



Working Sessions

Concept Note Template

Event title	Build Back Better & WRC outcomes
Date and Time	May 16 11:00 – 12:30
Venue/ Room no.	Room 4
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Background and	The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 urges the UN

<p>Rationale</p>	<p>Member States to prioritize building back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction from disasters. It is indicative of a broadly increasing recognition that recovery presents opportunities to rebuild communities and livelihoods with improved assets and capacities, with greater resilience and reduced vulnerabilities, and to integrate disaster risk reduction across the sustainable development agenda. Building back better in recovery offers a critical opportunity that must be adequately planned for, resourced and implemented, as communities must not simply be restored to their pre-disaster status quo vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Building back better has been advocated for recovery from many recent disasters. However, while the notion of building back better is increasingly broadly embraced as a guiding principle, there remains a great need for countries and communities to adequately prepare to build back better before disaster strikes. For most decision makers, it is less of a question of whether to build back better, but how building back better should be done.</p> <p>This working session will dig more deeply into what it means to build back better. Panellists will address the many ways in which benefits, or dividends, can accrue from building back better, and how they can help to inform pre-disaster decisions. Identifying these dividends and the incentives, and good practices that give rise to them, gives decision makers the opportunity to weigh options and improve decision making. They need to be informed by risk assessment methods and cost-benefit analyses that are appropriate for risk reduction objectives. More recently, it has been argued that building back stronger, faster, and more inclusively are crucial, interdependent dimensions of building back better¹. When recovery takes longer, the impact of losses on households, communities, economies, and other facets of society are deepened. The arguments for inclusive recovery are not just about the reach and access of recovery, but of equity. Even “equal” losses are experienced disproportionately, particularly by vulnerable populations. Building back better must be defined in terms of the specific needs of different groups of affected people.</p> <p>This working session will dive deeply into practical approaches and success factors for building back better. The Regional Platforms leading into this Global Platform underscored the need for cooperation and coordination in building back better. They advocated for building the necessary capacities, institutions, and mechanisms at all levels of government to plan and</p>
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¹ Hallegatte, Stéphane; Rentschler, Jun; Walsh, Brian. 2018. Building Back Better : Achieving Resilience through Stronger, Faster, and More Inclusive Post-Disaster Reconstruction. World Bank, Washington, DC. © World Bank. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/29867> License: CC BY 3.0 IGO

	<p>execute a strategy to build back better. The Regional Platforms and the forthcoming World Reconstruction Conference 4 have also emphasized inclusion in building back better. Past experiences have demonstrated that when recovery is approached through an inclusive lens, there is the potential for wide-ranging social benefits that are critical to the success of any sustainable recovery program. This working session will address practical steps to engage all relevant stakeholders in building back better, and steps to ensure not just an inclusive process but also inclusive outcomes and resilience for all. It is expected that the proceedings of this working session and the Regional Platforms that preceded the Global Platform will contribute to the further revision of the Words into Action: Build Back Better in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction².</p> <p>The fourth edition of the World Reconstruction Conference will be held on May 13-14, 2019 as part of the Global Platform’s associated events in Geneva. WRC4’s overall theme will be on identifying effective ways to make recovery processes more inclusive, with a clear mainstreaming of the participation of all stakeholders³, in the design and implementation of recovery and resilience programs. This objective will contribute to the implementation and achievements of the Priority 4 of the Sendai Framework for DRR, as well as the climate change and sustainable development agendas.</p>
<p>Session objectives</p>	<p>This Working Session aims to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliberate on the objectives and dimensions of building back better in recovery, to ensure that recovery efforts are inclusive, efficient, effective, equitable, and deliver impact. 2. Report back on the deliberations and outcomes of the fourth World Reconstruction Conference (Geneva; May 13-14, 2019). 3. Share concrete examples, challenges, best practices and lessons learnt in building back better, and achieving more inclusive outcomes. 4. Contribute to the revised version of the Words into Action: Build Back Better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, provoke discussion over the practical execution of build back better preparedness.

² The consultative version of the Words into Action: Build Back Better was launched at the Special Session for Priority 4 at the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. It is being revised by reflecting on recent discussions and additional inputs for developing the revised version.

³ Including women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, poor people, migrants, indigenous peoples, volunteers, the community of practitioners and older persons.

<p>Agenda and Structure</p>	<p>The session (90 minutes) will be in the form of a panel discussion with interactions being facilitated by a moderator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair opens the session and introduces the moderator and panellists. • The panel will consist of 5 panellists who deliver presentations (5-8 minutes each) on identified key topics including good practices and lessons learnt which will be followed by interactive discussions by the moderator. • The interactive discussions (approx. 30 minutes) will be guided by some key questions posed by the moderator to draw solutions and recommendations building on the panellists’ presentations as well as opening the floor for questions and comments. • The moderator provides synthesis of the discussions. • The Chair closes the session by summarizing the key recommendations and giving final acknowledgment to the panellists and participants. <p>Tentative panellist speaking roles may include:</p> <p>Sub-theme: Inclusion Speaker 1: World Reconstruction Conference Outcomes High-level spokesperson representing World Reconstruction Conference 4 will set the tone for the discussion. The speaker will introduce the notion of building back more inclusively, or building back better for all. <i>Inclusion will be a common theme throughout the various speakers’ presentations.</i></p> <p>Sub-theme: National and Local Capacities to Build Back Better Speaker 2: Systematic Preparedness to Build Back Better This speaker will address the pre-disaster development of systems, technical guidelines processes, frameworks, and technical capacities necessary for national and local governments to build back better. In this regard, the speaker may also address the need to develop local capacity for self-recovery.</p> <p>Sub-theme: Dividends, Measurement and Learning Speaker 3: Dividends from Building Back Better</p>

	<p>This speaker will address the evidence of the benefits, or dividends, that accrue from building back better. They will address best practices (both structural and non-structural) and challenges to attain and optimize these dividends, and how this can translate into improved decision-making and resource allocation.</p> <p>Speaker 4: Measurement</p> <p>This speaker will address metrics to benchmark pre-disaster conditions, and evaluate the extent to which recovery efforts are building back better and ensure accountability. The speaker may also address more process-oriented metrics to support monitoring and improving planning and resourcing build back better pre-disaster.</p> <p>Speaker 5: In-country mechanisms for learning</p> <p>This speaker will address mechanisms for countries and subnational governments to learn from one another and from their own experiences (including sharing failure and leaning from past failure), and to leverage these lessons to improve preparedness to build back better.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear understanding of the objectives of a more inclusive build back better agenda 2. Improved understanding of the practical steps including resources and capacities governments should address to prepare to build back better, ways to measure it progress and ensure its integration into DRR plans, and bolster efforts to make progress on target (e) 3. A set of recommendations on how to attain the dividends from building back better, and the benefits of inclusion.
Special commitments / Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement/Declaration from the fourth World Reconstruction Conference 2. Launch of Revised Joint European Union-United Nations-World Bank Disaster Recovery Framework Guide and Local Disaster Recovery Framework Guide.
Proposed Moderator of the Session	<i>Ms. Asako Okai ASG, UNDP</i>

<p>Reference Documents</p>	<p>UNISDR</p> <p>(2017) Words into Action guidelines: Build back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction (Consultative version): bit.ly/2BDmzGW</p> <p>(2017-2018) Recent outcomes of Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction: bit.ly/2nYWbNQ</p> <p>(2018) “Overview of the outcomes of Regional Platforms for DRR and GP2017: Focusing on recovery related perspectives” <i>Unpublished manuscript.</i></p> <p>(2017) Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2017: Cancun High-Level Communique bit.ly/2w61yzk</p> <p>(2017) Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2017: Chair’s Summary bit.ly/2o3F4dO</p> <p>World Bank</p> <p>(2018) Building Back Better: Achieving Resilience through Stronger, Faster, and More Inclusive Post-Disaster Reconstruction. bit.ly/2PriUdg</p> <p>(2018) World Reconstruction Conference 3: Promoting Resilience through Post-Crisis Recovery: Proceedings and Knowledge Report: bit.ly/2wjw08y</p> <p>Disaster Recovery Guidance Series https://www.gfdr.org/recovery-hub</p> <p>International Recovery Platform</p> <p>Guidance Notes on Recovery bit.ly/1MVRd7F</p> <p>National Institute of Building Sciences</p> <p>(2017) Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2017 Interim Report bit.ly/2NcfiyW</p> <p>(2015) Developing Pre-Disaster Resilience Based on Public and Private Incentivization bit.ly/2LQzc12</p> <p>University of Basilicata</p> <p>Masi A., Penna A., 2018. Guest Editorial: the central Italy 2016 earthquakes, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, Special Issue on the central Italy 2016 earthquakes (Masi A. and Penna A., guest editors), in progress.</p> <p>Io Non Rischio - I don’t take risks Campaign bit.ly/2o46ArT</p>
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	<p>Overseas Development Institute (ODI)</p> <p>(2017) Self-recovery from disasters: an interdisciplinary perspective bit.ly/2yKZUq8</p> <p>European Committee of the Regions</p> <p>A European policy on the seismic requalification of buildings and infrastructure https://bit.ly/2PyN8Qr</p>
<p>Technical equipment requirements</p>	<p>PC to show PPTs, Projector, Microphones</p>