

Opening



Mr. Jared MERCADANTE
Chair, IRP Steering Committee
Disaster Risk Management Specialist
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction
and Recovery (GFDRR)
The World Bank

Mr. Jared MERCADANTE is a Disaster Risk Management Specialist. Jared has been with GFDRR since 2013, where he had been focal point for South Asia, supported development of the Disaster Recovery Framework, and provided technical support on post-disaster recovery planning after the Nepal earthquake and drought and flood responses in Malawi. Jared led mainstreaming and integration of Contingent Emergency Response Components into World Bank investment operations. Jared previously had 10 years of experience in urban, housing and reconstruction, and inclusive community-driven development in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. Jared holds a Master in Urban Development Planning from University College of London, and a Masters and Bachelors in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Welcome Remarks



Mr. OKONOGI Hachiro
Minister of State for Disaster Management,
Government of Japan

Born on June 22, 1965 in Kanagawa Prefecture. Mr. Okonogi first elected in the 40th House of Representatives general election in 1993. He successively held key posts including Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Education, Science, Sports and Culture in 1999; Senior Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry in 2004; and Minister of State for Disaster Management in 2017. He was reappointed as Minister of State for Disaster Management in September 2020. He has also served as Chairperson of the National Public Safety Commission, Minister in Charge of Building National Resilience, etc.



Mr. IDO Toshizo
Governor, Hyogo Prefecture

While at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Mr. Toshizo Ido worked for Tottori, Saga, Miyagi, and Shizuoka Prefectural Government as well as for Land Bureau, National Land Agency and Local Tax Bureau, MHA. Subsequently he served as director of various divisions at Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Transportation, Local Administration Bureau, MHA and Local Finance Bureau, MHA and Minister's Secretariat, MHA. In 1996, he was appointed as Vice Governor of Hyogo Prefecture. Since 2001, he has been Governor of Hyogo Prefecture.

Keynote Session



Mr. KAWATA Yoshiaki
Director and Chair Professor,
Research Center for Societal Safety Sciences,
Kansai University
Executive Director, Disaster Reduction
and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)

**"Building Resilience to Compound Disasters
including COVID-19 and Natural Hazards"**

Prof. Kawata graduated from Department of Civil Engineering, Kyoto University in 1969, and obtained PhD in 1976 from Kyoto University. He was Associate Professor in 1976, Research Fellow, University of Washington in 1981-82, Fulbright Senior Research Fellow at Princeton University in 1992 and got the full professor position in 1993. He was Director of DPRI, Kyoto University in 2005 to 2007. In 2002, he became the founding Director of the new institute established by central and Hyogo Prefecture government to memorialize the Kobe earthquake, the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI). He published more than 1,000 technical papers and 70 books in the fields of integrated disaster resilient systems of catastrophic disasters including urban disasters and their emergency management. He is former President of Japan Society of Disaster Information and former President of Japan Society for Natural Disaster Science. He received the 1993 Japan Society of Civil Engineers Award and the 1994 Japan Society for Natural Disaster Science Award. He was a laureate for 2007 United Nation Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction and a recipient, 2009 Distinguished Services Commendation in the field of disaster management, awarded by the Prime Minister.



Mr. Stéphane HALLEGATTE
Lead Economist, Climate Change Group
The World Bank

**"Disaster Risk Management during
the COVID-19 Crisis and Recovery"**

Stéphane Hallegatte is the lead economist of the World Bank Climate Change Group. He joined the World Bank in 2012 after 10 years of academic research. His research interests include the economics of natural disasters and risk management, climate change adaptation, urban policy and economics, climate change mitigation, and green growth. He was a lead author of the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He also led several World Bank reports including Shock Waves: Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty (2015), Unbreakable: Building the Resilience of the Poor in the Face of Natural Disasters (2016), and Lifelines: The Resilient Infrastructure Opportunity (2019). In 2018, he received the Burtoni Award for his work on the link between climate change adaptation and poverty reduction. Mr. Hallegatte holds an engineering degree from the Ecole Polytechnique (Paris) and a Ph.D in economics from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris).



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.

Panel Discussion 1: Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient in the Context of a Pandemic



Ms. Maria Alejandra MUÑOZ SEMINARIO
Vice President,
Government of Ecuador

Maria Alejandra Muñoz Seminario is the Vice President of the Republic of Ecuador. She was elected Vice President, after being appointed on July 17, 2020 by the National Assembly. Maria Alejandra Muñoz Seminario is the third woman in the country's history to hold this position and is the 51st Vice President of Ecuador. She has previously held numerous positions in the public sector, including Director General of the National Customs Service of Ecuador (SENAE), Undersecretary of the Presidential Agenda, Undersecretary-General of Government, and Adviser to the legal Undersecretary of the Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador.

She has 19 years of experience in law practice, mainly in the areas of public law, business, tax and human rights. She has also served previously as a professor of Administrative Law at Universidad Espíritu Santo. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social and Political Sciences from Universidad Espíritu Santo, and the degree of Lawyer of the Courts and Tribunals of the Republic of Ecuador with business and tax law minors. She holds a Master's degree in violence prevention and women's inclusion from the Psychology Faculty at the University of Salamanca, Spain. She is certified by the Global Economic and Political Environment, Risk Management, Institutional Crisis Management, and Anti-Bribery Practices Program of the Faculty of Justice from the University of Cambridge, London, 2012; and also holds a Leadership and Change Management Program Certification from IESE Business School, Miami, 2014.



Ms. Bambi KRAUS
National Tribal Affairs Advisor,
Federal Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA),
Government of the USA

Ms. D. Bambi Kraus is the National Tribal Affairs Advisor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the United States Government. She is the point of contact between the FEMA Administrator, Regional Tribal Liaisons, and tribal governments across the country. She is part of FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division, which leads all tribal relations and tribal consultation at FEMA. Previously, Ms. Kraus served for 19 years as the President of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, a national organization of Tribal government officials who implement federal and tribal preservation laws. Since graduating from Stanford University, she has resided in Washington, DC, and has been committed to working with and advocating for Native rights.



Mr. Vijay PADMANABHAN
Director, Urban Infrastructure,
Southeast Asia Department,
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

An Engineer-Urban Planner, Vijay is the Operations Director for urban development and water in the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Southeast Asia Region and manages a \$4 billion operations. With 24 years of professional experience, he has led multi-sector teams in designing and delivering large and complex projects on urban development, water and sanitation across several countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. He has also led enterprise resource planning for urban local bodies; structured and financially closed private sector projects and helped issue infrastructure bonds in the water and sanitation sector; and structured and successfully implemented emergency and post-conflict assistance projects. He has also served as ADB's Technical Advisor for Urban and Water advising operations across the Region.



Mr. Joy ELAMON
Director General,
Kerala Institute of
Local Administration (KILA), India

Dr. Joy Elamon is the Director General of Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA). He is a medical doctor with Masters in Public Health (MPH) and MBBS. Dr. Elamon was one of the core team members of the People's Plan Campaign in Kerala when it was launched in 1996. Later he served as the Chief Programme Coordinator of Capacity Development for Decentralisation in Kerala Programme at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Subsequently he became the Moderator of Decentralization Community and Maternal and Child Health Community of UN Solution Exchange of UN Country Team in India. He served Intercooperation Social Development India as its Chief Executive Officer and as Senior Advisor Local Governance for Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation. Later, he was a team member and Technical Advisor for South Asia Climate Proofing and Growth Development.



Ms. Rita MISSAL

Recovery Advisor,
Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery
for Building Resilience Team,
United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)

Rita Missal is the Global Recovery Advisor for United Nations Development Programme's Crisis Bureau. Based in New York office, Rita is a Post Disaster Recovery Practitioner with over 20 years of experience in the field of disaster recovery. She started her career in Disaster Management after the Super Cyclone in Odisha in 1999 at the UN office in Bhubaneswar and then in Maldives after the Asian Tsunami in 2004. Since 2007, Rita has been working in various positions in Geneva, Bangkok and in New York. Rita leads the UN partnership on conducting post disaster recovery assessments and in this capacity has led UNDP's global efforts in conducting COVID-19 Recovery Needs Assessment.

Rita has extensive experience in working with multilateral and bilateral agencies in disaster recovery preparedness and post designing and planning Recovery programmes. She is a passionate and global advocate for advancing goals of risk reduction and resilience. Her global advisory services build on field experience at country, regional and global levels across UN agencies, the European Union and the World Bank. In all her work, Rita has emphasized the human face of the disaster, particularly its impact on women, children, elderly and people with disabilities. Rita's key areas of expertise include disaster risk reduction, post disaster recovery, climate change, disaster displacements, and working with people with disabilities in crisis context. Rita holds a double Masters in Disaster Mitigation and English Literature with diploma in Disaster Management and Comprehensive Crisis Management.

Panel Discussion 2: Practical Cases and Lessons for Sustainable Recovery from the Impacts of Compound Disasters



Mr. Malcolm DALESA

PDNA and Recovery Strategy Coordinator,
Department of Strategic Policy, Planning
and Aid Coordination,
Office of the Prime Minister,
Government of Vanuatu

Malcolm Dalesa is an environmental and disaster recovery specialist with over 10 years of experience in environmental health work. He has spent the last 7 years working on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in the Pacific - including being involved and overseeing the development of Vanuatu's national climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction policy. Malcolm specialises in waste management, pollution control, food safety, environmental impact and risk assessment, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.



Mr. Ronald JACKSON

Head,
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. Mark JOVEN

Undersecretary,
Department of Finance,
Government of the Philippines

Mark Joven is the Undersecretary for the International Finance Group of the Philippine Department of Finance. He was formerly Assistant Secretary of the Revenue Operations Group (ROG), exercising general supervision over internal revenue and customs operations. As Assistant Secretary, he represented the Philippines in tax treaty negotiations and in various international tax fora. He recently shepherded the implementation of the comprehensive tax reform package or Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law and the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act. Prior to public service, he was active in tax practice for 15 years. For more than a decade he was a faculty member of the UP College of Law and UP College of Business Administration. Mark earned his Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School and his Bachelor of Laws cum laude from the UP College of Law. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration and Accountancy degree cum laude from the UP College of Business Administration.



Ms. Bernadia Irawati TJANDRADEWI
Secretary General, Asia-Pacific,
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Dr. Bernadia is the first woman Secretary General of the UCLG's regional section. She has been working in urban development and related fields for more than 15 years. She began her career at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and afterward CITYNET in Yokohama. Dr. Bernadia has also been a visiting professor at several universities in Japan and speaking at various international events. In 2015, she was appointed as a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) of UNHABITAT. She was selected as one of prominent women whose work makes impacts in Asia Pacific in 2018 by GovInsider Asia.

Her interests are on strategic urban planning, climate change, disaster management, water management, women empowerment, and local governance. Dr. Bernadia received her PhD in urban engineering from the University of Tokyo, and two master degrees in Atmospheric Physics from Nagoya University, Japan and in Public Policy from National University of Singapore.

As the Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi is the chief executive officer of UCLG Asia-Pacific Section. She directs the daily activities of the Section and carries out the decisions of the Regional General Assembly, the Regional Council and the Executive Bureau. The Secretary General manages the Secretariat's activities, programmes and finances of the Section under the guidance of the Presidency and reports to the Executive Bureau.

Moderator



Ms. Paola ALBRITO
Chief of Branch for the 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.



Ms. Mami MIZUTORI
The 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.



Mr. MURAKAWA Soshi
Co-Chair, IRP Steering Committee
Director, Cabinet Office,
Government of Japan

Mr. MURAKAWA Soshi served 22 years at the Japanese Government and has engaged mainly in infrastructure policies including international infrastructure cooperation, reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake. Currently he is in charge of national policies to promote community based disaster risk planning, building of volunteer management system and international cooperation for global disaster risk reduction, as Director for public and international relations, Cabinet Office for Disaster Management.



BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 global health crisis has undoubtedly impacted many aspects of society and the economy. The unprecedented socioeconomic impacts that it has caused have undermined development progress and threatened the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Simultaneously, countries are confronted by the challenges of managing compound risks from the COVID-19 pandemic and natural hazards.

The International Recovery Forum 2021 will feature discussions on lessons for governance, planning, financing, and other key areas which can be applied to the COVID-19 recovery. Building on the IRP COVID-19 Recovery Policy Brief, panelists will consider the unique challenges and opportunities for recovery and building back better from the pandemic and compound disasters.

The online Forum 2021 will have two panel discussions that aim to achieve these objectives:

1. Examine priorities and opportunities to build back better, greener, and more resilient from COVID-19 and compound disasters

The first panel will discuss strategies for building back better, greener, and more resilient from the COVID-19 pandemic and natural hazards. Discussions will include consideration for institutional, financial, and implementation support for launching a green and resilient recovery while balancing immediate recovery needs and goals with priorities for longer-term resilience. Speakers will reflect on lessons from recent and past recovery experiences that can inform priorities and opportunities to build back better.

2. Assess social and economic impacts and identify early lessons learned for sustainable recovery from pandemics and compound disasters

The second panel will delve into cases and early lessons learned for recovery from disasters in countries most affected by the pandemic and natural hazards. It will provide insights from assessing social and economic impacts, as well as planning and financing a sustainable recovery. It will address key issues for vulnerable groups, and consider measures for managing compound risks from the pandemic and natural hazards.



AGENDA:

Opening

14:00 - 14:25

Mr. Jared MERCADANTE
Chair of the International Recovery Platform Steering Committee (World Bank)

Mr. OKONOGI Hachiro
Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Mr. IDO Toshizo*
Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

Keynote Session

14:25 - 15:20

Mr. KAWATA Yoshiaki
Executive Director of the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)

Mr. Stéphane HALLEGATTE
Lead Economist, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), World Bank

Panel Discussion 1: Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient in the Context of a Pandemic

15:20 - 16:20

Moderator:
Ms. Rita MISSAL*
Recovery Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery for Building Resilience Team, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panelists:

- Ms. María Alejandra MUÑOZ SEMINARIO**
Vice President, Republic of Ecuador
- Ms. Bambi KRAUS**
National Tribal Affairs Advisor, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Government of the USA
- Mr. Vijay PADMANABHAN**
Director, Urban Infrastructure, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank
- Mr. Joy ELAMON**
Director General, Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Kerala, India

Panel Discussion 2: Practical Cases and Lessons for Sustainable Recovery from the Impacts of Compound Disasters

16:25-17:20

Moderator:
Ms. Paola ALBRITO
Chief of Branch, Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency Co-operation and Partnerships, UNDRR

Panelists:

- Mr. Malcolm DALESA**
PDNA and Recovery Strategy Coordinator, Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Vanuatu
- Mr. Ronald JACKSON**
Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery for Building Resilience Team, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Mr. Mark JOVEN**
Undersecretary, Department of Finance, Government of the Philippines
- Ms. Bernadia Irawati TJANDRADEWI**
Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments, Asia Pacific

Closing

17:20-17:30

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

Mr. MURAKAWA Soshi
Director, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, on behalf of Co-Chair of the International Recovery Platform Steering Committee

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English and Japanese with simultaneous translation



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