Working Session on Inclusive and People Centred Disaster Risk Reduction

Concept Note

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Schedule | Thursday 25 May 2017, 17:00-18:30 hrs
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Room and Venue | Arena A
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Background and Rationale |
Marginalised groups are disproportionately affected by disasters because of multiple factors, including vulnerable living conditions, lack of access to early warning systems, basic social services and relief and recovery support. Inclusive and people-centred DRR contributes to removing barriers and excludes no-one, so benefits all of society.

The Sendai Framework states that gender, age, disability, cultural and mobility perspectives are needed in all policies and practices. While there are unique challenges faced by each marginalised group, commonalities exist and can be addressed through best practice approaches.

Ensuring inclusive and people-centred disaster risk reduction through monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the Sendai Framework is essential in protecting the wellbeing of high-risk communities. Further collection and analysis of local and regional data disaggregated by age, sex, disability and mobility status is imperative in understanding the impact of inclusive governance, and creating accountability to marginalised groups.

Campaigns to raise public awareness and engagement of inclusive processes are key in enabling conducive dialogue at the local level. Populations at risk need to be recognised as critical change agents in the transformation process, and civil
society should be acknowledged as a key contributor of development and monitoring processes. Significant investment in local capacity building and leadership development is required to ensure that high-risk socioeconomic groups are meaningfully involved in all stages of the risk management cycle (risk assessment > analysis > design / planning > implementation > monitoring).

At the national level, comprehensive and inclusive policies that are supported by strong public and private partnerships need to be promoted. These require appropriate legal and regulatory frameworks for inclusive people-centred multi-stakeholder approaches including decentralisation of government responsibilities. Most importantly, there needs to be an “enabling environment” to empower local authorities and stakeholders.

Achieving inclusion for all requires a multi-action systems approach. For inclusion to become a lived reality, three interconnected actions are needed, including: 1) building knowledge & skills, 2) changing attitudes and belief systems, and 3) promoting inclusive governance. These will engage marginalised populations and supporting organisations as co-producers of risk solutions.

Building trust in and capacity of marginalised communities will empower people as active participants of change. Their contributions in the development of innovative training methods and toolkits will (i) empower marginalised populations and their support organisations to increase resilience to disaster risk reduction based on solutions identified by them, and (ii) train DRR stakeholders on the rights, capacities and specific needs of marginalised groups and shape strategies that are inclusive of all.

Scaling-up inclusive disaster risk reduction at the national and local level requires recognising, fostering and highlighting effective examples. Bridging gaps and facilitating cross-learning between all stakeholders, including government actors, can then be replicated at all levels, ensuring true implementation of the already-inclusive Sendai Framework.
### Session Objectives

This session will address a systems-wide-perspective to inclusive implementation and monitoring of disaster risk reduction policies, and provide sound evidence of their positive impacts. Additionally, this session will build upon strategies developed in the regional platforms and provide practical action steps for planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring inclusive people-centred disaster risk reduction planning.

### Discussion agenda and structure

| 1. Opening Segment [9 min]: Introduction and welcoming remarks by the co-chairs & short video |
| 2. Panel discussion [45 min] |
| 3-5 min intervention per speaker at the beginning and then interactive discussion among the panel |
| • Inclusive disaster risk reduction in policy making at the national level: Ms Lenny N. Rosalin, Deputy Minister for Child Development, Indonesia, Asia |
| • Local experiences in successful disaster risk reduction implementation: Ms Mary Jack, Provincial Coordinator, ActionAid Vanuatu, Pacific |
| • Capacity building between national and local levels: Mr. Carlos Kaiser, Executive Director ONG Inclusiva, Chile, Latin America |
| • Utilization of data and technology in inclusive disaster risk reduction: Mr. Raphael Obonyo, External Adviser, UN Habitat's Youth Advisory Board, Kenya, Africa |
| 3. Interactive guided discussion with feedback from the floor [30 min] |
| 4. Closing Segment [6 min] |
List of co-chairs & panellists

Co-Chairs:

Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad is responsible for Country Coordination of Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) in Bangladesh. He leads the SDG planning and implementation from Prime Minister’s Office of Bangladesh. Earlier to this Mr. Azad coordinated all administrative, development and reform process from Prime Minister’s Office as Principal Secretary to Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh and also as Secretary. For last four years he supports and guides implementation of 100 Economic Zone, dozens of Hi-tech Park and Several Public Private Partnership initiative, supervision of coordination of NGO activities in Bangladesh, provide policy support for investment climate for Board of Investment and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority. His 34 years civil service career is enriched with field level development administration, Judicial Service, human resource development activities in different training institute.

Dr. Natalia Kanem, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes at UNFPA. On 28 July 2016, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named Natalia Kanem Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA. Dr. Kanem brings to the position more than 25 years of strategic leadership experience in the fields of medicine, public and reproductive health, peace, social justice, and philanthropy. She started her career in academia with the Johns Hopkins and Columbia University schools of medicine and public health. While serving as a Ford Foundation officer from 1992 to 2005, she helped pioneer work in women’s reproductive health and sexuality, in particular through her position as the Foundation’s representative for West Africa. She then served at the Foundation’s headquarters, becoming Deputy Vice-President for its worldwide peace and social justice programmes across offices in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and North America.
Panellists:

Ms Lenny N. Rosalin, Deputy Minister for Child Development, Indonesia, Asia. From 1994-2000, Ms Rosalin was the Head of Population Division Population Bureau, Family Planning, Role of Women and Youth, at Bappenas. Afterwards, she became the Head of Women Empowerment Division Bureau of Population, Society and Women Empowerment, at Bappenas between 2000-2001; As the Assistant Deputy for Women's Violence Affairs she worked in the Ministry of State from 2009-2010 on topics related to women empowerment. From 2010-2012, she was the Assistant Deputy for the Development of Decent City Children, Ministry of Empowerment Women and Child Protection. Since 2014, Ms Rosalin is the Deputy for Child Development, Ministry of Women's Empowerment And Child Protection.

Ms Mary Jack, Provincial Coordinator ActionAid Vanuatu, Vanuatu, Pacific. Mary Jack Kaviamu has over ten years’ experience working with provincial government, which included a period as acting secretary general of the Tafea Provincial Government Council. Mary worked at Pacific Institute of Public Policy from 2010 to 2015 to implement a programme of political stakeholder engagement in Vanuatu. She is currently the Provincial Coordinator for ActionAid where she is working towards the mobilization and recognition of women within the Government structure. Furthermore, she is engaged in the development and improvement of the livelihoods of women through focused engagement with Government Departments and NGOs.

Mr Carlos Kaiser, Executive Director ONG Inclusiva, Chile, Latin America. Carlos Kaiser is a person with disabilities with a comprehensive expertise in DiDRR. Kaiser is the executive director of Inclusiva a DiDRR NGO and the Chair Person of the DiDRR Network for America Latina and the Caribe. Member of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group (OIEWG) on Terminology and Indicators relating to Disaster Risk Reduction. Under Kaiser’s management Inclusiva won the Risk Award 2014 with the project “Peñaflor town Inclusive Safe Community: Resilience for all”. Kaiser was nominated to the Sasakawa Award in 2015.
## Expected outcomes

List of expected outcomes

- Participants have gained knowledge and insights into how practically the Sendai Framework can be advanced for and with the most marginalised groups, providing examples and good practices at global, national and local levels.

- Government officials and other stakeholders are committed to further integrate people-centred DRR into national and local policies.