



Stakeholder Forum

Closing

15:00 – 16:30, 14 May,

Room Geneva, CIG CCV

Moderator

Lisa Robinson, Senior Advisor on Resilience and Humanitarian Response at BBC Media Action

Lisa Robinson is the Senior Advisor on Resilience and Humanitarian Response at BBC Media Action, where she advises on how media and communication can influence people's behaviour and the environments around them. Internally, Lisa leads BBC Media Action's strategy for the theme and supports staff to develop and deliver effective projects which reach over 200 million people a year globally. Externally, Lisa collaborates with partners to improve the use of media and communication for positive change. Lisa co-founded the Communication with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network and is currently a member of UNISDR's Expert Group for the Global Risk Assessment Framework (GRAF). Lisa also teaches as Adjunct Professor for the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication.

Panelists

Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative to the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Mami Mizutori is the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, based in Geneva, Switzerland. She assumed her role on 1 March 2018.

The role of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is to support countries and stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015- 2030). The Special Representative ensures the strategic and operational coherence between disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development agendas as well as the linkage with the UN Secretary General's prevention agenda and with humanitarian action. Ms. Mizutori served for twenty-seven years in various capacities in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Mizutori was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK, since 2011. Ms. Mizutori graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo and obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain. A Japanese national, Ms. Mizutori speaks Japanese, English and Spanish.

Mr. Ricardo Toro Augustín Tassara, Head of National Emergency Office, Chile

Ricardo Toro is the National Director of Chile's Office of National Emergencies (ONEMI). He achieved the rank of General in the Chilean Army (ret.), graduating as a Staff Officer, with postgraduate studies in Business Administration, and Master's degrees in Human Resources and Strategic Planning.

Within his functions in the Army, he served in various regions in Chile and internationally, rising to second in command before his retirement. During his military career, he was a military observer with the United Nations in the Middle East, military attaché at the Chilean Embassy in South Africa and served with MINUSTAH in Haiti as head of operations and later as Deputy Commander. On 20 December 2012, he was named by the President of the Republic of Chile as National Director of ONEMI, and further ratified in his position in 2014 and again in 2016 for a further term of three years.

Aris Papadopoulos, Board Member, UNDRR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE)

Aris Papadopoulos is the Distinguished Expert in Resilience at Florida International University's Extreme Events Institute. He is Founding Chair of Resilience Action Fund, a non-profit advancing greater awareness, transparency and education for greater resilience from natural and other hazards in the built environment. He has 35 years' experience in the construction and energy industries. In 2014 he retired from Titan America, a billion-dollar construction materials business, after building the company and serving 20 years as CEO. He currently chairs the board of ST Equipment & Technology, a worldwide provider of industrial waste reclamation and water conservation solutions. Aris also serves on the board of the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE). He was founding chair of the UNISDR Private Sector Advisory Group, advocating for resilience before four UN Disaster Risk Reduction Conferences and played an active role in developing the 'UN Sendai Framework for DRR: 2015-30', signed by 187 nations in 2015. Aris earned his Bachelors and

Masters Degrees from MIT in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from Harvard University. He is a WTC 9-11 survivor, featured in the book 'Hotel 9/11'

Alik Ismail-Zadeh, ISC Secretary, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

Alik Ismail-Zadeh is Senior Scientist at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT-IAG) in Karlsruhe, Germany, and also Chief Scientist and Head of Research Group "Computational Geodynamics and Geohazard Modeling" of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS-IEPT) in Moscow, Russia. Ismail-Zadeh is elected Secretary of the International Science Council (ISC; 2018-2021) and Secretary-General of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG; 2007-2019), Founding President of the Section of Natural Hazards of the American Geophysical Union and Founding co-Chair of the IUGG Commission on Geophysical Risk and Sustainability. He has been chair or member of a number of committees and commissions related to natural hazard and disaster risk reduction of international and intergovernmental organizations, including the European Geosciences Union, EuroScience, the Group on Earth Observations, and the UNESCO International Geoscience Programme.

Valeria Drigo

Valeria is Advocacy and Learning Coordinator at the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), and she is responsible for supporting GNDR's advocacy efforts at global level and through its members. She also works to facilitate knowledge exchange among the network. She is involved in lobbying activities to raise GNDR members' voices with decision-makers, and supports members in advocating at national and regional level. Valeria supports GNDR's coordinating roles in several mechanisms at international level, including the Sendai Stakeholders Group at the HLPF Major Groups and Other Stakeholder Coordination Mechanism, and the UNDRR Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism. Valeria joined GNDR after several years of experience working in Disaster Risk Reduction within the United Nations system. She worked at national and regional level in East Africa, and has previously worked as DRR technical focal point for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva, Switzerland. Valeria's academic background is in International Relations.