# German Statement

Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I thank **UNISDR** for its relentless effort in coordinating international partnerships for implementing the Sendai Framework and our host, the **Mexican government**, for its high commitment for making this important event happen.

The **German government** appreciates that the Sendai Framework is clearly linked to the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. **Coherence between** **the different post-2015 frameworks** is a crucial prerequisite for achieving sustainable development.

Where do we stand **two years** after adopting the Sendai Framework? I can say: **Germany did its homework**, let me give you some **examples:**

We established the **National Focal Point** within our Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance for implementing the Sendai Framework. Our focal point will coordinate the monitoring process nationally as part of the global UNISDR monitoring and facilitate a **national platform** for strengthening the exchange between stakeholders in Germany and beyond.

**At international level,** the German government supports important initiatives that assist other countries to reduce their risks considerably. With a contribution of 3 million EUR by Germany, the **Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative** initiates programmes in high risk countries like Burkina Faso and Mali to improve and expand early warning systems.

Furthermore Germany works closely with UN organizations, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and NGOs to strengthen their preparedness capacities. In this regard, we have supported the development of a **Forecast-based Financing** approach with 11 million EUR since 2014. Based on pre-defined risk thresholds, humanitarian financing is triggered at a very early stage to enable humanitarian organizations to implement targeted preparedness actions before disasters strike.

**Climate change** leads to increased intensity and frequency of disasters. To protect those most in need, the international initiative on climate risk insurance **InsuResilience** was launched at the G7 summit in Elmau in 2015 following a proposal by the German government. The initiative aims to increase the number of poor and vulnerable people who are insured against climate risks in developing countries from 100 million in 2015 to 500 million by 2020. Up to date the funding volume of the initiative has mounted up to over 500 million EUR. Germany alone has contributed over 190 million EUR. Following hurricane Matthew, **Haiti** received more than 23.4 million US Dollars in payouts within 14 days from the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF), allowing the purchase of medicine for children as well as food and shelter for **1.4 million people.**

Millions of people are displaced by disasters every year and Germany currently chairs the **Platform on Disaster Displacement.** Disaster displacement needs to be integrated into national and regional DRR strategies in order to reduce displacement risks by effective DRR. At the same time we need to address the protection needs of disaster displaced people and promote durable solutions to displacement, such as migration with dignity and participatory planned relocation.

Many countries at high risk of disasters are affected by **conflict, fragility and protracted** **crisis**. Germany will continue to support these countries through its **humanitarian assistance** and the instrument of **Transitional Development Aid**, which helps to link relief, rehabilitation and development.

Germany will continue to support its partner countries through bi- and multi-lateral development projects in strengthening capacities for disaster risk reduction at all levels and especially within our humanitarian assistance we will continue to strengthen our partners in their response and preparedness capacities. We advocate for **inclusive and all-of-society disaster risk management** approaches which ensure the involvement of all stakeholders including people with disabilities to increase community resilience.

The German government is aware that there is a need for increased investments in DRR. Therefore we **support the OECD DAC** in improving its tools to track official finance flows to disaster risk reduction.

Germany remains a **committed partner for disaster risk reduction worldwide** and for **UNISDR**. We support UNISDR´s efforts in coordinating international strategies on global and regional platforms and monitoring the implementation of the framework with 2 million EUR in 2017 and 2018.

Let me conclude by underlining the importance of **localizing aid**. The best strategies can only be successful if **communities are engaged** with a sense of their own power to reduce risks. This is and will be essential to all our efforts!