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Outcomes

The session covered a number of key risk and loss information concerns. Panellists and Chairs raised the importance of standard methodologies and guidelines for the collection of data to build and maintain national loss databases and risk assessments. Support for these actions should engage parties in the public and private sectors, and should be collected and used from the bottom up, from local governments to sub national, to national, regional and global.

Particular importance was given to local collection of information, especially due to the higher presence of disaggregated data. However, it must be ensured that aggregation to the national level statistics does not lead to loss of critical information. Furthermore, in addition to the Sendai global targets, attention should be given to nationally defined targets and indicators developed by member states, such as those regarding displacement, and with meaningful disaggregation such as gender, age, income and people with disabilities.

Participants recommended that the evolution of technological, stakeholder, quality assurance, and governance aspects of data processing are linked to reporting over time. Resource mobilisation for improvement of data collection, recording and reporting at all levels requires investment into building local and regional capacities. International cooperation and partnership for disaster and loss statistics is required and, where possible, creation of open data platforms is encouraged.

The evolution of loss data into statistical evidence for use by policymakers, development planners and disaster risk reduction practitioners was also stressed. The ultimate goal of collecting risk and loss data is to use it the process of risk reduction, not only for reporting purposes. Data must move from information to evidence to support decision making. Finally, it was stressed throughout discussion that coherence between the different Post-2015 Frameworks offers a pathway for comprehensive coverage and collaboration.



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BIOGRAPHIES of the chairs

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Vice-Minister of Risk Management of Ecuador, MSc in Earthquake Engineering. He has worked for 9 years for ECHO in his program for South America. Professor of the Master Program Disaster Risk Management in Andina University. He has worked as a consultant for the IADB and World Bank. In the Earthquake of 2016 in Ecuador, he was in charge of the management of Information and elaboration of SITREPs.

Fatih Özer

Being the Head of Response Department, he is working as INSARAG Focal Point and National Correspondent, EU ERCC Focal Point and NATO EADRCC Focal Point.

He has gained experience and expertise in humanitarian aid operations in Gaza, Iraq crisis, population movements from Syria to Turkey, international activities in Philippines, Nepal and Ecuador. He is also responsible for Disaster Response Plan of Turkey.

BIOGRAPHIES of the Panelists

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Anoja Seneviratne working as the Director (Mitigation Research & Development) in Disaster Management Centre under Ministry of Disaster Management completed her B.Sc Geology special degree from University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka and she has completed her Masters in Water Resources & Environment Management from University of Twente the Netherland. She has reading for her PhD in university of Peradeniya on risk sensitive investment model for Sri Lanka.

Anoja Seneviratne has closely worked with SAARC Disaster Management Center during the last 08 years period. She was focal point for the HFA and presently she contributes as a member of the Technical Working Group under UNISDR in voluntary basis. Introducing Disaster Impact Assessment for the road sector is one of key achievement in her professional life. She has contributed lot for the mainstreaming DRR into development sector and Gender and diversity mainstreaming in Sri Lanka.



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Tom de Groeve, Ph. D., is Deputy Head of the Disaster Risk Management Unit at the European Commission Joint Research Centre. He is heading research in early warning and emergency management, as well as disaster risk, exposure and disaster loss data. This research, as well as the extensive data work, supports the EU policy in disaster risk, climate change adaptation and sustainable development. Tom has recently been involved in the Open Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction established by the UN General Assembly to develop a set of indicators to measure global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

Jutta May, M.Sc. - Information and Knowledge Management Specialist, Noumea, New Caledonia

Jutta May – is an Information and Knowledge Management Specialist based in Noumea, New Caledonia. She was working until recently in the Pacific region for 10 years as the Information and Knowledge Management Adviser for the Pacific Community (SPC), based in Suva, Fiji and in Noumea. Before coming to the Pacific, Jutta worked in Switzerland to develop new solutions for a comprehensive integrated library system in a large consortium. She has a Master of Information Studies and is originally from Germany.

Bapon Fakhruddin - PhD, Senior DRR and Climate Resilience Specialist, Tonkin+Taylor International

Dr Bapon is an expert climate change risk assessor with 15 years' global experience in working on disaster risk and climate resilience projects. This experience is a major advantage in climate change adaptation and mitigation strategy development. His key areas of expertise are climate and hydrological assessment, early warning and emergency response, climate change adaptation, and capacity building. Dr Bapon designed early warning and emergency response projects more than 25 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Dr Bapon is currently advising the Government of Samoa on potential adaptation strategies for dealing with the country's vulnerability to climate change and enhancing its resilience to hydrological disaster.