Invitation

2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
24-26 May 2017, Cancun, Mexico

I am pleased to invite civil society to the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction that will be held in Cancun, Mexico from 24 to 26 May 2017, with 22 and 23 May as preparatory days.

The Global Platform is the multi-stakeholder forum for the world’s disaster risk community and brings together Governments, UN system, parliamentarians, mayors, international and intergovernmental organizations, scientific and academic institutions, private businesses, NGOs, community-based organizations, women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and indigenous peoples, among others.

This will be the first Global Platform since 2015, the landmark year of international cooperation that began with the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in March and concluded with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The 2017 Global Platform will take stock of progress in implementing the Sendai Framework and identify measures to accelerate the reduction of disaster risk worldwide.
You are invited to register online through the 2017 Global Platform website where you can find updates on the agenda and information on ways to engage in preparations: http://www.unisdr.org/conferences/2017/globalplatform/en.

In addition to registering individually, Heads of Organizations are also encouraged to send a full list of their respective delegations attending the Global Platform to the secretariat at: globalplatform@un.org. This will allow the secretariat to expedite the approval of individual registration to attend the meeting.

I look forward to your participation in the Global Platform in 2017.

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for Disaster Risk Reduction