



## Concept Note

# Making disaster risk reduction inclusive: Dialogue between UN agencies and stakeholders

13 May 2019, 15:30-17, CICG, Room 14

### **Background**

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction<sup>1</sup> establishes the conditions for an all-of-society approach when implementing climate change adaptation and disaster risk. While countries have the overall responsibility for reducing disaster risks, it is a shared responsibility between Governments and all stakeholders. The engagement of communities and stakeholders<sup>2</sup> is required at all stages of disaster risk reduction. The creation of new partnerships as well as strengthening existing and identifying innovative forms of partnerships aiming at building resilience will enhance the implementation of the Sendai Framework and other international agendas.

Nothing lays bare inequality and discrimination like a disaster. The achievement of the 2030 Agenda depends on ensuring that those who are at risk of being affected by natural and man-made hazards, and in particular vulnerable and marginalized groups are not left behind. While developed countries suffer in terms of absolute economic losses, it is largely the vulnerable and poor – including in Least Developed Countries and Small Islands Developing States - who pay the human cost in terms of loss of life, injury and displacement.

‘Leaving No One Behind’ is the overarching principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The idea that none of the Sustainable Development Goals are met unless they are met for everyone. United Nations Member States recognised that the dignity of the individual is fundamental and that the Agenda’s Goals and Targets should be met for all nations, people and all segments of society. Furthermore, they endeavored to first reach those who are furthest behind<sup>3</sup>.

The session will focus on the concept of ‘Leaving No One Behind’ which aims at ensuring inclusiveness and participation in all stages of disaster risk reduction. This, together with the purpose of ensuring effective risk governance. This focus is aligned with the official theme of the Global Platform ‘Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies’ and the topic of the 2019 High-Level Political

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291\\_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf](https://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> ‘Stakeholders’ are defined as persons, organizations, networks or groups with an interest or concern in disaster risk reduction and risk-sensitive development. Reference is made to all ‘non-government and ‘non-state’ stakeholders listed in Sendai Framework Paras 36 and 48.

<sup>3</sup> <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf>

Forum for Sustainable Development ‘Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’. Inclusion is at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and inclusive disaster risk reduction is a prerequisite to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for Resilience provides the framework for the important role of the UN agencies to support countries integrating DRR across the 2030 Agenda. The wide range and increasing inter-connectedness of risks we face – from climate to health or technological risks – require a holistic and coherent approach to risk reduction, with broad engagement from across the UN System. In support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UN Plan of Action promotes a people-centered approach and the aim of reducing inequalities and leaving no one behind in the UN’s development work.

In December 2018, the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism was created by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) which is composed of different stakeholder groups aiming at systematizing and strengthening partnerships with and between various stakeholders. This mechanism recognizes the need for a multi-sectoral approach to disaster risk reduction. As highlighted in the Sendai Framework, the collaboration and coordination between stakeholders and other partners is critical to avoid working in silos and to enhance coherence. Which, in turn, enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation at local, national, regional and global levels.

In addition to showcasing how UN agencies and stakeholders support national governments in implementing inclusive disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, this session shall encourage UN entities and stakeholders to start an open dialogue on how to enhance collaboration and coordination.

### ***Objective***

The overall objective is to demonstrate how UN agencies and stakeholders support Member States in enhancing inclusive DRR at national and local levels considering the principle of ‘Leaving No One Behind’ in a coherent manner. It will further explore how collaboration and coordination between UN agencies and stakeholders can be enhanced and aligned when planning, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction actions (including the creation and strengthening of individual and institutional capacities).

The session will:

- Share knowledge, good practices, experiences and lessons learnt related to the implementation of disaster risk reduction actions at country level with the focus on the concept of ‘Leaving No One Behind’.
- Facilitate an open dialogue and interaction between different stakeholder groups on enhancing inclusive DRR at the national level.

### ***Expected outcomes:***

- Enhanced knowledge on good practices, useful tools and mechanisms for inclusive disaster risk reduction.
- Based on learnings from this session, a transformational change for actions will be stimulated.
- Increased recognition of disaster risk as a key contributory factor for not leaving people behind and out of the development pathways.

- Innovative ideas on how UN agencies and stakeholders can enhance collaboration in making disaster risk reduction inclusive.

### **Participants**

The meeting will be open to all participants present at the Global Platform encouraging participation of representatives from UN agencies and stakeholders. It is scheduled on 13 May 2019 from 15:30 to 17:30 as part of the meetings taking place during the preparatory days of the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

### **Methodology**

The meeting will be chaired by UN agency and stakeholder representatives.

The chairs will introduce the efforts undertaken to support countries in the implementation of the Sendai Framework at the national level and in an inclusive manner. They will further elaborate on existing frameworks regarding stakeholder engagement.

UN agencies and civil society representatives will jointly present concrete examples on 'Leaving No One Behind'.

After the presentation, UN agencies and stakeholders will discuss how to enhance collaboration in disaster risk reduction.

### **Draft agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
10 min	<p>Introduction by the chairs on how the UN system and stakeholders support DRR implementation at the national, regional and global level aiming at 'Leaving No One Behind'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Koko Warner</b>, Manager, Climate impacts vulnerability and risk subprogramme, UNFCCC</li> <li>• <b>Jane Katz</b>, Director of International Affairs &amp; Programs, Government Relations and Advocacy, Habitat for Humanity International</li> </ul>
55 min	<p><b>Good practices on leaving no one behind</b></p> <p>UN agencies provide examples of inclusive DRR (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. <b>Angelika Planitz</b>, UNDP: Examples on leaving no one behind</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Ciro Ugarte</b>, PAHO/WHO: Ensuring no one is left behind: inclusion of indigenous people and disability in health disaster risk management and smart, safe and climate-resilient hospitals</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Stephan Baas</b>: Multiple Benefits, No Regrets-Local Action for Disaster Risk Reduction</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Edmundo Werna</b>, ILO: Resilient Reconstruction in Haiti</li> </ul> <p>Followed by 10 min questions and answers.</p>

	<p>Stakeholders introduce experiences of collaboration with UN agencies in disaster risk reduction (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pradip Khatiwada</b>, Executive Director, Youth Innovation Lab</li> <li>• <b>Crispin Conroy</b>, Representative Director at International Chamber of Commerce, Geneva office</li> <li>• <b>Disability network</b></li> </ul> <p>Followed by 10 min questions and answers.</p>
20 min	<p>Discussion around enhanced coordination between UN agencies and stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What opportunities and challenges do you see to enhance collaboration between UN agencies and stakeholders to enhance inclusive disaster risk reduction implementation?</li> <li>• What suggestions do you have to enhance collaboration between UN agencies and stakeholders at national, regional or global levels?</li> </ul>
5 min	Closing