



CONCEPT NOTE
Special Session on
Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to
“Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

Wednesday 24 May, 10:00-11:30

Venue: Arena A, Moon Palace Resort

Schedule	Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction
Room and Venue	Wednesday 24 May, 10:00-11:30, Arena A
Organizers	UNISDR
UNISDR Focal Points	Ms. Yuki Matsuoka and Ms. Sarah Wade-Apicella, UNISDR
Background and Rationale	<p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Priority 4 asserts that the steady growth of disaster risk, including the increase of people and assets exposure, combined with the lessons learned from past disasters, indicates the need to further strengthen disaster preparedness for response, take action in anticipation of events, integrate disaster risk reduction in response preparedness and ensure that capacities are in place for effective response and recovery at all levels.</p> <p>The various recommendations within Priority 4 of the Sendai Framework require increased investment in multi-hazard early warning systems, evacuation plans and contingency planning with comprehensive coverage, as called for in Sendai Target (g). In addition, disaster recovery plans should be prepared with risk concerns and measures integrated into recovery planning and practice to enable ‘building back better’. Failure analysis is critical, as what will achieve ‘build back better’ is clearly understating why failure took place and the causes of failure.</p> <p>Disasters have demonstrated that the recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction phase, which needs to be prepared ahead of a disaster, is a critical opportunity to “Build Back Better”, including through integrating disaster risk reduction into development measures, making nations and communities resilient to disasters. For pre-disaster recovery planning, what is important is getting a clear understanding before the event of its likely impact and the possible scale of the impact.</p>

	<p>Empowering women and persons with disabilities to publicly lead and promote gender equitable and universally accessible response, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction approaches is key.</p> <p>The Sendai Framework also recognizes that although evidence shows that progress had been achieved in reducing disaster risk during its predecessor agreement, the Hyogo Framework for Action, at local, national, regional and global levels by countries and other relevant stakeholders leading to a decrease in mortality in the case of some hazards, challenges and gaps still remain.</p> <p>To address such gaps, the Sendai Framework global targets set forth the achievements required for the world to reduce both disaster loss and risk, and increase resilience. Sendai Priority 4, in particular, contributes to achieving these targets through its two-fold emphasis on enhancing preparedness for effective response and ‘building back better’ in recovery.</p>
<p>Session Objectives</p>	<p>This session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share current progress and challenges in enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and ‘Build Back Better’ in recovery and reconstruction through shared lessons learned, including failure. • Considering the agreed indicators, elaborate the methodologies and requirements of Sendai Priority 4 in order to contribute to the delivery of seven Sendai Targets, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to reduce mortality, (b) to reduce the numbers of people affected, (c) to reduce economic losses in relation to global GDP, (d) to reduce damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services, and (g) to increase access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments. <p>At the same time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering target (e) ‘to increase the number of countries with national and local DRR strategies by 2020’ being the first deadline, this session should also consider how national and local disaster risk reduction strategies should be designed to ensure “enhancing disaster preparedness” and “build back better”.
<p>Discussion agenda and structure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions and welcoming remarks (Opening Segment) [7 minutes] [10:00-10:07] 2. Panellists presentation (Panel Discussion) [37 minutes] [10:07-10:15/10:15-10:45] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panellist 1: Priority 4 as a means to deliver Sendai Targets (a)-

	<p>(d) supported by the delivery of Sendai Targets (e) and (g) on Priority 4 contribution to delivering the Sendai Targets – with reference to national /regional experience (Focused theme: Delivering Sendai targets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panellist 2: on local and national ‘shared responsibility’ and/or ‘empowering local decision makers’ Sendai principles in preparedness planning implementation (Focused theme: Enhancing National and Local Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction and other consultative mechanisms at local and community level) • Panellist 3: on gender equitable and universally accessible response, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction (Focused theme: All of Society Engagement) • Panellist 4: on the Humanitarian / Development Nexus and Recovery highlighting the importance of all levels: international cooperation and community capacities (Focused theme: International Cooperation and Community capacities) <p>3. Moderated discussion (Open Discussion) [approx. 25 minutes] [10:45-11:13]</p> <p>4. Co-Chairs’ (3) wrap-up and conclusion (Closing Segment) [17 minutes]</p>
<p>Proposed list of speakers (not more than five – Note that the secretariat will select possible speakers from this list)</p>	<p>Panellist 1: H.E. Mrs. Inonge M.Wina, Vice President of the Zambia</p> <p>Panellist 2: Mr. Khaled Abo Aisheh, Director for the programming of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), Jordan</p> <p>Panellist 3: Ms. Marcie Roth, CEO, Inclusive Emergency Management Strategies and Former Director, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination, Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA/DHS, USA</p> <p>Panellist 4: Mr. Johannes Luchner, Director of Emergency Management in Department for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Aris Papadopoulos, retired CEO, Titan America and Chairman of the ARISE Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies Board</p>

<p>Expected outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding of progress and challenges to enhance preparedness for effective response and ‘build back better’ in recovery and reconstruction through lessons learned • Understanding how the delivery of Sendai Priority 4 contributes to the delivery of Sendai Targets (a)-(d) and supported by the delivery of Sendai Targets (e) and (g), particularly in coherence with Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement. • A set of recommendations on how to achieve Implementation of the Sendai Framework, in line with the identified indicators related to the Priority 4.
<p>Commitment / special announcement in support of the Sendai Framework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share first consultative versions of the Preparedness for Effective Response and ‘Build Back Better’ Words Into Action for Sendai Framework implementation - Commitment to the strengthening and participation in the Words Into Action Preparedness for Effective Response and ‘Build Back Better’ communities of practice
<p>Expected number of participants</p>	<p>Up to 1300 people, including Heads of State and Government, Ministers, and stakeholders from international organisations and civil society</p>
<p>Background documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Report of the Chair of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology relating to Disaster Risk Reduction on Results of informal consultations from February to November 2016 on indicators and terminology relating to Disaster Risk Reduction Report, United Nations (2017)</i> Includes 2017 update of the Disaster Risk Reduction Terminology (http://www.preventionweb.net/files/50683_reportofthechaironresultsofinformal.pdf) - <i>Recent outcomes of Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction</i> (http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/regional/key-documents/) <p>Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Humanitarian Summit Commitments to Action (http://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org/sites/default/files/media/WHS%20Commitment%20to%20Action_8September2016.pdf) - Selected World Humanitarian Summit Online Dialogues, 2014: What are the major threats and challenges faced in the future and what are the implications of this for humanitarian

	<p>preparedness and response? (https://consultations.worldhumanitariansummit.org/node/449455)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What changes to current financing mechanisms are required to enhance preparedness and risk management? (https://consultations.worldhumanitariansummit.org/node/449453) - Approach of the Global Preparedness Partnership (http://www.agendaforhumanity.org/sites/default/files/170303%20GPP%20approach%20.pdf) - Global Preparedness Partnership Links and Boundaries – (http://www.agendaforhumanity.org/sites/default/files/170303%20GPP%20links%20and%20boundaries.pdf) - Words into Action: Introductory Capstone - Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response (Sendai Framework for DRR, Priority 4) - <i>consultative version. To be launched at session.</i> - Words into Action: Concise Guide to Simulation Exercise - Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response (Sendai Framework for DRR, Priority 4) - <i>consultative version. To be launched at session.</i> - IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) Approach – Guidance Note (https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/emergency_response_preparedness_2015_final.pdf) <p>“Build Back Better” in Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance Notes on Recovery by International Recovery Platform (http://www.recoveryplatform.org/resources/guidance_notes_on_recovery) - Towards Resilient Non-engineered Construction (Guide for Risk-informed Policy Making) (http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002460/246077e.pdf) - The Yogyakarta and Central Java Earthquake 2006 (http://www.recoveryplatform.org/assets/publication/RecoveryStatusReport/RECOVERY%20STATUS%20REPORT%20YOGYAKARTA%202009-1.pdf) - <i>Words into Action: “Build Back Better” in Recovery, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (Sendai Framework for DRR, Priority 4) - consultative version. To be launched at session.</i> - <i>Understanding and Managing Risk Associated with Natural Hazards: An Integrated Scientific Approach in Latin America and the Caribbean 2010</i>
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