



# International Recovery Forum 2017

## **Build Back Better Towards Resilient and Healthy Communities**

*Integrating Health into Recovery Plans  
24 January 2017 in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan  
9:45 – 16:00 hrs at Hotel Okura Kobe*

**Draft Concept Note**  
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### **1. BACKGROUND**

The International Recovery Forum 2017 is focusing “Build Back Better Towards Resilient and Healthy Communities: Integrating Health into Recovery Plans”.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (“Sendai Framework”) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (including the Sendai Framework, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals) highlighted the more frequent and intense natural hazard as one of the main challenges and likely to reverse development progress. The New Urban Agenda (adopted at the Habitat III in October 2016) proposes that building resilient cities against disaster is key to sustainable future. The Sendai Framework in particular underlined the importance of enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction as one of the four priorities for action (Priority 4).

Health is recognized in all these landmark international agreements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. One of the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 3) includes to: “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. Health is one of the elements in the expected outcomes of the Sendai Framework highlighting that “the substantial reduction of loss in lives, livelihoods and health” (para 16). The Priority 4 of the Sendai Framework<sup>1</sup> calls for collaborative actions to promote safe hospitals (para 33c), stockpiling (para 33d), training for existing workforce and voluntary workers (para 33f), health data (para 33n), and mental health (para 33o). Priority 4 of the Sendai Framework also exhorts “Empowering women and persons with disabilities to publicly lead and promote gender equitable and universally accessible response, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction approaches”.

International Recovery Platform (IRP) is in an advantageous position to advise countries and stakeholders on how to achieve health outcomes in the context of disaster recovery. The Sendai Framework stipulates that the International Recovery Platform (IRP) enhances the sharing of experience and learning on “Build Back Better” among countries and all relevant stakeholders. Technical resources (e.g. guidance, checklist, training aids, and case studies) through experiences and lessons learnt from its partners would be a great asset for promoting and implementing “Build Back Better”.

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the International Recovery Forum 2017 are to:

- Explore how “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction can be addressed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- Explore knowledge and understanding of “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction through sharing of country experiences; and

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<sup>1</sup> Priority Four of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction states “Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction” see [http://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291\\_sendaiframeworkfordren.pdf](http://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordren.pdf)

- Explore strategies and actions on health in the context of “Build Back Better” through sharing experiences on integration health agenda into disaster recovery, including consulting on the updated edition of *Guidance Note on Recovery for Health*.

The Forum intends to achieve the following specific objectives:

### **2.1 Share Knowledge and Experiences**

The Forum2017 is an avenue to share experiences and lessons on “Build Back Better” for resilient community and to gain knowledge about the importance of integrating health into disaster recovery. It is also an opportunity to draw lessons on health issues in the context of recovery based on the sharing of invited resource speakers.

### **2.2 Discuss Health and “Build Back Better”**

To achieve greater understanding of what it takes to promote resilient and healthy communities in the context of “Build Back Better” in disaster recovery, the Forum2017 will be organizing two panel discussions on the following topics:

- Build Back Better for Resilient Community
- Integrating Health in Recovery

### **2.3 Presentation of the Knowledge Product**

As background document for the discussions, the Forum2017 will present a consultative edition of the Updated Guidance Notes on Recovery for Health, and take the opportunity to elicit further inputs and feedback.

## **3. FORMAT OF THE FORUM 2017**

The Forum will share experiences through presentations and the two panel discussions. Substantive inputs are expected to come up from these sessions that can further inform the updating of the Guidance Note on Recovery for Health as well as other related projects of IRP.

### **3.1 Opening**

The opening session of the Forum will comprise brief welcome messages from the following dignitaries: Chair of the IRP Steering Committee, Official from the Cabinet Office of Japan, and Governor of Hyogo Prefecture.

### **3.2 Presentations**

Two presentations will set the scene. These include a key note speech and a knowledge product presentation.

#### *3.2.1 Keynote Presentations*

The two keynote presentations provide the background and overall direction of the International Recovery Forum 2017 by having concrete recovery experiences from a country “Recovery Experiences for Build Back Better from Thailand” and “Lessons from the Kumamoto Earthquake of 2016 for Build Back Better” from a prominent expert.

#### *3.2.2 Product Presentation*

This presentation, to be delivered by the IRP Secretariat, will highlight the components of the supplementary edition of Guidance Note on Recovery for Health – especially the new themes that are incorporated and new case studies to be added to complement the existing Guidance Note on Health issued in 2010.

### **3.3 Panel Discussions**

The following are general descriptions of the panel discussions.

### 3.3.1 *First Panel Discussion*

Topic: Build Back Better for Resilient Community

Why? Risk reduction and building resilience is recognized in all the landmark agreements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Sendai Framework, in particular, points out that disaster recovery plans should be prepared and disaster risk considerations and measures need to be integrated into recovery planning and actions to enable “Build Back Better”.

Discussions: The potential questions that the panel may address are: How to do effective recovery that seizes the opportunity to “Build Back Better”? How ensure resilient systems (e.g. health) and communities? How to ensure “Build Back Better” for resilient communities are part of the implementation of the landmark agreements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Output: Summary of discussion to feed into advice on “Build Back Better” for resilient community.

Profile of Panelists: Prospective members of the panel may come from national and local governments, institutions, research institutes, and international organizations who are engaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as can bring experiences from recent disasters and recovery.

Moderator: Mr. Stefan Kohler (UNOPS), Chair of the Steering Committee of the IRP

### 3.3.2 *Second Panel Discussion*

Topic: Integrating Health in Recovery and Reconstruction

Why? The process of disaster recovery is long, which often takes years to complete. Hence, it is important to explore whether and how health considerations are taken into account in the recovery and reconstruction process.

Discussions: The potential questions that the panel may address are the following:

- How to systematically integrate health into the recovery plans, post-disaster needs assessments, and strategies?
- How to coordinate recovery and reconstruction planning between the health and social service sectors?
- How to promote an integrated approach in implementing and applying recovery resources to facilitate health service delivery during and after disaster as well as improve advance planning for recovery and reconstruction, including securing the necessary resources, over the long term after a disaster, and to improve preparedness planning?
- How to integrate critical infrastructures (including hospitals and other health facilities in the devastated areas) into community development and economic growth?
- How to build the disaster resilience of health systems?
- How to address the needs of people with special needs, including people living with disabilities
- How to align and integrate the full health sector in planning that includes human resources planning, governance issues, and coordination with other sectors.

Profile of Panelists: Prospective members of the panel shall be largely experts and practitioners in the areas of health and recovery, including issues related to health impact assessments, recovery planning and implementation, health information, and health recovery in general.

Moderator: Ms. Setsuko Saya, Director, the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

## 3.4 Closing

The closing session will comprise synthesis of the Forum, some messages, and closing statement.

## 4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The 2017 International Recovery Forum is expected to deliver two key outcomes as described below:

### 4.1 Guidance Note

The Consultative Edition of the Updated Guidance Notes on Recovery for Health will be finalized by reflecting on the Forum discussion, with new case studies health in the context of “Build Back Better” in recovery – with the aim to be used by policymakers and practitioners.

### 4.2 Summary of Recommendations

The summary of discussions to advise on “Build Back Better” for resilient communities and integrating health into recovery plans will be presented at the forthcoming IRP side event at the Global Platform in Mexico, May 2017. Any recommendations and suggestion will also be part of the final version of the “Updated Guidance Notes on Recovery for Health”.

## 5. PROGRAM

09:15-09:45	Registration
<b>Opening</b>	
09:45-10:05	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Remarks</b> by Mr. Stefan Kohler (UNOPS), Chair of the Steering Committee of the International Recovery Platform <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Welcome Remarks</b> by Mr. Shigeki Habuka, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Welcome Address</b> by Mr. Toshizo Ido, the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture
<b>Keynote Presentations</b>	
10:05-10:55	10:05-10:20 <input type="checkbox"/> Keynote Speech 1: Pol.Lt. Gen.Nadhapit Snidvongs Vice Minister, Ministry of Interior, The Government of Thailand “Thailand Flood and Government Initiative for a more Sustainable Recovery” 10:20-10:55 <input type="checkbox"/> Keynote Presentation 2: Prof. Yoshiaki Kawata, Executive Director, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute (DRI) and Professor at Graduate School of Societal Safety Sciences of Kansai University “Lessons from the Kumamoto Earthquake of 2016 for Build Back Better” (as a member of the WG for Kumamoto Earthquake under the Central Disaster Management Council of Japan)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Panel Discussion: Build Back Better for Resilient Community</b>	
10:55-12:25 (90 minutes)	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Stefan Kohler (UNOPS), Chair of the Steering Committee of the International Recovery Platform</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Yoshiaki Kawata, Executive Director, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute (DRI) and Professor at Graduate School of Societal Safety Sciences of Kansai University</li> <li>2. Mr. Jack Radisch, Senior Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (global context of Build Back Better in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development)</li> <li>3. Dr. Venkatachalam Thiruppugazh, Joint Secretary of the National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India (tbc)</li> <li>4. Ms. Gerilee Bennett, Director for Interagency Coordination, Field Operations Directorate, Office of Response &amp; Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)</li> </ol> <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>

12:25-12:40	<b>Group Photo</b>
12:40:13:40	<b>Lunch Time</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Discussion: Integrating Health in Recovery</b>	
13:40-15:10 (90 minutes)	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Setsuko Saya, Director, the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan</p> <p>Presentation: Consultative Edition of Updated Guidance Notes on Recovery for Health (by IRP Secretariat)</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. James Newman, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Disaster Risk Management Hub, Tokyo, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, on behalf of Mr. Josef Lloyd Leitmann, Team Leader and Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, The World Bank/GFDRR (WB's experiences in integrating health in recovery and WB's recent work on guidance for recovery in the health sector).</li> <li>2. Dr. Hari Parajuli, Member, Executive Committee, National Reconstruction Authority, Nepal (the role of people with disabilities in health issues in recovery)</li> <li>3. Mr. Shuichi Kasai, Member of the Board of Directors, Japan Pharmaceutical Association and Chairman of the Hyogo Pharmaceutical Society (the roles of pharmacists to support people's health in affected areas and recovery period, including cases from Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake, the Great East Japan Earthquake, and Kumamoto Earthquake)</li> <li>4. Dr. Ryoma Kayano, WHO Centre for Health Development (Kobe Centre) (Resilient health systems and disaster risk reduction)</li> </ol> <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
15:10:15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Synthesis of the Forum and Way Forward (summary reflections of the two panel discussions by the two moderators)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closing by Ms. Setsuko Saya, Director, the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan (as Co-Chair of IRP Steering Committee)</li> </ul>