Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to thank UNDRR and the government of Switzerland for hosting this remarkable event. On behalf of Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment of Chinese Academy of Sciences, it is my great pleasure to share our **latest achievements** on disaster risk reduction, especially the International Conference on Silk-road Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development which just finished in Beijing on 12th of May, which is very successful and rewarding in regional contribution.

In accordance with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences **co-hosted** SiDRR conference 2019 with CAST, UNEP, UNDRR, ANSO, along with over 30 international partners, which brought together around 1000 participants from over 45 countries/regions, including over 100 government representatives, academicians, presidents of universities and institutions, heads of international organizations and private sectors, media and publishers, all dedicated to contributing towards a safe, green, resilient Silk Road.

Among the many achievements of SiDRR conference, we have reached the consensus on DRR and sustainable development through **Beijing Statement**, which is a Scientific, Technical and Political Dialogue for the Better Implementation of the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda.

The conference also saw the launch of **Alliance of International Science Organizations on Disaster Risk Reduction**, which shares strong interests in DRR, and strong geographic focus on the Silk Road regions. This Alliance shares the vision of the UN landmark framework agreements including Sendai Framework, 2030 Agenda, and Paris Agreement on Climate Change, aiming to form a regional collaboration platform for the endeavor.

The **alliance emphasizes** on enhancing disaster mitigation and response through multi-national and multi-disciplinary cooperation, such as disaster with healthcare science; encouraging partnership with the engineering community; enhancing cooperation between natural and social sciences; focusing on higher education; contributing to disaster-proofing and resilient infrastructure; connecting with existing networks as well as private sectors. The alliance also welcome new partners to join us.

The **Atlas of Silk Road Disaster Risk** also presented its final draft, which vividly illustrates the physical and social conditions, disaster characterizes, and typical disaster events in the Silk Road, visualizing the results of disaster risk assessment at multiple scales.

For **communication and advocacy** in regional level, SiDRR collaborated with social media to present a photo exhibition and a Wechat Blog on the co-existence between disasters & human civilization, arousing public awareness on DRR. The Blog attracted over 160,000 reads, 3,500 likes from all around China within 2 days.

Overall, the conference attracted over 100 **media coverages**, front-page in national media, governmental, academic and industrial websites, contributing to the regional visibility.

Here, CAS Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, SiDRR, and the new alliance would like to reaffirm our commitment to implement Sendai Framework and the Agenda in our best efforts. It is time for actions now.

Thank you all for your attention. Thank you Chair.