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SEM Side Event

The importance of Disaster Risk Reduction to Achieve Sustainable Development - What can we learn from the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework?

Date and time: Monday 10th July at 18:30 - 20:00 (EST)

Venue: Conference room 5, United Nations Headquarter, New York, United States

Background

Nothing erodes hard-earned development gains as much as disasters, as evidenced by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing climate emergency. These events disproportionately affect vulnerable populations and people living in low and middle income countries, leading to significant losses and setbacks in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Disasters are not isolated incidents but a result of the interaction between hazards and vulnerability. By identifying and anticipating these fault lines beforehand, we can prevent hazards from turning into full-blown disasters. Risk also mirrors today's interconnected world. Therefore, addressing systemic risk requires integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) into climate- and disaster-risk-informed policies and programmes and building coherence with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Policymakers need to consider the long-term impacts and trade-offs of development choices, embedding DRR principles across the SDGs.¹ However in most countries, sustainable development, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian action agendas have evolved in parallel with little linkages between their planning, coordination and/or financing mechanisms. Coherent risk governance must be at the center. This was among the findings of the [Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) (MTR SF).

The concurrent stocktaking of the Sendai Framework, 2030 Agenda, and the Paris Agreement

¹ Policy brief: Towards risk-informed implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [LINK](#)

offers an opportunity to enhance policy integration across all levels, and ultimately reduce the vulnerability at the local level. Each framework brings important perspectives and principles to achieve sustainable development. To utilise the full potential of the ongoing SDG Midterm Review and Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement (GST), there is a need for understanding the lessons learned from the MTR SF.

This session provides an opportunity to share recommendations and discuss possibilities for enhanced synergies across intergovernmental frameworks and, most importantly, in the implementation at the local level. This session will share key messages of MTR SF that can be of importance for the ongoing SDG Midterm Review and Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement (GST).

Objectives

1. To share key messages and lessons learned from the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
2. To share knowledge about the current state of the Sustainable Development Goals Midterm Review and Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement.
3. To share good practices on integrated DRR, climate change action and sustainable development planning and implementation at national and local levels.
4. To discuss significant opportunities and strategies in developing synergies between sustainable development, climate action and DRR, focusing on the opportunities of upcoming initiatives where a coherent policy basis will be crucial for implementation.

Guiding questions

- What are the key messages from the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction? (To Indonesia)
- How can the findings of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction be leveraged in the SDG Midterm Review and the Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement? (To Indonesia)
- What is the current status of the SDG Midterm Review, and what aspects do you foresee need more attention in the next phase of implementation? (To Oli)
- What is the current status of the Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement, and what aspects do you foresee need more attention in the next phase of implementation? (To Joshua)
- Can you share some experiences on how to best connect global, national, and local policy, which result in actions building resilient sustainable development at the local level? (To Raf)
- How do you believe that we can enhance synergies between sustainable development, climate action and DRR? What would the benefits be? (To Oli, Joshua, Raf and Farrukh)
- What are the enabling factors that facilitate successful integration of disaster risk reduction and climate action at the national and local levels? (To Farrukh)
- What are the differences between sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate change action at the community level? (To Marcos)

- What role can the civil society and community actors play in supporting an integrated approach to planning and implementation of sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate change action? (To Marcos)

Program

Moderator: *Ms. Debra A.K. Johnson, Strategic Resilience and Sustainability Adviser, and Founder and Director Emeritus of ARISE-US Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies*

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| 18:30 - 18:32 | Opening |
| 18:32 - 18:37 | <p>Opening Remarks
 <i>Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)</i></p> |
| 18:37 - 18:57 | <p>Overview of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework, SDG Midterm Review and Global Stocktake
 <i>[Indonesia tba]</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Joshua Amponsem, Executive Director, Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Oli Henman, Global Coordinator, Action for Sustainable Development & Organising Partners of the HLPF NGO Major Group</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</i></p> |
| 18:57 - 19:15 | Questions & Answers |
| 19:15 - 19:25 | <p>Voices from the National & Local Level - Good practices, challenges and trends
 <i>Mr. Farrukh Khan, former Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Mission to the United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Marcos Concepcion Raba, Executive Director, The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Risk Reduction (GNDR)</i></p> |
| 19:25 - 19:35 | Questions & Answers |
| 19:35 - 19:55 | <p>World Cafe - Local, National & Global</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local: tba [Moa or any of the SEM members attending, asses morning meeting]</i> |

- *National: Ms. Debra A.K. Johnson, Strategic Resilience and Sustainability Adviser, and Founder and Director Emeritus of ARISE-US Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies*
- *Global: Mr. Marcos Concepcion Raba, Executive Director, The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Risk Reduction (GNDR)*

19:55 - 20:00

Closing Remarks

Ms. Lourivânia Soares Santos, Parliamentary Advisor, State of Bahia, Brazil