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13 - 17 May 2019 – Geneva, Switzerland
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If you would like to contribute to the Global Platform and the preparatory process kindly see the 2019 Global Platform Funding Request and contact the UN Office For Disaster Risk Reduction at ISDR-RM@un.org
The 21st century is marked by enormous global and interconnected challenges such as financial instability, cyber fragility and more frequent and more intensive disasters due to climate change. At the same time, it is characterised by unprecedented scientific innovation and technological progress, offering new opportunities to confront these challenges. Let us join forces to use this innovative power and to find viable solutions to complex risks.

The 2030 Agenda provides an excellent basis to address disaster risk and resilience building in a coherent way. Both the Sendai Framework and the Paris Agreement recognise that engaging in disaster risk management enables us to anticipate, prepare for and respond to the consequences of climate change. Building disaster resilience, in turn, will help us to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The challenges we face are tremendous, but by closely collaborating with each other, among countries, with civil society organisations, academia and in particular with the private sector as a catalyst for innovation and investment we will have a sustainable impact.

Investing in disaster risk reduction pays huge dividends in creating resilient societies. In Switzerland, for instance, avalanche protection has been safeguarding the Alpine communities for several generations and downstream flood prevention allows cities to flourish.

In this spirit I wish you fruitful discussions and I invite you to connect, collaborate and share your ideas and knowledge for a resilient world.
INTRODUCTION

Our world, and we, as its citizens, are facing extraordinary challenges, unprecedented in scope, scale and impact. Our climate is changing— for the worse— and faster than we thought possible; shared values of freedom of expression, commitment to facts, inclusion and protection of the most vulnerable are under daily attack; the chasm of inequity and inequality is deepening. Our planet is groaning. We have a choice to make: we can groan with it or invest in shared action for radical change.

This year, at the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019), we are focusing on a people-centred, resilience-driven approach to disaster risk reduction: ensuring that our investment in a better future includes the most vulnerable as initiators of, rather than recipients of change, and realises benefits beyond merely preventing and reducing disaster risk. Ensuring the resilience dividend means risk reduction must also result in climate change gains, the promotion and protection of basic human rights, the extension of social justice to the most vulnerable, and the growth of good governance to protect sustainable development.

GP2019 takes place at an opportune moment in the lead up to the UN Secretary General’s Climate Summit this September. It is my hope that this Global Platform will be a forum for sharing success stories and lessons learnt from our efforts to reducing risk, investing in risk-informed development and building resilience. I hope these days of discussion will help us challenge each other to move from awareness to action, and from developing strategies to implementing them. These are the precepts we need to follow to ensure that the alarming disaster impact figures for mortality, numbers of people affected, economic loss and damage to critical infrastructure are dramatically reduced. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – our road map for change – is nothing if not ambitious, and we must be equal to the task.

As bleak as the outlook appears, thankfully, there is much we can draw inspiration from. We can take heart from the significant reductions in loss of life from major storms and floods due to better preparedness and improvements to early warning systems.

Governments and citizens are working together to develop local and national disaster risk reduction strategies. At the local level, farmers around the world are finding innovative ways to grow crops despite drought and weather variability. And we are seeing more discussion in the private sector that business decisions must be risk-informed to avoid future losses.

On behalf of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, I look forward to welcoming you to Geneva for GP2019. I invite you to come open to be inspired and ready to share your stories and recommendations for what we need to do better, and most importantly: to commit to the joint solutions which will ensure a resilient future for people and our planet.

Ensuring the Resilience Dividend
The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction was established in 1999 and mandated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution (56/195) to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster risk reduction (DRR).

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction’s role is to support the implementation, follow-up and review of the Sendai Framework, including by fostering coherence with other international instruments, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Paris Agreement on climate change.

It is an organizational unit of the UN Secretariat, led by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction (SRSG). The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction takes a multi-stakeholder coordination approach based on the relationships it has developed with national and local governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including the private sector, operating through a network of global partners.

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is headquartered in Geneva, with five regional offices – in Asia (Bangkok), Africa (Nairobi), Europe (Brussels), Arab States (Cairo) and Americas and the Caribbean (Panama) and one sub-regional office in Fiji (Suva). The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction also maintains a UN Headquarters liaison office in New York, a liaison office in Bonn, presences in Kobe and Incheon and an Africa Union Liaison Office in Addis Ababa.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is a global, voluntary and non-binding agreement that was adopted at the Third UN World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction and endorsed by the UN General Assembly through Resolution 69/283. The Sendai Framework recognizes that the state has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and others. It was developed to build on and ensure continuity with the work carried out by countries and other stakeholders under the aegis of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (2005) and previous instruments such as the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (1999), the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World (1994) and the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (1989).

Key innovations in the Sendai Framework include the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries. Built around seven global targets, thirteen guiding principles and four priority areas, the Sendai Framework explicitly acts to reduce existing risk, prevent the creation of new risk and strengthening resilience.
The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, as recognised by the UN General Assembly, is the main forum at the global level for strategic advice, coordination, partnership development and the review of progress in the implementation of international instruments on disaster risk reduction. It has been held every two years since 2007 to discuss progress and challenges in reducing disaster losses and managing disaster risk in relation to natural and human-made hazards: both new and existing. It is also a critical component of the monitoring and implementation of the Sendai Framework.

The sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) will take place in Geneva (13–17 May 2019). It will represent the next important opportunity for the world’s top disaster risk reduction thinkers and practitioners, policy makers, government officials and other stakeholders to debate and discuss how to reduce disaster impact, boost the implementation of the Sendai Framework, the related goals of the 2030 Agenda, and the commitments of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. It will contribute to the discussions of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to be held in New York in July 2019, as well as the UN Secretary General’s Climate Summit in September 2019. It is also the last global gathering for all stakeholders before the deadline for achieving Target (e) of the Sendai Framework: to substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020.

The theme of GP2019 – “Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies” – will focus on how managing disaster risk and risk-informed development investments pay dividends in multiple sectors and geographies, across all scales, and encompass more than just economic profit, also strengthening outcomes across the social, economic, financial and environmental sectors in the long term.

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is committed to supporting and drawing attention to women’s role and contribution to disaster risk reduction, through ensuring fostering women’s participation in the Global Platform, equal gender representation in the sessions and mainstreaming a gendered perspective.
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Conference venue

GP2019 will be held at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) and the Varembé Conference Centre (CCV), which is situated opposite the CICG.

Address
Rue de Varembé 17
CH – 1202 Genève – Switzerland
Tel : +41 (0) 22 791 91 11
Web : cicg.ch/en

To reach the CICG/CCV from the airport “Cointrin”, please use the bus lines 5 (stop “Vermont”) and 28 (stop “Nations”).

To reach the CICG/CCV from the main train station “Cornavin”, please use the bus lines 5 (stop “Vermont”), 8 (stop “Nations”), 20 (stop “Varembé”), F (stop “Varembé”), and the tram line 15 (stop “Nations”).
FLOOR PLANS CICG AND CCV

GROUND FLOOR

FIRST FLOOR
SECOND FLOOR

THIRD FLOOR

Accessible toilet
Toilets
Coffee bar
Restaurant
Elevator
Information on site

For guidance or assistance during the GP2019, please visit the Information Desk, located near the entrance to the conference venue from 13 – 17 May.

Secretariat
The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction serves as the coordinating body of the GP2019 under the oversight of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Information is also available on the conference website. Queries can also be directed to the secretariat by email.

Security
Access to GP2019 is limited to registered participants with valid badges. Conference venue security is the responsibility of the United Nations. Outside the GP2019 venue, all external security related issues are the responsibility of the host country, Switzerland. All high-level participants should alert their respective permanent missions in Geneva for arrangements regarding security, transport, accommodation and other protocol matters, once registration is confirmed and prior to arrival. The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva must be informed of the date of arrival of all Heads of State.

Assistance and medical facilities
At the conference venue, medical assistance can be requested at the Information Desk. An infirmary with medical staff will be available inside the conference venue (see map of the conference venue page 12).

Online registration
The GP2019 invites all stakeholders of the Sendai Framework and Disaster Risk Reduction agenda to register, including: Member States, parliamentarians, local governments, United Nations system entities, intergovernmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholder groups. Access will only be granted to registered and confirmed participants.

To confirm the registration application has been received, an automated email with an ID reference number will be sent to the email address used to register. All applications will be reviewed by the GP2019 secretariat. A confirmation of successful registration will be sent to approved delegates. The review process may take up to four weeks.

We encourage early online registration since we anticipate long registration lines on Wednesday 15 May. Please note that online registration will close by 22 April 2019. Beyond that date, it is possible to register on site only.

Please register online through this link.

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### Onsite registration and badging

Participants may pick-up their badges at the onsite registration desk, and will need to show a valid national passport or national ID, in Latin texts, issued by a government recognized by the United Nations. GP2019 badges must be worn at all times to access the conference venue and meeting rooms. For some sessions, such as the opening ceremony, a secondary pass will be necessary. Details on secondary passes will be available online at a later stage.

**Badge pick-up at the registration desk will be open on:**
- **Sunday** 12 May (12:00 - 17:00)
- **Monday** 13 May (07:30 - 18:00)
- **Tuesday** 14 May (07:30 - 18:00)
- **Wednesday** 15 May (07:30 - 18:00)
- **Thursday** 16 May (07:30 - 18:00)
- **Friday** 17 May (07:30 - 12:00)

### DSA attendance form

After completing on-site registration and badging, sponsored participants attending the 2019 Global Platform are requested to sign the attendance form at the DSA office located on the second floor of the CICG building, office 232 (see map of the conference venue, page 11). Sponsored participants are asked to present a valid passport or national identification with photo.

### Bilateral meeting rooms

A limited number of rooms (for 10 - 24 participants) will be dedicated to bilateral high-level meetings/closed meetings. Bilateral meetings will be held from 15-17 May 2019, and can be reserved for 20 minutes only, according to availability of rooms and on a “first come, first served” basis.

Please take note that due to a high amount of requests, the secretariat will need to make sure that as many delegations as possible will have the opportunity to hold a bilateral meeting. Therefore, we kindly ask you to request your slots in order of priority in case we would not be able to accommodate all of them.

Requests for bilateral meeting rooms will be opened from 1 March 2019 and can be sent to Ms. Céline Barmet: celine.barmet@un.org indicating the subject line “GP2019 bilateral meeting requests”.

Please indicate the delegations that will be attending the requested bilateral meeting.

### Programme and schedule

Updates and changes to the programme and schedule are possible. Revised information will be available on the website and in real time on the monitors at the conference venue.

Additionally, a conference app will be made available for download.

### Documents

GP2019 will be a paper smart conference. All conference information is available online and on the conference app only. We kindly ask participants to consider not providing paper versions of documents, but rather encourage online dissemination. Official written statements will be posted online, along with daily webcasts of high-level dialogue sessions.

### Interpretation

Opening and closing ceremonies, high-level dialogues, ministerial roundtables, a substantive number of working sessions and a limited number of other sessions will be interpreted in the six UN official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

### Accessibility

In line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities principle on full and effective participation and inclusion in society, persons with disabilities should have the opportunity, on an equal basis with others, to be actively involved in all decision-making processes about policies and programmes, where international development is discussed.

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the host country are committed to making GP2019 accessible to persons with disabilities. All conference rooms are accessible for participants in wheelchairs. Additionally, one bathroom per floor is accessible for participants in wheelchairs (please see map on page 10 - 12). For a general list of information about accessibility in Geneva (airport access, taxi services, hotels, rental of assistive devices and public transport), please refer to this website or the logistical note.
**International Sign Interpretation (IS), Real-Time Captioning (CART) and remote participation**

International Sign interpreters will support the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, High Level Dialogues and selected working and special sessions. Real-Time Captioning will be provided in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the High-Level Dialogues, and all the Working and Special Sessions. Remote participation will be provided for a number of High-Level Dialogues and a substantive number of working sessions.

This is in line with the Sendai Framework commitment to ensure a disability inclusive approach to disaster risk reduction.

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**Media accreditation and participation**

We welcome media to attend. GP2019 conference badges are required for all journalists. For opening and closing sessions, attendance in the plenary room is limited to those who have a special pass. Other participants may use the overflow rooms.

The UN Press Corps accredited journalists and other journalists must register in advance through the [GP2019 registration webpage](#). Non-accredited journalists must additionally provide the accreditation documents that are required for any UN conference. Please consult the [UN media website](#).

Once at the conference, journalists will need to provide proof of credential at the registration desk to receive their conference badge.

A media support centre will be provided, with WIFI access. A small onsite interview area will be provided, suitable for conducting one-on-one live interviews with conference attendees.

Additional media requests can be sent to Ms. Brigitte Leoni: leonib@un.org or Tel. +41 76 691 04 41.

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**VVIP/ VIP**

Please note that the permanent missions in Geneva are asked to organize their own transport for their delegations. For high level officials (heads of states), the host country must be informed accordingly.

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**Food and refreshments**

A coffee and refreshments bar at the ground floor is open from 07:30 to 17:30hrs from 13 to 17 May. The conference centre has a cafeteria style restaurant open from 11:30 to 14:00 hrs. Please note that eating and drinking are not permitted in the meeting rooms. There are no dinner facilities provided at the conference centre. There are several restaurants near the conference centre, including:

- **Restaurant la Romana**
  Rue de Vermont 37,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 734 82 86

- **Restaurant Japonais Sagano**
  Rue de Montbrillant 86,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 735 11 50

- **Restaurant Ariana**
  Rue de Montbrillant 83,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 740 07 67

- **Restaurant Nations**
  Rue de Montbrillant 87,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 734 35 45

- **Restaurant Thai Phuket**
  Avenue de France 33,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 734 41 00

- **Restaurant New Shanghaï**
  Rue de Montbrillant 90,
  1202 Genève Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 734 00 81

- **La Tables des Nations**
  Avenue Guiseppe-Motta 30,
  1202 Genève Suisse
  Tel. +41 22 734 56 27

- **Brasserie Tivoli**
  Rue de Montbrillant 87,
  1202 Genève, Suisse
  +41 22 792 16 08
We all can do our part to combat climate change. If we all do just a little, the overall net effect will be large. We are committed to reducing our GP2019 carbon footprint through ensuring efficiency and conservation in the use of electricity, paper, supplies, and travel.

GP2019 will be a paper smart conference. Key conference documents will be available on the mobile phone-friendly Global Platform website and app.

Participants are encouraged to bring smartphones, tablets and laptops, and to utilize the on-site computers to read conference materials.

In cooperation with the conference centre, we will use ecologically friendly materials and recycle where possible. For instance, the cups for the water dispensers are made from corn and therefore compostable. Also, we will provide options for climate friendly, vegetarian meals, to name another example.

The Government of Switzerland will offset a major fraction of the carbon emissions resulting from the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2019 including the flights of the participants. Certified Emission Reductions (CER) units amounting 30,000 USD will assure the compensation and benefit short-listed projects improving sustainable energy production and consumption in different areas of the world.

GP2019 participants can also contribute to a carbon-offset project to offset travel-related carbon emissions. We encourage the use of Geneva’s very reliable and well connected public transportation system. Upon your arrival at the Geneva International Airport you can get a free ticket for public transport from the ticket machine in the baggage collection area. At your hotel you can ask for the free “Geneva Transport Card”, which allows you to use all public transport in Geneva free of charge during your stay.
FORMAT

GP2019 features a range of different sessions, which are described below. Descriptions indicate whether translation into 6 UN Languages (6 UNL), International Sign (IS), Real-Time Captioning (CART), live webcast and remote participation will be provided.

Ministerial roundtables (by invitation only, 6 UNL)

Two roundtables at the ministerial level (up to 35 Ministers each session), will provide an opportunity to discuss challenges, share experiences, identify solutions, and enhance political leadership and commitments towards the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The ministerial roundtables are invitation-only events. Ministers are requested to register in one roundtable according to their preference. Additionally, invited representatives from the UN and other stakeholder groups will participate in the round tables. Participants will be invited to make short interventions of 2 minutes addressing the guiding questions. This will be followed by a dialogue moderated by the co-chair.

The first roundtable (15 May) will address “Accelerating the achievement of the Sendai Framework: Benefits of coherence and integrated approaches with Sustainable Development Goals and action on climate change”. The second (16 May) will address “Risk-informed investments and economics of disaster risk reduction”.

High-level dialogues (6 UNL, IS, CART, live webcast, remote participation for limited sessions)

The five high-level dialogues present an opportunity for representatives from government, international organizations and other stakeholder groups to share experiences and discuss strategies for accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the overall Sustainable Development agenda. These 90-minute sessions will feature 4-5 panellists and will support discussion between the panellists and the audience. High-level dialogues will help shape the content of the Chair’s Summary, which will, in turn, input a disaster risk reduction perspective into the 2019 HLPF for Sustainable Development. Dialogue topics are:

1. Progress made in implementing Sendai Framework - global and regional perspectives
2. Advances in national and local DRR strategies – towards meeting the first of the Sendai Framework targets
3. Risk-informed public and private investments
4. Leaving no one behind - investing in local action and empowering those most at risk
5. Pursuing coherence between the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement

Official statements (6 UNL)

Official statements are of two types - oral and/or written. All government delegations can make three-minute oral statements at GP2019; official statements will be delivered at allotted times in one of the main conference rooms. To submit official statements, registered and confirmed participants can submit their request on behalf of their delegation online from 15 March 2019. Further guidance is available online.

Other delegations such as NGOs, CSOs and IGOs can submit a request to make an oral statement. Time slots are limited, and we may not be able to accommodate every request. To that end, we encourage all delegations to submit a written statement. The list of speakers will be available in advance of the GP2019. All statements - oral or written - will be available on the GP2019 website.

For further information related to the official statements, please contact Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund at gp-statements@un.org
Working sessions
(4-6 UNL, IS for a limited number of sessions, CART, remote participation for a substantive number of sessions)

Working sessions will feature 4-5 panellists and gather senior representatives and experts from government, technical and scientific institutions, UN partners, civil society and the private sector for an interactive and substantive discussion on the key challenges and lessons learned for the topics under discussion. The aim during the 90-minute sessions will be to share good practices, including gaps, and offer concrete recommendations and actionable suggestions for key policy makers.

Side events
English

16, 90-minute long side events will take place in the main conference venue between 15 to 17 May. For more information, please refer to the “side events” section of this programme (page 38 - 45) and our website.

Innovation Platform
English

GP2019 will be the first to feature an Innovation Platform. The aim is to showcase applications of new and innovative approaches in disaster risk reduction, such as new methodologies to implement disaster risk reduction, or the use of new technology, innovative awareness-raising or educational activities and many more.

More information on the innovation objectives of GP2019 can be found via this link.

IGNITE Stage
English

The IGNITE Stage is set up at the heart of the GP2019 conference venue. Pre-selected participants are given 15 minutes to present a disaster risk reduction topic, project or initiative. Its aim is to widen the array of topics that are discussed at the Global Platform beyond those presented in the main sessions and events.

Furthermore, there will be several Words Into Action guides launched at the IGNITE stage. Words into Action is a long-term initiative to support countries and practitioners to implement critical aspects of the Sendai Framework. Further information on the exact time slots will be published on the GP2019 website.
The UN SASAKAWA AWARD for Disaster Risk Reduction

SASAKAWA AWARD CEREMONY

Thursday 16 May, 18:15 – 19:15, Room 2

Recognising the importance of inclusivity and sustainability in reducing disaster risk, the award ceremony for the biennial United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction will take place at the GP2019. The ceremony will be followed by a reception.

Find out more about the Sasakawa Award on this website.

RISK AWARD CEREMONY

Friday 17 May, 16:30 – 17:00, Room 1

Activities for risk reduction must integrate the people at risk and make use of their traditional coping techniques and knowledge. The 2019 Munich Re RISK Award will select and fund an innovative and sustainable project, announced at the GP2019.

Find out more about the RISK Award via this link.
# Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

## Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies

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*Note: Meetings will take place Sunday 12th and Monday 13th of May at WMO*

*Please refer to the detailed schedule on the GFDRR website*
Wednesday 15 May, Day 1: Taking Stock

Welcome Session
9:30 - 10:00
Room 1

High-Level Dialogue 1
Progress in implementing the Sendai Framework - global and regional perspectives
10:00 - 11:30
Room 1

Official Opening Ceremony
12:00 - 12:45
Room 1

Launch of the Global Assessment Report
12:45 - 13:15
Room 1

Press Conference
13:30 - 14:00
Room 4

5 Side Events
13:00 - 14:30
Rooms: Geneva (CCV), 7/8, 13, 14, 18

Learning Labs**
Rooms: Nyon, Vevey (CCV)

Working Session
Global Assessment Report 2019
14:30 - 16:00
Room 3

Special Session
Women leadership in DRR
14:30 - 16:00
Room 4

High-Level Dialogue 2
Advances in national and local DRR strategies
14:30 - 16:00
Room 1

Working Session
National and local DRR strategies
16:30 - 18:00
Room 3

Ministerial Round Table
DRR, Climate Change and SDGs
16:15 - 18:15
Room 5/6

Working Session
Sendai Framework implementation
16:30 - 18:00
Room 4

Reception Hosted by Switzerland
18:30 - 19:30
Room TBC

Innovation Platform
Wednesday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00

Ignite Stage
Wednesday to Friday: 09:00 - 18:00

*SIDIS meetings will take place Sunday 12th and Monday 13th of May at WMO
**Please refer to the detailed schedule on the GP2019 website
**Thursday 16 May, Day 2:**
**Risk-Informed Public and Private Investments**

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**Friday 17 May, Day 3:**
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  Pursuing coherence between the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement
  9:00 - 10:30
  Room 1

- **Working Session**
  National DRR Strategies and National Adaptation Plans
  11:00 - 12:30
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  The role of green, blue and gray infrastructure in reducing disaster risk
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  16:30 - 17:00
  Room 1

- **Closing Ceremony**
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  Room 1

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**MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLES**

**Accelerating the achievement of the Sendai Framework:**
Benefits of coherence and integrated approaches with Sustainable Development Goals and action on climate change

**Wednesday 15 May, 16:15 – 18:15 | Room 5/6**
by invitation only | 6 UNL*

Coherence amongst disaster risk reduction, sustainable development and climate change agendas was identified as an important fifth additional priority at the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (held in Cancun, Mexico). The Chair’s summary of this conference highlighted that by pursuing coherence by incorporating disaster risk and climate change considerations into sustainable development, member states can ensure that all public and private investments in development will be translated into investments in resilience. To achieve coherence across different international agreements, integration of indicators to measure the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the SGDs was also identified as instrumental in achieving coherence. Attaining similar coherence and integration with the adaptation goals of the Paris Agreement would be important. This ministerial roundtable will provide an opportunity to share policies and development being implemented at the country level and will address the question: what policies should be pursued to ensure a coherent and integrated approach when implementing the Sendai Framework, SDGs and Climate Change agendas.

**Risk-informed investments and economics of disaster risk reduction**

**Thursday 16 May, 11:00 – 13:00 | Room 5/6**
by invitation only | 6 UNL*

The last Global Platform of 2017 highlighted the importance of risk informed public and private investments. Risk-informed investments for resilience of infrastructure and housing was the focus of the Leader’s Forum. It was emphasized that resilient and sustainable investments are possible only when appropriate policy instruments and regulatory frameworks are also in place. Strong coordination and collaborative partnerships that bridge institutions and stakeholders, and inclusive approaches that leave no one behind should be key elements of such policies and frameworks. The Chair’s summary of the 2017 Global Platform stated that increased investments in disaster risk reduction require a clear articulation and communication of gains and a better understanding of risk-reward trade-offs. Economic analysis is necessary to demonstrate how investments in risk reduction can benefit both public and private projects in terms of financial performance and unveil the cost of inaction. This session aims to discuss opportunities and challenges that exists for risk-informed public and private investments and to reflect on the countries experiences in this area.

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HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUES

Progress in implementing the Sendai Framework - global and regional perspectives

Wednesday 15 May, 10:00 – 11:30 | Room 1
6 UNL, IS, CART*, live webcast, remote participation

Global and Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) are crucial multi-stakeholder mechanisms that support the implementation of the Sendai Framework. Regional Platforms play a major role in policy setting and in the identification of DRR challenges and gaps that are informed by exchanges of good practices and lessons identified. Working closely with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, regional intergovernmental organizations play an important role in promoting DRR through such platforms. Importantly, Global and Regional Platforms for DRR are mutually supportive, and are essential for building coherence across development agendas to ensure that they are risk informed.

Informed by the 2018 Regional Platforms outcomes, this high-level interactive dialogue will provide an overview of progress and challenges in implementing the Sendai Framework at the regional level. Achievements made in DRR governance and the adoption of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies (Target (e) implementation) will be highlighted. Regionally-experienced DRR practitioners will comment on specific efforts to implement the Sendai Framework. The dialogue seeks to provide concrete recommendations to overcome identified challenges in order to accelerate action in implementing the Sendai Framework and a risk-informed development approach for the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

Advances in national and local disaster risk reduction strategies – towards meeting the first of the Sendai Framework Targets

Wednesday 15 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 1
6 UNL, IS, CART*, live webcast, remote participation

This High-Level Dialogue presents an opportunity to share national and local level experiences in formulating, and operationalizing risk reduction strategies compliant with the Sendai Framework and their links with other policy areas, including national development plans. It will also consider enablers for future implementation of the strategies. Based on these considerations, strategic recommendations will be put forward for formulation and implementation of the strategies.

Key questions include:

• How can existing strategies be updated to align with the ten core elements of the Sendai Framework? How can DRR be mainstreamed into development plans, through the DRR strategies?
• What kind of awareness raising, and capacity development is required for DRR strategy development and implementation?
• How can Target (e) catalyse action around other Sendai targets?

The session will identify good practices and opportunities in the process of developing inclusive DRR strategies and plans along with the key components for success in their elaboration, implementation, monitoring and follow-up.

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Risk-informed public and private investments

Thursday 16 May, 9:00 – 10:30 | Room 1
6 UNL, IS, CART*, live webcast

The global urbanization trend is resulting in an increasing amount of capital investment in cities associated with the expansion of the population, economies and the social environment. Every investment in development has the potential to create, amplify, or reduce future risks. Considering that there will be trillions of dollars at all scales of investments made across sectors and geographies over the coming decades, there is a clear and urgent need to ensure that those investments, both private and public, are risk-informed and that the related climate or geological risks are considered of short term political or economic gains. This high-level dialogue will showcase approaches, review progress and offer good risk-informed, multi-dividend investment practices and solutions.

Leaving no one behind – investing in local action and empowering those most at risk

Thursday 16 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 1
6 UNL, IS, CART*, live webcast

The UN Secretary General’s call to “leave no-one behind” calls us all to ensure that the needs of the poorest, most marginalised and at-risk groups are prioritised in disaster prevention and response. DRR national and local strategies should seek to reduce the impact of disasters on the most vulnerable. They should be developed with the full participation of women, youth and persons with disabilities to achieve strong DRR outcomes.

This session will share examples of how local level vulnerable group mapping, the use of disaggregated data by gender, age, disabilities and other relevant attributes, can helpfully guide decision-making that leads to more inclusive DRR. It will also demonstrate the benefits of engaging the poorest, most marginalised and vulnerable groups in designing and implementing disaster risk reduction strategies and plans that aim to reach every person at risk of, or impacted by disasters – regardless of their identity, economic or societal status, gender, age disability, ethnicity or other factors. The session will advocate for the need for more attention to DRR in fragile and conflict-affected countries and regions, where many of the poorest and most marginalised people live.

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Pursuing coherence between the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement

Friday 17 May, 09:00 – 10:30 | Room 1
6 UNL, IS, CART*, live webcast

Progress has been made in building coherence for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda at the global level, particularly through shared indicators with the Sendai Framework to assess progress. Risk-informed development is now an underlying principle for the 2030 Agenda to ensure the sustainability of development gains. However, as Member States are moving forward with the necessary implementation actions, there is still insufficient alignment of the different agreements, evidenced by reviewing Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and the National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

This high-level dialogue will review coherence between the sustainable development, climate change and DRR agendas at the national and local level, and identify actions that integrate effective approaches. Panellists will explore the (1) key benefits of ensuring coherence, identify the (2) commonalities of the three agendas, help understand the (3) roots of the existing separation, but more importantly put forward (4) practical pathways to coherence.

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WORKING SESSIONS

DAY 1:
Taking stock
Wednesday 15 May 2019

Global Assessment Report 2019

Wednesday 15 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 3
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The UN Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (GAR) is the United Nations’ flagship report on global efforts to reduce risk. 2019 sees the first edition of the GAR to be published since the adoption of the 2015 agendas and provides: 1) an introduction to the systemic nature of risk in the context of sustainable development, and interconnected systems, 2) an analysis of national reporting in implementing the outcome, goal, targets and priorities of the Sendai Framework and disaster-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including a focus on Target (e), and 3) an examination of the broadened scope of hazards and risks of the Sendai Framework – trends, patterns and practice of assessment. Informed by cutting edge, innovative research and practice in understanding and managing risk, the GAR is developed through a set of partnerships with governments, businesses, academic and private disaster risk-related science and research and international organizations.

Sendai Framework Implementation

Wednesday 15 May, 16:30 – 18:00 | Room 4
6 UNL, IS, CART*, remote participation

Since the adoption of the Sendai Framework countries and stakeholders have now accrued considerable experience in implementing risk reduction. Additionally, since the release of the Sendai Framework Monitor in early 2018, a body of evidence based on data submitted by Member States has been collected. Even with a global framework and accompanying detailed guidance on its implementation, practice across all stakeholders and Member States can vary significantly due to many diverse factors, and in some instances can be a challenge to accurately assess and measure progress.

This working session will examine global progress in implementing the Sendai Framework and identifying practical actions and recommendations to accelerate implementation. It will do this through looking at implementation progress to date (including use of the online Sendai Framework Monitor) as presented by a variety of partners such as developed and developing countries, civil society and the private sector. The session will have a particular focus on sharing experiences of successfully overcoming these and other challenges.

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National and local disaster risk reduction strategies
– bringing together action at all levels

Wednesday 15 May, 16:30 – 18:00 | Room 3
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

2020 is the deadline for all Member States to have authored their national and local DRR strategies. This working session will emphasize the urgency to achieve Target (e) and presents an opportunity to share national and local level experiences in formulating disaster risk reduction strategies, and offer technical recommendations for facilitating and speeding up this process.

Key questions include:
1. What actions need to be taken to develop DRR strategies that also contribute to coherent implementation of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs?
2. How can linkages between national and local level DRR strategies be ensured? What were the key enabling factors? And what are the good practices and lessons learned?

Expected outcomes will be to understand what practical steps are urgently needed to accelerate developing DRR strategies, and
- good practices, prerequisites, enabling factors, and recommendations for development, and eventual implementation of the strategies.

The session will encourage other national and local governments to develop DRR strategies, which can also be inclusive, and coherent with other development agendas.

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Unlocking the resilience dividend

**Thursday 16 May, 11:00– 12:30 | Room 3**

6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The session will focus on the resilience dividend and unlocking the co-benefits in DRR action. Achieving the Sendai Framework targets requires DRR investments to become an integral element of development, poverty alleviation, fiscal stability and sustainable economic growth. There is a growing realization within all spheres, including the environment, financial and private sector about hidden business risks and related dividends of resilience. Yet, progress is still lagging to make this a reality, and the majority of investments continue to be risk blind. Driven by increasing demands for more moral and sustainable business behaviours, a new agenda with innovative and action-oriented engagement is emerging. This session will focus on the latest developments on the resilience dividend, including in sustainable finance and development financing. It deep dives into concrete opportunities in selected sectors to unlock and promote the economic, social and environmental benefits of disaster risk reduction.

Build Back Better and WRC outcomes

**Thursday 16 May, 11:00 – 12:30 | Room 4**

6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The Sendai Framework urges national and local governments as well as communities to prioritize building back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction from disasters. This means rebuilding communities and livelihoods with improved assets and capacities, with greater resilience and reduced vulnerabilities, and integrating disaster risk reduction across the sustainable development agenda. Building back better in recovery offers a critical opportunity that must be adequately planned for, resourced and implemented, as communities must not be restored to pre-disaster status quo vulnerabilities.

This session will deliberate on objectives and strategies to build back better to ensure that recovery efforts are inclusive, efficient, effective, equitable, and deliver impact. This session will investigate practical mechanisms and success factors for building back better and highlight lessons learnt in preparedness and implementation of building back better, based on concrete examples of challenges and best practices.

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Innovative disaster risk reduction investment modalities

Thursday 16 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 3
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The expected average annual losses from earthquakes, tsunamis, tropical cyclones and floods are now estimated at US$314 billion in the build environment alone. In line with the Sendai Framework, investments need to be risk informed and must reduce existing risks. Protecting investments and reducing economic losses require several urgent measures and pioneering ways to trigger financings in disaster risk reduction. This session will focus on the “innovative” modalities in disaster risk reduction investments through practical examples and review what is new and replicable in investment modalities. The session will equally identify existing barriers when trying to develop or duplicate new approaches to DRR investments that if overcome, would help to match the speed and scale required by today’s development landscape to reduce economic losses due to disasters.

Health in all disaster risk management strategies

Thursday 16 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 4
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The need for resilient health systems is an important component of the Sendai Framework, just as good public health is a core element for resilient communities. This session will bring together experts in the fields of health, DRR, and development to identify collaborative opportunities for integrating risk management into health care and public health provision.

Specifically, it will focus on how to integrate aspects of health into DRR plans and strategies; strengthening health system resilience through the implementation of universal health coverage, the International Health Regulations and other health-related strategies; integrating planning and action on epidemics and pandemics, technological, societal hazards and natural hazards (including climate) by applying an all hazards approach to disaster risk management; increasing knowledge, evidence and research to improve measurement of health related aspects in Sendai Framework; and exploring ways to bring a people-centered and community focus to reducing risk and improving health outcomes.

Promoting locally-led disaster risk reduction / disaster risk management: challenges, solutions and lessons learned

Thursday 16 May, 16:30 – 18:00 | Room 3
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

Disaster risk is context-specific; it is experienced in particular places and times, in ways that shape and are shaped by local patterns of exposure, sensitivity, vulnerability, adaptive capacities and resilient livelihoods. It is at the local level where risk reduction actions and measures can have greater impact. It is essential that local communities and actors lead local DRR/DRM processes and implementation, consolidating locally appropriate development pathways that include DRR/DRM within and across sectors.

To strengthen locally-led DRR/DRM action, it is essential to invest in local capacity development and empowerment, enabling local actors and to institutionalize mechanisms for locally-led DRM, integrated within regional, national or global strategies and frameworks through close collaboration with other relevant stakeholders.

This session seeks to facilitate an open multi-stakeholder discussion, including donors, to discuss mechanisms of effective devolution of DRR/DRM investments that enhance partnership opportunities for local level DRR/DRM action that build on existing capacities and good practices generated by local actors.

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Disaster displacement and disaster risk reduction

**Thursday 16 May, 16:30 – 18:00 | Room Geneva (CCV)**

**English, French, Spanish and Arabic, CART***

Every year, millions of people are displaced by cyclones, floods, earthquakes, droughts, sea-level rise, desertification and other natural hazards. More people are displaced by disasters today than by conflict. Disaster displacement has devastating impacts on individuals and communities; leading to loss of livelihoods and unemployment, interrupting education and reducing access to basic services. Different groups of people including women, children, older people, persons with disabilities, migrants and people already displaced are often more vulnerable to displacement linked to natural hazards than the rest of population.

This working session aims to increase understanding of disaster displacement and encourage countries to address disaster displacement in their disaster risk reduction strategies, programmes and actions. The session will discuss good practices and challenges in disaster displacement from various countries, regions and organisations. The session will also recommend practical actions to prevent disaster displacement, protect displaced people and build the resilience of the displaced population and their host communities to find durable solutions.

Global Risk Assessment Framework

**Thursday 16 May, 16:30 – 18:00 | Room 4**

**6 UNL, CART***, remote participation

The Global Risk Assessment Framework (GRAF) aims to improve the understanding and management of current and future risks, at all scales, to better manage uncertainties and mobilize people, innovation and finance by: a) fostering interdisciplinary systems thinking with shared metrics and understanding and, b) enabling the identification of anomalies and precursor signals, as well as the correlations and dependencies of risks and actors to enable decision makers to act. Through actionable insights, tools and demonstrations at relevant scales to decision makers on a timely basis, the GRAF can build collective intelligence to steer societies towards an enhanced understanding and management of risk in all its dimensions, thereby realizing the goals and outcomes of the 2030 Agenda, the Sendai Framework, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

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DAY 3:
Climate Change action & DRR for all
Friday 17 May 2019

Ensuring coordination in the development and implementation of National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

**Friday 17 May, 11:00- 12:30 | Room 3**
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

Putting climate and disaster risk management at the heart of development requires long term vision, political and stakeholder support, as well as governance capacity. Increasingly, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) are integral to development approaches. Progress can be seen, for instance, in terms of institutional arrangements, assessments, and actual implementation of resilience building measures, including social and financial protection.

However, barriers remain, including the need for more capacity building support; the persistence of institutional silos; and challenges around data and planning and investment processes. The working session will showcase how a coordinated approach to the development and implementation of National DRR Strategies and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) can help build on progress and overcome challenges in terms of strengthening local and national resilience.

The role of green, blue and grey infrastructure in reducing disaster risk

**Friday 17 May, 11:00 – 12:30 | Room 4**
6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The concept and practice of resilient infrastructure provides a concrete measure to achieve the objectives of risk-informed development, as enshrined in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Green, blue and grey infrastructure form key components of critical infrastructure and demonstrate application of ecosystem-based adaptation and DRR.

However, the conceptualization of these infrastructure sets, assessment of their benefits and scaling up implementation remains a challenge. This working session will promote an informed dialogue on this topic and discuss ways to better align or complement green, blue and grey infrastructure investments. Participants will discuss comparative advantages of evenly developing these infrastructure components, through concrete examples, and explore optimal benefits arising. Monitoring of their role and status, using Sendai Framework Targets (c) and (d), and different means to overcome the lack of data and feasibility perceptions discussed.

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What role financial instruments can and cannot play in disaster risk management

Friday 17 May, 11:00 – 12:30 | Room Geneva (CCV)

English, French, Spanish and Russian, CART*

In the past decade, a wide variety of financial instruments have emerged as important mechanisms to incentivise policy and behavioural change to reduce disaster risk, prevent the creation of new risk, respond to and manage residual risk. While these tools can be an important component of disaster risk management, challenges and limitations in their use have emerged. This session will bring together key stakeholders from across sectors to discuss good practices in designing risk financing and risk transfer strategies that fit the hazard risk exposure and the economic, social and political realities of the population they are designed to protect. It will identify complementarity among different financing instruments and the challenges and limitations of the various tools. The roles of various international and domestic stakeholders will be examined as will the actions to develop and implement strategies for disaster risk financing and risk transfer and the essential components of such strategies.

Integrated risk management, ecosystems and water-related risks

Friday 17 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 3

6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

Water-related disasters account for most disasters, with devastating environmental and economic consequences, wherein the deficit or excess of water result in a range of hazards, from drought to flood. Poor water resource and ecosystem management makes disaster risk more pronounced. There is a strong need to adopt a coherent approach to water-related risks and enhance risk knowledge and early warning (from what the weather might be, to what it may do).

The session will discuss the wide range of water risk and complexity of the challenge, showcase good examples of integrated risk management and set out the key areas where substantial policy improvements and investments could be made. The session will also highlight the key policy measures across different water risks and sectors and demonstrate practical examples of replicable and scale-able ecosystem-based approaches, particularly in the water sector. Perspectives of different stakeholders, engineers, policymakers, investors and donors will be shared.

Multi-hazard early warning systems: progress and challenges to achieve Target (g)

Friday 17 May, 14:30 – 16:00 | Room 4

6 UNL, CART*, remote participation

The Sendai Framework urges a paradigm shift towards an impact-based, risk-informed multi-hazard integration approach for multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS), disaster risk reduction strategies and government policies. As Early Warning Systems (EWS) for specific hazards and consequences have many common elements, the use of a common MHEWS framework enables sharing of lessons learnt, creates economies of scale and reinforces system sustainability. This working session will focus on identifying key steps and lessons learned for a holistic approach towards impact-based and risk-informed MHEWS to support effective DRR decision making for saving people’s lives, and building secure and resilient societies.

More concretely, experiences will be shared on (1) enhancing and sustaining MHEWS at different levels and, (2) how EWS can be made an integral component when developing and implementing national and local DRR strategies.

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Cities on the forefront of achieving inclusive climate and disaster resilience

Friday 17 May, 14:30–16:00 | Room 2
6 UNL, CART*

Local governments and other local stakeholders must play a prominent role in building disaster and climate resilience at the local level and do so in a way that fully includes all members of society. This working session presents an opportunity to showcase the experience of local actors and stakeholders in achieving the vision for resilient and sustainable cities through these partnerships. It aims to demonstrate the practical ‘how to’ examples and innovative ideas from a diverse range of cities, not only on what was done right, but also what may have been wrong and what we can learn from this.

The session will discuss current bottlenecks as well as gaps and needs for action to step up city-level action for disaster and climate resilience. The key questions will focus on the following areas: 1) inclusion and engagement of multi and diverse stakeholders; 2) vertical coordination between national and local governments; 3) financing for disaster and climate resilience; and 4) coherence between DRR, climate change adaptation and sustainable development.

SPECIAL SESSION

Women leadership in disaster risk reduction

Wednesday 15 May, 14:30–16:00 | Room 4
6 UNL, IS, CART*, remote participation

The international community has recognised the need for a strong focus on gender, women’s rights and leadership in disaster risk reduction as an essential condition to achieve effective, sustainable and transformative resilience to disaster risk. Gender-responsive DRR requires analysing and accounting for the needs, opportunities, roles and relationships of women, men, boys and girls formed by gender norms within a given context. Gender inequalities often increase the vulnerability of women and girls because they limit their access to information, resources and decision making. Recognizing and committing to a strong focus on gender in DRR and ensuring women’s leadership and contribution to disaster risk policy, programming and governance is therefore critical to achieving the ambitious Sendai Framework targets. This is especially relevant to achieving Target (e) through the active engagement of women in developing, implementing and monitoring inclusive national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020.

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OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 15 May

Launch of the Global Assessment Report

**Wednesday 15 May, 12:45 – 13:15 | Room 1**

6 UNL

This event sees the launch of the 2019 United Nations Global Assessment Report (GAR19). Being the first edition of the GAR since the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda, the launch will present the key findings of the report in the context of risk-informed sustainable development – including the results of the first cycle of reporting by Member States on progress in achieving the Targets of the Sendai Framework and disaster-related SDGs.

Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) meeting

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room 5/6**

English, French and Spanish

The Intra-ACP Forum will assess the progress of DRR implementation in the three African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States’ regions and will exchange views on how to enhance the capacity of ACP countries to implement the Sendai Framework. The discussion will review the challenges and good practices on the understanding and application of risk information for decision-making support. The Intra-ACP Forum will also elaborate on how to mainstream DRR and climate change into inclusive development strategies with the view to increase the political profile and awareness related to the positive impact of DRR investment.
Thursday 16 May

A strategic approach to capacity development for Sendai Framework implementation

Thursday 16 May, 09:00 – 10:30 | Room Lausanne (CCV)

UN Member States have identified capacity development for DRR as a critical gap in the effective and sustained implementation of the Sendai Framework. Since the 2017 Global Platform in Mexico, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction led a consultation process to formulate a better coordinated and sustained approach to DRR-specific capacity development, in collaboration with UN Member States and other stakeholders. The resulting Strategic Approach to Capacity Development document was further refined during sessions at Regional Platforms throughout 2018.

Within the goal for “A Vision of Risk-Informed Sustainable Development by 2030”, the Strategic Approach provides advice on the capacity development principles, roles and responsibilities of various DRR stakeholders, and focus areas.

This session will:
• Generate awareness and commitments to implementing the Strategic Approach (e.g. through implementation in the UNDAF, or regional / organizational approach, a DRR Market Place, national or local DRR Capacity Development Strategies, etc.)
• Launch the Strategic Approach

Partnership meeting of the Asia and Pacific Centre for Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM)

Thursday 16 May, 09:00 – 12:00 | Room 13

The Asia-Pacific region is the most disaster-prone area of the world. Floods, cyclones, earthquakes, and sand and dust storms lead to tragic loss of life, trap people in poverty over generations while economic costs are on the rise. Furthermore, as climate change effects intensify increasingly disasters know no borders.

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), through its resolution 71/11 in 2015 decided to establish the Asian and Pacific Centre for the development of disaster information management (APDIM) as a regional institution of the Commission. APDIM’s goal is to support building resilience against disasters in Asia and the Pacific by enhancing knowledge and disaster information management capacities in the region.

The objective of the event is to explore and identify potentials for expansion of regional cooperation and partnership for development of disaster information management in Asia and the Pacific. Distinguished speakers from the states and international and regional organizations will present their experiences, expertise and views to enhance disaster information management in the region.
Launch of the first Synthesis and Analysis Report of the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments

**Thursday 16 May, 13:30 – 14:30 | Room Geneva (CCV)**

*English*

The Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) [online platform](#), launched on 31 December 2018, supports all-of-society and multi-stakeholder engagement for supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework. By submitting and having their Voluntary Commitments (VCs) published in the SFVC online platform, stakeholders can: inform, letting the public know about their work; learn and collaborate, knowing who is doing what and where to explore synergies and create new commitments; and motivate, allowing good practices to be highlighted. In return, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction can monitor and take stock of the work done to increase the effectiveness of stakeholders’ shared responsibility towards DRR.

This session will present the first synthesis and analysis report of the SFVC. The report: a) provides an initial synthesis of the VCs which have been submitted or updated within the 1st phase of the SFVC online platform; b) includes an analysis of the VCs according to the priorities for action and targets of the Sendai Framework along with other DRR themes and issues, including SDGs to provide an overview of contributions by stakeholders’ initiatives; and c) identifies good practices and achievements to motivate other stakeholders to act on DRR and support implementing the Sendai Framework. These analyses will also try to identify gaps, challenges and opportunities for future implementation of the Sendai Framework. Last but not least, the session will also include presentations by stakeholders on their VCs to share their achievements and good practices.

Consultation on the way forward of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign

**Thursday 16 May, 15:00 – 16:30, Room 7/8**

*English*

The Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign, launched in 2010, has been successful in raising awareness and political profile for disaster risk reduction and resilience among cities. Upon the recommendation of partners and cities at the High-Level Forum on Implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Florence, Italy, the Campaign was extended beyond 2015 to 2020, not only to continue the needed advocacy but also to provide support to cities and local governments in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, in coherence with other global frameworks including the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. Various tools were developed and promoted to guide capacity development towards building resilient cities. As of December 2018, more than 4,200 cities have signed up to the Campaign.

In preparation for the way forward of the MCR Campaign post 2020, this event will serve as a venue for consultation with representatives of national and local governments, partners of the MCR campaign, and other stakeholders, including potential partners, on the gaps and remaining needs in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 at the local level.
Health emergency and disaster risk management (EDRM) symposium: multisectoral action to protect people’s health from emergencies and disasters

**Thursday 16 May, 17:00 – 18:30 | Room Lausanne**

Organized by WHO, WHO Thematic Platform for Health EDRM & Research Network

English

All actors from government, private, non-government, civil society, academic and research institutions, and community organizations whose activities contribute to reducing the health risks and consequences of emergencies and disasters are invited. It provides a forum for delegates to share and discuss the latest community, country, regional and international initiatives, innovations and good practice case studies from the field of health EDRM. A wide range of topics will be presented e.g. operational readiness for countries at risk of Ebola, smart, safe and inclusive hospitals, progress on implementing and reporting on the International Health Regulations and the Sendai Framework, mental health and community recovery, heat health and climate-related issues, and the latest health EDRM guidance and tools for community, country and health systems resilience, health security and Universal Health Coverage. The symposium will elaborate health EDRM research themes and reinforce our health EDRM communities of practice and networks through the WHO Thematic Platform for Health EDRM and its associated Research Network. Outputs from the symposium will contribute to the Global Platform reports and recommendations.
SIDE EVENTS

All side events will be held in English. No interpretation will be provided.

▶ Wednesday 15 May 2019

Recipes from around the world for sustainable and institutionalised community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM)

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room Geneva (CCV)**

Organized by The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

You know that feeling when you taste the perfect version of your favourite dish? When all the ingredients come together into a delicious mix? When it comes to community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM), you don’t need to be an award-winning chef to put together a great recipe. Many actors at the community level have critical knowledge, experience and capacities with regards to building resilience, and have developed innovative approaches to reducing the everyday risks they face. Embedding these community-based approaches within policies and practices for DRR at national and local level is key to ensuring that Sendai Framework targets (especially Target (e)) are achieved and have lasting effect.

Join us for a CBDRM cooking session, where local chefs will share the perfect ingredients that make CBDRM sustainable (maintained over time) and institutionalised (established as the norm) within a national or local context, as found through a consultation process with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from communities across Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Leveraging young people to build resilience in high vulnerability contexts

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room 7/8**

Organized by UN Major Group for Children and Youth

One of the Sustainable Development Goals under review in 2019 is number 16: “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies”. Fragility increases disaster risk and disasters can increase fragility. Inclusiveness on the other hand is a well known success factor to create sustainable and resilient societies. The Sendai Framework proposes a broader and people-centered preventive approach to DRR prioritizing all-of-society empowerment and pays attention to people disproportionately affected.

Youth working in fragile contexts have demonstrated ground-breaking leadership in building trust and have exhibited a sense of belonging to a common vision; implementing community development work in areas where no other actors are present; channelling local knowledge and mobilizing hard-to-reach communities. Leveraging the transformative potential of young people in the face of vulnerability demands a bold policy reorientation from governments. This session aims to interactively discuss an outlook in developing strategies for disaster reduction in line with a wider and inclusive human security agenda.
Cracking the nut: unlocking the dividends of investments in early action

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room 13**

Organized by World Food Programme (WFP) and The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Center

Early action and forecast-based financing (FbF) have grown exponentially in recent years, with more than 25 countries developing early warning early action systems, enabling governments and humanitarian actors to act before a disaster happens based on reliable forecast and risk data. Building on strong cross-sector collaboration and innovation, investments in this field are contributing to multiple advances across science, policy, institutions and lives and livelihoods on the ground. This session aims to have a critical yet solutions-oriented dialogue around the multiple dividends arising from investments in early action, challenges and opportunities, and practical next steps. We will crack the nut of understanding incentives to make early action scalable and effective.

Women and youth speak: faces of disaster displacement

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room 14**

Organized by the Norwegian Refugee Council

Each year millions of people are forced from their homes because of sudden and slow-onset disasters. While disaster displacement is typically traumatic for all, the impacts are often worse for women, youth and children.

They face a variety of challenges before, during and after a disaster strikes. When displaced, they may find it difficult to access information, encounter socio-economic disruptions, face greater risk to gender-based violence or find it challenging to access essential services like healthcare or education. Including women, youth and children in displacement risk reduction activities is essential to reduce impacts and build their resilience. Their differing experiences and knowledge are vital resources for disaster preparedness for response and recovery.

This session will hear stories of displacement and consider policies and practices needed to reduce displacement risk for women, youth and children and promote effective measures to reduce risk, better manage their displacement when it cannot be avoided and adopt a people-centred approach in all actions.
School safety: a sustainable way to increase the resilience dividend

**Wednesday 15 May, 13:00 – 14:30 | Room 18**

Organized by Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES), UNESCO

Addressing disaster risk reduction in the education sector provides an opportunity to ensure education continuity and to protect learners and education workers from death, injury and harm in schools. It contributes overall to the development of a culture of safety and resilience.

One year before the deadline for achieving the Sendai Framework Target (e), GADRRRES will look at school safety as a sustainable way to increase the resilience dividend. This event will demonstrate how the creation, development and implementation of DRR strategies in the education sector can efficiently contribute to reduce the impacts of natural hazards, and will explore how the investments made in the education sector can pay dividends in multiple sectors at regional, national and local levels; notably on the social, economic, financial and environmental fronts.

This event will share case studies of countries/regions working on integrating school safety within their national, subnational, and/or local DRR strategies. Discussion will centre on demonstrating the challenges that countries can face in doing so while displaying the inter-sectoral benefits brought by investments made in school safety and updating the progress on advancing school safety.

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**Thursday 16 May 2019**

Using gender, age and disability-responsive data to empower those left furthest behind: How to do it and why it’s fundamental to effective disaster risk reduction

**Thursday 16 May, 09:00 – 10:30 | Room Geneva (CCV)**

Organized by DRR Dynamics

The Sendai Framework recognises that specific groups of a population, including women, girls, boys and persons with disabilities are often disproportionately affected by disasters and have different and uneven levels of resilience and capacity to recover, due to various dimensions of inequality of risk, including gender, age, disability and income.

To better understand how different sections of a community are impacted by disasters, organisations lobbied for the inclusion of data that can be disaggregated by sub-sections of the overall population within the Sendai Framework. As such, the resulting framework calls for disaggregation by sex, age, disability and income.

This session will use practical examples, case studies and expertise from across the DRR sector (including national governments, INGOs, the private sector and donors) to explore how we can use gender, age and disability-responsive data to empower those left furthest behind.
Do’s and don’ts of disaster risk reduction strategy development

**Thursday 16 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room Lausanne**

Organized by Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) Partnership Secretariat

The CADRI Partnership is organizing a fireside chat discussion on the practical lessons to design a people centered DRR strategy. DRR strategies are meant to articulate a shared vision for DRR and ensure that efforts are coordinated and coherent across sectors and actors to tackle disaster risk. The successful implementation of DRR strategies depends on the ability to facilitate an inclusive process of planning and prioritization with the active participation of all socio-economic sectors, civil society and private sector actors to ensure that strategies are grounded on realities and responsive to actual needs and demands.

This dialogue brings together four countries to showcase the progress made towards the achievement of Sendai Framework global Target (e) and share their experience about the do’s and don’ts of DRR Strategy development. Government and non-state actors will reflect on challenges of facilitating multi-sectoral approaches, localizing national DRR strategies or integrating DRR in national and local plans.

Indigenous disaster risk reduction

**Thursday 16 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 7/8**

Organized by University of Saskatchewan, Department of Indigenous Studies

Indigenous communities around the world have similar histories of marginalization and exclusion from political power, leaving these communities vulnerable to disasters. Paradoxically, however, indigenous peoples exhibit resilience through their highly localized knowledge systems, community unity and cultural practices. This side event will bring together indigenous practitioners, community leaders, researchers and allies to unpack assumptions of vulnerability and reassert collective indigenous resilience in building capacity for managing disaster risks.

Beyond this session, participants and other supporters are invited to meet and strategize before the closing ceremony to enable a collective debrief of experiences that will further inform the opportunity to collaborate for indigenous DRR governance at multiple levels. A working group will plan future collaborative efforts between selected indigenous communities to build capacity and embed indigenous voices at future regional and global platforms.
Investing in national and regional capacities to support the resilience of West African urban planning to current and future climate-related risks: differing perspectives and priorities

**Thursday 16 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 13**

Organized by Center for Ecology and Hydrology

West Africa has recently experienced some of the most extreme weather events of anywhere in the world. These events create particular challenges within urban contexts where better access to reliable, relevant information is essential to support effective planning towards preparedness, mitigation and adaptation. It is recognised that low confidence in, and use of, weather/climate information stems from inadequate communication between information providers and users, alongside scientific, technical, governance and resource constraints. This session shares emerging learning from across a range of research initiatives to strengthen understanding and develop integrated and sustainable approaches to address climate (and weather) related risks across timescales. It seeks to promote appreciation of differing priorities and joint prioritisation of key challenges and approaches for strengthening climate-resilient urban planning across West Africa.

Who is aiding whom? Recognizing and valuing contributions of grassroots women to risk-informed development

**Thursday 16 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 14**

Organized by Huairou Commission

This session will introduce participants to tested models of community-led DRR where grassroots women’s leadership has established a robust set of tools, practices and mechanisms for delivering on the Sendai Framework and for scaling-up implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Grassroots women have used community-led risk mapping, profiling, and enumeration tools to guide their risk reduction initiatives and to create a substantive evidence base that can be used in collaborative planning and decision-making. They leverage flexible financing tools such as Community Resilience Funds to demonstrate their capacity to design and deliver innovative and integrated pro-poor solutions and to build alliances that enable sustained action and scaling up. This side event will encourage development stakeholders to rethink who is aiding whom. Partners may discover that recognition and support for grassroots women’s action unlocks the talent, expertise and leadership that can be found in poor and marginalized communities the world over.
The resilience imperative: Charting a Caribbean development pathway in the face of uncertainty

Thursday 16 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 18

Organized by Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

Small island states share several commonalities as small open island economies, including – often - a narrow natural resource base and a narrow production base with heavy dependence on the services sector, especially tourism. The catastrophic impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, the troubling scenarios projected by scientists on the effects of climate variability, as well as other potential hazards in the seismically active Caribbean region, have led to the development of the Pathway to Resilience for the Caribbean (emerging from the Regional Platform 2018 in Cartagena and presented to the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community in July 2018).

This side event will share the Caribbean Pathway to Resilience conceptual framework and provide a forum for SIDS and partners to explore the most appropriate pathways and key components required for safer, more resilient and sustainable small island states.

Friday 17 May 2019

Localizing the Sendai Framework: a global approach for resilient cities

Friday 17 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room Lausanne (CCV)

Organized by the City of Geneva (with United Cities and local governments)

The panel discussion will deal with the role of local governments and their associations in the localization process of the Sendai Framework. A particular focus shall be laid on the changing the paradigm in DRR from a prevention and preparedness approach to a “build back resilient” one. Local governments are not just at the forefront of DRR but are also critical actors when it comes to the implementation and achievement of global agendas like SDGs or the Sendai Framework.

The discussion will further highlight the key challenges of cities and regions when preparing for, reacting to, and recovering from crises. Hereby, the diversity of local governments will be considered and good practices and solutions from different local realities will be showcased.

The session aims to encourage a learning process through the exchange of different local strategies. Moreover, the debate will facilitate the comprehension and the dialogue among local governments, principal donors and other stakeholders.
Accounting for inclusion in Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: Highlighting the implementation of Dhaka Declaration and other inspiring initiatives on inclusive disaster risk reduction

**Friday 17 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 7/8**

Organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Government of Bangladesh and Disability-inclusive DRR Network (DiDRRN) on behalf of Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities: Thematic Group on DRR (TGDRR).

Accountability and inclusion are central to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) implementation and are key cross-cutting considerations in the delivery of effective DRR. The event will focus on the progress of realisation of the SFDRR commitments towards inclusion. It will highlight the progress made at national and international level including reporting on the implementation of Dhaka Declaration on Disability and Disaster Risk Management as urged in Article 59 of the Chair’s Summary of Global Platform 2017. This event will also present an innovative and integrated approach from different stakeholders and global good practices on gender sensitive and disability-inclusive DRR.

This session brings together persons with disability, representatives from government, development partners, non-government organizations and academia to reflect on where we are now in terms of being accountable to SFDRR commitments on inclusion.

Securing an inclusive build back better dividend

**Friday 17 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 13**

Organized by International Recovery Platform (IRP) Secretariat

Building back better from disasters presents opportunities to improve infrastructure, ecosystems, communities and livelihoods to be stronger, more sustainable and resilient. The dividends, or the benefits, of building back better are wide-ranging, including reduced future losses; improved standards, policies, practices, and technologies; and stimulus for economic activity. However, disadvantaged and vulnerable people, often disproportionately impacted by disasters and with poor access to recovery resources and technical assistance, are too often left behind from the dividends of building back better and an equitable recovery. This side event will explore policies and practices that can achieve more equitable recovery outcomes. Panelists will address the latest evidence of successes and failures, enablers and barriers, to a more inclusive recovery. The outcomes of this event will advance the ongoing global discourse on inclusive recovery, most recently addressed at the International Recovery Forum 2019 and World Reconstruction Conference 4.
Delivering disaster risk reduction in contexts affected by fragility, conflict, insecurity and violence

*Friday 17 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 14*

Organized by Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)

Disasters are not conflict-neutral. Fragility, conflict, insecurity, and violence influence where and when disasters happen. Despite growing knowledge about the complex interplay between drivers of disasters and conflict, discussions on the subject are often missing from global dialogues. There is a need to promote the importance of DRR in these contexts in international agendas and to raise awareness of the challenges for implementation. This requires deliberate laws and policies, special support in the design, delivery and monitoring of local and national DRR strategies in a conflict-sensitive manner, as well as a concerted effort by local, national and international actors to achieve the seven goals of the Sendai Framework. This session aims to present and discuss viable and appropriate DRR solutions (tools, methods and appropriate institutional setups) in these contexts, particularly around sub-national conflicts, drawing on a diversity of perspectives, experiences and lessons.

Building resilience for all: intersectional approaches to vulnerability reduction and resilience building in the context of climate and disaster risk

*Friday 17 May, 12:30 – 14:00 | Room 18*

Organized by Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Risk patterns are continually altering due to socio-economic, cultural, political and environmental changes. Several factors interact to result in greater exposure of people, assets and livelihoods to natural hazards. This session will consider how different factors intersect to create exclusion, inequality and vulnerabilities over a person’s life course, within a multi-hazard context. Intersectional approaches take historical, social and political contexts into account, recognising that vulnerable and marginalised groups are neither homogenous nor static. The session will provide experiences from a range of different countries on how to design and implement intersectional approaches for vulnerability reduction and resilience building and the investments and policies/programming needed to support these. It will also consider how we can achieve coherence across international policy agendas to ensure no one is left behind in the face of environmental shocks and stresses.
PREPARATORY MEETINGS

Sunday 12, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 May 2019 will feature preparatory events organized by regional and stakeholder groups. For a detailed list of sessions, exact timings and locations, please consult the GP2019 website under the section “programme – preparatory days”. Please note that only registered participants will be able to attend preparatory events.

The preparatory days will include several events, such as:

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LEARNING LABS

Learning labs are small group interactive sessions that provide space for learning on the spot. Concrete DRR concepts, programs or technical equipment will be presented so that participants can try them on the spot. In order to register, please refer to the GP website.

Designed to address the continuing demand for capacity development for implementation of the Sendai Framework, these sessions will provide facilitated peer-to-peer learning opportunities on specific topics, which include Sendai Framework Monitoring System, national Loss Data Accounting Tool, the development of national and local DRR strategies, the assessment of the benefit-to-cost ratio of DRR measures and others. Interested participants who are already registered for the GP2019 will be able to register for the learning labs sessions via the GP19 website. The sessions will be held in Room Nyon and Room Vevey (CCV).
FIELD VISITS

The Government of Switzerland is organizing field visits to give participants a first-hand look at DRR practices in Switzerland. Visits will be organized around a range of topics, for example: climate services, mountain hazards, flood management, tsunami, and earthquake protection.

Only confirmed delegates may sign up for a field visit. Once your registration has been confirmed, you may sign up via this website. Sign up closes 30 March 2019. A final confirmation will be sent to the registering participants in due course.

The field trips will take place on Saturday 18 May 2019. Each participant will need to pay a participation fee of 50CHF per visit, in cash at the field visit desk at the GP2019 venue. Catering and transportation for the field visits will be included in the 50CHF fee. Field visit 1, 3 and 5 will be accessible by wheelchair.

Field visit 1: Climate services
How does early warning of climate and weather risk work in Switzerland? MeteoSwiss invites the participants to learn more about their weather and climate services at its operation centre in Payerne. The presentations will include radar applications, wind profilers in case of a nuclear accident, and other climate services. A wide range of stakeholders and institutions use these services for flood, landslide or avalanche risk assessments.

Field visit 2: Mountain hazards
Mountain hazards involve a complex chain of events: The glacier lake outburst flood that triggered mud flow in Giétro 1818 is one historical example. Today, with climate change, such events will become more frequent. The linkages between these phenomena will be presented in the house where the famous glaciologist J.P. Perraudin used to live. The fieldtrip will then look at prevention measures that were taken in Lourtier after the catastrophic avalanche in 1999.

Field visit 3: Flood management
The river Rhone that springs in the Alps and leaves Switzerland on the border to France has undergone three riverbed corrections. This field visit will illustrate the stepwise assessments that guided the land use planning and the decisions for the necessary structural measures. The participants will visit a physical model (1:50) of the riverbed used to understand the underlying physical processes, followed by an inspection of the real sites of the Rhone river.

Field visit 4: Tsunami in Lake Geneva
Very rare events are always difficult to manage. Historical texts from the 6th century describe a disastrous wave that flooded the surrounding cities of lake of Geneva after a mountain flank collapse. Nobody knows exactly how much of the recorded catastrophic events were real, but recent scientific studies on the lakebed prove that a tsunami event must have taken place. Moreover, scientists detected three older tsunami events - also in other Swiss alpine lakes. How should we deal with this information in the 21st century in an already largely built environment?

Field visit 5: Earthquake protection
Earthquakes are widely known hazards. However, in a region with only moderate earthquake risk such as that in the Canton of Wallis it is not obvious how to deal with such a hazard. A mixed approach with building codes, awareness building (including a schoolroom earthquake simulator), preparedness training, and retrofitting of critical infrastructure will be demonstrated. Participants will visit the training centre as well as see how the hospital and the police building were retrofitted to reduce risk.
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For additional information and updates, please consult:
www.unisdr.org/gp2019