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Redesigning Systems for Resilience through Recovery: Assessing Progress and the Unfinished Agenda at the Midpoint of the Sendai Framework



Panel Discussions:

1. Assessing Six Years of Progress and Challenges in "Build Back Better" for Implementing the Sendai Framework
2. Redesigning Systems for Resilience through Recovery: Setting the Agenda for Advancing "Build Back Better" through 2030



ORGANIZERS:

International Recovery Platform (IRP); The Cabinet Office, Government of Japan; Hyogo Prefectural Government; Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC); United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)



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IRP Steering Committee Members



Opening



Mr. Ronald JACKSON
Chair, IRP Steering Committee,
Head of the Disaster Risk Reduction and
Recovery for Building Resilience Team,
United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)

Ronald Jackson is the Head of Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery for Building Resilience Team, Crisis Bureau of UNDP. He has over 20 years of experience in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management within the Caribbean Region. Ronald served as the Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), and as Director General and Deputy Director General of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in Jamaica. The third iteration of the Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy (2014-2024) was developed under his leadership. He has led numerous regional and national responses to tropical cyclones, extreme rainfall events, and other disasters. He has lectured at the University of the West Indies. Ronald holds a Master of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management and Environmental Resource Management from the University of the West Indies, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Planning and Environmental Resource Development from the University of Technology, as well as a master's Certificate in Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting.



Mr. UCHIDA Yoshinari
Deputy Director General for Disaster
Management,
Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

After graduating from the faculty of Law, University of Tokyo, he joined Ministry of Construction (then, currently Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, MLIT) in 1990. He successively held key posts including Director of the City Department of Odawara City Government, Specialist for Personnel Exchange Program the Human Resources Bureau of National Personnel Authority, Deputy Governor of Miyazaki Prefecture, Director of the General Affairs Division of Road Bureau, MLIT. In July 2020, he has taken the current post.

Special Video Message



Ms. Mami MIZUTORI
Special Representative of the United Nations
Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk
Reduction, and Head of the United Nations
Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Ms. Mizutori assumed her role on 1 March 2018. The role of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is to support countries and stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030). The Special Representative ensures the strategic and operational coherence between disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development agendas as well as the linkage with the UN Secretary General's prevention agenda and with humanitarian action. She served in various capacities in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Mizutori was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK. Graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo and obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain.

Welcome Remarks



Mr. SAITO Motohiko
Governor, Hyogo Prefecture

Mr. SAITO Motohiko is the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture. Prior to his inauguration as Governor in August 2021, he served as the Director of the Finance and Budget Division of the Osaka Prefectural Government from 2018-2021. He had previously served as the Deputy Director the Prefectural Tax Policy Division in the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. From 2013-2016, Mr. SAITO served in the Miyagi Prefectural Government, first as the Director of Municipal Affairs Division and from 2014-2016 as the Director of the Finance Division. In 2011, he served in the national government office supporting local residents of Iitate Village, Fukushima Prefecture, in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and nuclear incidents. From 2008-2011 he served in the Sado Municipal Government, Niigata Prefecture, including as the first Superintendent for General Policy Affairs.

Keynote Session



Mr. TAKEYA Kimio

Distinguished Technical Advisor on Disaster Risk Reduction,
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Professor Takeya is well known in the world as a Disaster Risk Reduction and Reconstruction Policy Advisor. He has joined the PDNA survey and recovery policy dialogue from Mega Disasters, such as Sumatra Tsunami 2004, Central Java Earthquake 2006, Manila Ondoy Flood 2009, Pakistan Indus Flood 2010, Thailand Flood 2011, Philippines Typhoon Yolanda 2013, and the Nepal Earthquake 2015. After disasters, he discusses with high level decision makers how to recover. He first proposed the concept of “Build Back Better” from the 2006 Central Java Earthquake and first documented on the PDNA of Manila Ondoy Flood 2009. He was a main member of Japanese Government negotiation team for the formulation of Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030. His major contributions are the importance of investment and “Build Back Better” as an international standard for recovery included in the Sendai Framework. He continuously contributes to the Sendai Framework Indicator finalizing process as an open ended expert group member. He is now the sole Distinguished Technical Advisor on DRR of JICA, representing the substance and policy of Disaster Risk Reduction of JICA to developing countries and donors in the world.

MC / Moderator

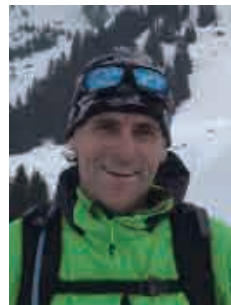


Ms. Yuki MATSUOKA

Head,
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Office in Japan

Ms. Matsuoka is the Head of the UNDRR Office in Japan. She joined the UNDRR Headquarters (Geneva) in 2004 as a Programme Officer, and then served as Special Assistant to Director, before assuming the position as the Head of the UNDRR Office in Japan. She was engaged in the overall coordination of the Second UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction (January 2005 in Kobe) and the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (March 2015 in Sendai), including the processes to develop the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. Prior to UNDRR, she worked as Special Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in Geneva). In cooperation with stakeholders around the world, she has been working on promoting the implementation of the Sendai Framework. She holds PhD in Global Environmental Studies.

Presentation



Mr. Marc GORDON

Senior Coordinator of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework,
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Mr. Gordon is a Senior Coordinator, Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework (MTR SF) in the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). Prior to this, he headed the Global Risk Analysis and Reporting Unit. From 2012 – 2017 he headed the UNISDR Sendai Framework Monitoring Unit and from 2006 – 2012 he established and led the UNISDR Donor and Business Partnerships Unit.

Prior to this, he was the Manager of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Programme (DIPECHO) - South East Asia of the European Commission, operating out of Bangkok. From 1997-2003, he served in various capacities from Country Director to Emergency Officer, with both the United Nations & the International Non-Governmental sector in conflict, complex emergencies, political and chronic crises.

Relevant field experience includes Cambodia, DR Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Rep. Guinea, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, East Timor and Viet Nam.

Panel Session 1: Assessing Six Years of Progress and Challenges in “Build Back Better” for Implementing the Sendai Framework



Ms. Elizabeth RILEY

Executive Director,
The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

Ms. Elizabeth Riley is the Executive Director at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). Ms. Riley has over 20 years of experience in the area of disaster management at the regional and international levels in various capacities. She has played a leadership role in the coordination of regional responses to many disasters, including Hurricane Ivan (2004) and the 2010 Haiti Earthquake. Her field experience includes the leadership of CDEMA deployment teams in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma (2017) and Dorian (2019). She is currently playing a leadership role in the coordination of the region’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Mr. Anil POKHREL
 Chief Executive,
 National Disaster Risk Reduction and
 Management Authority,
 Government of Nepal

Mr. Anil Pokhrel is the Government of Nepal's first Chief Executive of the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA), and is responsible for designing its organizational structure, preparing Standard Operating Procedures and developing the work program and budget.

He also functions as an Incident Commander during major disasters for Nepal's Emergency Operations Centre and serves as a resource manager for overall disaster risk reduction and management investment. He serves as a Member Secretary for the National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, as well as Member Secretary of the National Executive Committee. He was previously a Research Associate at the Overseas Development Institute, where he helped draft the Government of Nepal's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Strategic Action Plan: 2018-2030 and DRRM National Policy, 2017.

He has worked with the World Bank/GFDRR, Asian Development Bank and ISET-International/Nepal. He worked on multiple projects and technical assistance on disaster risk reduction, management and climate change in multiple countries in South Asia, East Asia, Central and West Asia.



Ms. Litea BIUKOTO
 Team Leader,
 Risk Reduction,
 The Pacific Community (SPC)

Litea Biukoto is the Team Leader Disaster Risk Reduction for the Disaster Community Risk Program in the Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division at the Pacific Community (SPC). Prior to this Litea was SPC's Pacific Resilience Program Manager and Senior Advisor Risk Reduction. Litea was instrumental in the implementation of the initial phase of the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment Finance Initiative that led to the development of the Pacific Risk Information System. As a technical lead expert of risk assessment in the region, Litea is also on the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management that reports to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage, under the UNFCCC secretariat. Litea holds a degree from the University of Otago and a postgraduate diploma in marine science from the University of South Pacific.



Mr. Nathan NKOMO
 Acting Chief Director
 Civil Protection Department,
 Ministry of Local Government, Public Works
 and National Housing,
 Government of Zimbabwe

Nathan Nkomo is the current Acting Chief Director at the Department of Civil Protection and his functions include coordinating, planning, mitigating the effects of disasters.

He is instrumental in engaging partners to strengthen Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Zimbabwe and this has seen the establishment of the DRM Centre among other interventions.

Mr. Nkomo is the Chairperson of the National Civil Protection Committee which coordinates disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response. In this capacity, Mr Nkomo has been responsible for implementation of all disaster responses in the country including Cyclone Idai and COVID-19 response. As such UNOPS Zimbabwe liaises closely with his office for the two disaster response projects, funded by the African Development Bank and World Bank to the tune of US\$100 million.

Mr. Nkomo has represented Zimbabwe at International forums like the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and SADC where issues of Zimbabwe DRM were articulated. He has a MSC Strategic Management degree from Chinhoyi University of Technology, Zimbabwe.

Acting Chief Director Nkomo is passionate about providing adequate protection and security to all citizens, disaster preparedness, risk reduction and timely declaration of State of disaster.

Moderator



Ms. Cristelle PRATT
 Assistant Secretary-General,
 Environment and Climate Action
 Organization of African, Caribbean and
 Pacific States (OACPS)

Cristelle Pratt has thirty years of policy practice experience in various settings and is currently the Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States' (OACPS) Assistant Secretary General for Environment and Climate Action – comprising 79 Member States. Prior to, she was the Pacific Islands Forum's Deputy Secretary General.

She has consulted on climate change, risk resilience and ocean governance for various international and regional organisations, and was Director General of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) from 2004 to 2010, which is now a Division of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Keynote Session 2



Ms. Cynthia SPISHAK
Associate Administrator,
Office of Policy and Program Analysis,
Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA),
Government of the United States of America

Cynthia Spishak currently serves as the Associate Administrator of the Office of Policy and Program Analysis. In this role, she leads FEMA's strategic and resource planning, data analytics, policy, audit, and international affairs functions. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Spishak served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Federal Insurance Directorate. In this role, she led flood insurance operations, helping run the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ms. Spishak joined the Federal Insurance Directorate in November 2017 as Director of the Insurance Acquisition and Technology Support Division. She was responsible for leading the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution of the Directorate funds, overseeing contracts, standing up a program management office, maintaining legacy information technology (IT) systems, and delivering the major FIMA IT modernization—Pivot.

Ms. Spishak first joined FEMA days after Hurricane Katrina as an IT Supply Chain consultant. In 2007, she went on to work in Recovery, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Office of the Chief Component Human Capital Officer, and Mission Support, as well as deploying to support several disasters.

Panel Session 2: Redesigning Systems for Resilience through Recovery: Setting the Agenda for Advancing "Build Back Better" through 2030



Mr. Ramesh SUBRAMANIAM
Director General,
Southeast Asia Department,
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Ramesh Subramaniam has been with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since April 1997. Previously, he was Senior Director at the Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI). At OREI, he managed 4 teams dealing with the 4 pillars of ADB's Regional Cooperation and Integration Strategy, namely: Trade and Investment; Monetary and Financial Integration; Infrastructure Connectivity; and Regional Public Goods. Outside of ADB, he is a volunteer/coordinator at a School for about 170 children, that infuses basic, yet fundamental, human values of Truth, Peace, Right Conduct, Non-violence and Love, in education.



Mr. Jerry FANO
Head,
Project Impact Analysis and Evaluation,
Department of Public Works and Highways,
Government of the Philippines

Mr. Jerry Fano currently serves the Unified Project Management Office for the Flood Control Management Cluster, Department of Public Works and Highways. He has over 18 years of experience in hydraulic and river engineering, as well as flood and erosion control. He completed the Master Course for Flood Disaster Risk Reduction as a JICA scholar at the International Center for Water Hazards and Risk Management (ICHARM) in Tsukuba, Japan in 2010.



Ms. Sithembiso GINA
Senior Programme Officer,
Disaster Risk Reduction Unit,
Southern African Development Community
(SADC)

Ms. Sithembiso Gina is Senior Programme Officer for the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit at the SADC Secretariat, managing disaster risk management and facilitating international, continental, and regional cooperation. With a background in sustainable development, she started her career as a lecturer and then worked as an environment and development management consultant. She has worked for national and international non-state actors promoting actions embolden disaster risk reduction, environment, and climate change management as well as sustainable poverty reduction. She spent 14 years working for UN agencies in policy services in environmental socioeconomics and community development. She is a community influencer and decision-maker at international, regional, and national levels in instilling institutional and human impact results working with women and the youth-targeting programmes, innovative partnerships and facilitating dialogues, roundtables for knowledge management and cooperation.



Mr. José OLIVEIRA
National Director,
National Directorate for Risk Prevention
and Management,
Government of Portugal

As National Director for Risk Prevention and Management, José Oliveira is responsible for drawing up general guidelines for emergency civil protection planning, promoting the assessment of natural and technological risks and their respective vulnerabilities, organizing the national risk monitoring and communication system, ensuring regulation and inspection in the area of fire safety in buildings, among other objectives. From 2001 to 2007 he headed the Information and Telecommunications Division of the former National Fire Service and the National Fire and Civil Protection Service. In 2007 he was appointed Director of the Technological Resources Unit of the National Civil Protection Authority (ANPC) and, in 2009, National Director of Emergency Planning of the ANPC.

Moderator



Ms. Paola ALBRITO
Chief of Branch,
Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency
Cooperation and Partnership,
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk
Reduction (UNDRR)

Ms. Albrito is working at the Headquarters of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) based in Geneva. In her current role she supports Intergovernmental Processes in addressing disaster risk reduction, coordinates interagency efforts in supporting the Sendai Framework implementation and she builds on partnership efforts towards risk informed investments and actions. Prior to her current post she was Chief of the UNDRR Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and was also the UNDRR Representative to the European Institutions. Paola joined UNDRR in 2004. Her previous field experience includes the works for the UN Resident Coordinator, the United Nations Staff System College; and the International Labour Organisation. Paola holds a Master's Degree in International Relations and Political Science from the University of Turin, Italy.

Closing Remarks



Mr. MURAKAMI Takeo
Co-Chair of the IRP Steering Committee
Director, Cabinet Office, Government of
Japan

Mr. Murakami Takeo is Director for International Cooperation Division, Disaster Management Bureau in the Cabinet Office of Japan. After entering the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), he was engaged in various policies including land and real estate, regional development and recovery, and infrastructure. He also worked in UNOCHA in 2007-2008 and UNDRR (UNISDR) in 2008-2010, then became Deputy Director for Disaster Management in the Cabinet Office. Prior to his current position as Director, he was Secretary to the Minister of State for Disaster Management.

Reflection

Ms. Paola ALBRITO
Chief of Branch,
Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency
Cooperation and Partnership,
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk
Reduction (UNDRR)



BACKGROUND :

As the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 approaches its midpoint, the United Nations General Assembly has mandated that a midterm review of its implementation should be conducted, with specific reference made to assessing progress toward its core provision to “build back better”. The global pandemic, climate change, and setbacks to the Sustainable Development Goals underscore the necessity of assessing progress and challenges in building back better to date, and to collectively consider adjustments and actions necessary to implement Priority 4 moving forward.

The International Recovery Forum 2022 will provide reflections on the implementation of Priority 4 and the challenges that remain, while setting a forward-looking agenda for continued progress. It will feature retrospective and prospective discussions between recovery policymakers and experts on focused themes in recovery for enhanced implementation of building back better so that communities can recover faster, more equitably and with greater resilience from disasters. The Forum will have two panel discussions that aim to achieve these objectives:

1. Assessing Six Years of Progress and Challenges in “Build Back Better” for Implementing the Sendai Framework

This panel will assess progress, achievements, enablers and barriers in building back better and how these have informed improvements in recovery policies, governance, programmes, and outcomes.

2. Redesigning Systems for Resilience through Recovery: Setting the Agenda for Advancing “Build Back Better” through 2030

This panel will discuss priorities and options to advance the implementation of building back better in the context of multiple hazards and systemic risk. It will identify good practices that lead to transformative and resilience actions in recovery.



AGENDA :

Opening

14:00 - 14:20	Mr. Ronald JACKSON Chair of the IRP Steering Committee (UNDP)
	Mr. SAITO Motohiko Governor of Hyogo Prefecture
	Mr. UCHIDA Yoshinari Deputy Director General for Disaster Management Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
	Ms. Mami MIZUTORI (Video Message) Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Keynote Session 1

14:20 - 14:40	Mr. TAKEYA Kimio Distinguished Technical Advisor on Disaster Risk Reduction, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
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Presentation

14:40 - 14:50	Mr. Marc GORDON Senior Coordinator of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
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Panel Session 1: Assessing Six Years of Progress and Challenges in “Build Back Better” for Implementing the Sendai Framework

14:50 - 15:55	Moderator: Ms. Cristelle PRATT Assistant Secretary-General, Environment and Climate Action, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
	Panelists:
	1. Ms. Elizabeth RILEY Executive Director, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
	2. Mr. Anil POKHREL Chief Executive, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, Government of Nepal
	3. Ms. Litea BIUKOTO Team Leader, Risk Reduction, The Pacific Community (SPC)
	4. Mr. Nathan NKOMO Acting Chief Director, Department of Civil Protection, Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, Government of Zimbabwe

Keynote Session 2

16:05 - 16:25	Ms. Cynthia SPISHAK Associate Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Analysis Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Government of the United States of America
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Panel Session 2: Redesigning Systems for Resilience through Recovery: Setting the Agenda for Advancing “Build Back Better” through 2030

16:25-17:20	Moderator: Ms. Paola ALBRITO Chief of Branch, Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency Cooperation and Partnership, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
	Panelists:
	1. Mr. Ramesh SUBRAMANIAM Director General, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
	2. Mr. Jerry FANO Head, Project Impact Analysis and Evaluation, Department of Public Works and Highways, Government of the Philippines
	3. Ms. Sithembiso GINA Senior Programme Officer, Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, Southern African Development Community (SADC)
	4. Mr. José OLIVEIRA National Director, National Directorate for Risk Prevention and Management, Government of Portugal

Reflections and Closing Remarks

17:20-17:30	Ms. Paola ALBRITO Chief of Branch, Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency Cooperation and Partnership, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
	Mr. MURAKAMI Takeo Co-Chair of the IRP Steering Committee (Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)

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