeholders, and promotes focus in six areas of priority (reference ‘Background’ above). It identifies common obstacles and constraints; and presents key principles, elements and actions that together help guide planning of capacity development for DRR initiatives.

The Strategic Approach also identifies ‘Anchors’ to emphasize the need for CD through a variety of existing, and proposed, mechanisms and the integration of a comprehensive approach to the CD. These include:

1. Promoting awareness of the need for CD at all levels and by all stakeholders, and supporting the development of national and local **CD plans**
2. Establishing nationally-based and Sendai Framework-relevant **indicators** that enable measurement of CD outputs, outcomes, and impacts
3. Expanding South-South, Triangular, and other partnership and cooperation opportunities through the creation of a global CD provider **marketplace**
4. Demystifying Capacity Needs by Providing Nationally- and Locally-Relevant, Sendai Framework-Focused Target **Capability Standards**



5. Strengthening advancement and professionalization of DRR capacities and capabilities by leveraging on existing and/or establishing regional and national **CD institutes**
6. United Nations Development Assistance Framework (**UNDAF**) and other UN strategic partnership frameworks
7. United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience: Towards a Risk-Informed and Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development (**UNPoA**)

Programme:

- **Opening:** Ms. Kirsi Madi, Director, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- **Panel Discussion on 'Anchors', Principles and Partnerships for a strategic approach to capacity development, Facilitated by Mr. Magnus Hagelsteen, Programme Director, Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation, Lund University:**
 - **Mozambique**, Ms. Augusta Maita, Director General, National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC)
 - **Croatia**, Ms. Natasa Holcinger, Senior Advisor in Preventive Measures, National Protection and Rescue Directorate Civil Protection Directorate, Disaster Risk Reduction Sector, Ministry of the Interior
 - **Mongolia**, Ms. Sayanaa Lkhagvasuren, Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser to Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia
 - **The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)**, Mr. Ronald Jackson, Executive Director
 - **Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRI)**, Ms. Chloe Demrovsky, President & CEO
 - **Discussant, Co-chair of CADRI** represented by Mr. Rodrigue Vinet, FAO, Switzerland
 - **Audience Q&A**
- **Launch**

References

- [Executive Summary & Introduction](#)
- [Section 5: Anchors for Effective Capacity Development for DRR](#)
- [Appendix 5: Driving Principles of Effective Capacity Development](#)

The full concise guide, and section by section files:

<https://www.preventionweb.net/sendai-framework/capacitydevelopment>