



global platform for disaster risk reduction

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From the Global Platform on DRR to the SG Climate Summit 2019 and Beyond

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is the biennial multi-stakeholder forum established by the UN General Assembly to review progress, share knowledge and discuss the latest developments and trends in reducing disaster risk and building long-term resilience. It is a critical component of the monitoring and implementation process of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the connecting tissue for the achievement of a risk-informed 2030 agenda.

The sixth session of the Global Platform (GP2019) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13-17 May 2019. It will be convened and organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and hosted by the Government of Switzerland. Under the theme “The Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies”, the event focuses on how managing disaster risk and risk-informed development investments pay dividends in multiple sectors and geographies, across all scales, and throughout social, economic, financial and environmental fields. The concept of ‘resilience dividend’ in this context is to be interpreted in a broader sense that goes beyond monetary profit. It contributes to reducing disaster risk, fosters development and triggers multiple social, environmental and economic benefits in the long term.

The event will bring together over 4000 participants, including ministries of planning, economy and finance, national and international regulators, and legislators, as well as members of the business and investor communities and international financial institutions – to agree on concrete steps to enhance and accelerate implementation of risk informed public and private sector investment for resilience. The role of the private sector for resilience building will feature prominently throughout the event, including at the Private Sector Day on 14 May, a high-level Roundtable on Public-Private Partnerships on 16 May, as well as several working sessions including on resilient infrastructure, innovative financing and the economic case for resilience.

Importantly, GP2019 is a milestone in the roadmap towards to UN Climate Summit, organized upon request of the UN Secretary-General on 23 September 2019. Outcomes of the discussions will feed into several action portfolios of the Climate Summit preparations, including on resilience and adaptation, and thereby contribute to the overall Summit purpose to ‘raise real ambition’ and ‘demonstrate transformative action’ in support of the Paris Agreement goals, particularly on adaptation.

Private Sector Day at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP)

14 May 2019, 7.30 - 17.30; followed by Reception

CICG, Rooms 7/8

AGENDA

Time	Title
7-30 – 8.30	ARISE Board Meeting (Closed meeting)
9.00 – 12.30	Annual General Meeting of the UNDRR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE) (Open for all private sector representatives)
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
Afternoon Sessions and reception (Open to all GP participants)	
13:30 - 14:00	Opening
14.00 – 16.00	Session 1: Integrating disaster risk into business investment decisions (Sendai Para 36c)
16.00 - 17.30	Session 2: Building Climate and Disaster Resilience of MSMEs
18.30 – 20.00	Private Sector Reception (sponsored by UPS Foundation and IDF)

OPENING

Summary: The Opening will highlight the current developments at the global and national level towards better engagement of the business, i.e. the private and financial sector, multinationals and small/medium enterprises, in building resilient and sustainable communities. The Opening will set the stage for the discussions in the two afternoon sessions, and their transmission into the official days of the Global Platform.

Chair: Ms Kirsi Madi, Director, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Speakers:

- Ms Semya Ayoubi, Chief Economist, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Ms Sandra Wu, Board Member, UN Global Compact
- Mr Dale Sands, Chair, UNDRR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Communities (ARISE)

SESSION 1: Integrating Disaster Risk into Business Investment Decisions

Summary: 2019 is a strategic year to bring together communities' resilience more broadly with key platforms such as the UNSG's Summit and the GCA Year of Action. One key indicator of our collective success will be dependent on encoding and rewarding DRR gains into the financial system and addressing the mispricing of physical climate risk globally. This includes encouraging risk-informed national and local planning and investment decisions through sustainable, long-term market incentives and enabling regulatory frameworks. Business as usual, where we continue to exacerbate existing and create new risks and vulnerabilities, is no longer an option. We urgently need to shift the incentives that drive planning and investment decisions, to avoid future environmental and economic collapse. For this, the private and financial sector, and its regulators, and Governments must work closer together to build the enabling environment for change.

Linking to discussions under the resilience and adaptation strand of the UN Climate Summit, Task Force for Climate Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) and EU Capital Market Union Action Plan of Sustainable Finance, this panel will convene key actors focusing on this challenge and mobilize action for the 2019 platforms and beyond.

Expected Outcome: Call to action for the integration of disaster and climate risks into business investment decisions, including in the ongoing discussions towards the Climate Summit

Suggested Panelists:

1. Dylan Winder, Senior Adviser Humanitarian and Protracted Crises / Counsellor, UK Mission Geneva, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
2. Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, Africa Business Group
3. Cynthia Hartley, International Development Market Lead, Southeast Region Water, AECOM
4. Peter Betts, Strategic Adviser, Willis Towers Watson
5. Kate Levick, Senior Manager, Sustainable Financing, E3G

Moderator: Andrew Revkin, National Geographic

Discussant from the floor: Nicola Howe, Risk Management Solutions Inc.

SESSION 2: Building the resilience of MSMEs to climate and disaster risk

Summary: Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have a particular role in our efforts to build resilience. The resilience of MSMEs to disaster and climate risks determines the recovery of markets and the wellbeing of communities. Moreover, through MSMEs' role in a globalized marketplace and globalized supply chains, their resilience is a critical element for undisturbed global markets and trade systems. And, last but not least, an impact on national and local political and social stability.

Yet, MSMEs, in many countries, are particularly vulnerable to the rising disaster risks, exacerbated by climate change. They also face pressure to generate short term profits, high costs or inaccessibility of insurance, finance, thin markets for climate related products and services and lack of access to expertise.

The session will address a range of needs of MSMEs with respect to building climate and disaster resilience, including access to information, data and technology as well as capacity building. It will also look at the broader policy picture supporting or preventing long-term investment in resilience by MSMEs, including lending streams, access to finance and resilient supply chain management.

Expected Outcome: Recommendations and concrete action points on how to enhance the resilience of MSME to disaster and climate risk, including with view to the UN Climate Summit in September 2019

Panelists:

1. M.A. Thajudeen, Additional Secretary from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka
2. Giovanni Betti, Adviser for sustainable finance, Federcasse (Federazione Italiana delle Banche di Credito Cooperativo - Casse Rurali e Artigiane).
3. Robert Skidmore, Chief Sector and Enterprise Competitiveness, International Trade Center (ITC)
4. Hans Sy, Chairman, Executive Committee, SM Prime Holdings, Inc., Philippines
5. Alison Martin, Chief Risk Officer, Zurich Insurance
6. Lizra Fabien, Executive Director, Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce (DAIC), Chairperson, Network of Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM)

Moderator: Michael Roberts, Head, Aid for Trade, WTO

RECEPTION

Welcome by Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction; Hans-Peter Teufers, UPS Foundation; Ekhosuehi Iyehen, Insurance Development Forum