

**THEMATIC DEBATE**  
**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

12 APRIL, 2012 – NEW YORK

TIME	PROGRAMME – CONFERENCE ROOM 2 (NLB)
10am – 10:45am	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>
	<p>H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly</p> <p>Ms. Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General, Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations Secretary-General <i>(delivering remarks on behalf of H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General)</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Willem Rampangilei, Deputy Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare of the Republic of Indonesia <i>(delivering remarks on behalf of H.E. Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, UNISDR Global Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction)</i></p> <p>Senator The Hon. Bob Carr, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia <i>(delivering remarks on behalf of the Group of Friends of Disaster Risk Reduction)</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Joe Nakano, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan</p>
10:45am – 1 pm	<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION I: ADDRESSING URBAN RISK THROUGH PUBLIC INVESTMENT</b>
	<p>Moderated by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>Introduction: Understanding urban risk today and projections for tomorrow</p> <p>High-level expert addressing each of the following sub-themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Making cities resilient <i>Mr. Augusto Barrera (PhD), Mayor of Quito (Ecuador)</i></li> <li>▪ Strengthening innovative partnerships: increasing private sector engagement <i>Mr. Gary Lawrence, Corporate V.P. and Chief Sustainability Officer, AECOM (USA)</i></li> <li>▪ Urbanization and environmental emergencies <i>Mr. Fumihiko Imamura (PhD), Professor of Tsunami Engineering, Tohoku University (Japan)</i></li> <li>▪ Utilizing governance tools for effecting sustainable change <i>Mr. K. Gokhan Elgin, Director, ISMEP Project, Istanbul Governorship (Turkey)</i></li> <li>▪ Building political commitment to address disaster risk in the face of rapid urbanization, and the challenges associated with environmental degradation, urban poverty and inequity <i>Ms. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</i></li> </ul>
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>SIDE-EVENT: COMPREHENSIVE ACTION TO SUSTAINABLY REDUCE VULNERABILITIES</b>
	<p>Moderated by Khaled Mansour, Director of Communications, UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advancing an integrated humanitarian and development approach in building resilience <i>Ms. Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lessons-learned and national and regional initiatives: providing timely and appropriate assistance <i>H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Teguedi, Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations</i></li> <li>Global overview and trends on Food Security and Nutrition <i>Dr. David Nabarro, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition [via video-conference from Rome]</i></li> <li>Operational perspectives: working with communities <i>Mr. Mohamed Ashmawey (PhD), CEO, Islamic Relief</i></li> <li>Spending where it counts: strategic investments to reduce vulnerabilities <i>Mr. Jan Kellett, Programme Leader, Global Humanitarian Assistance</i></li> <li>Announcement on the launch of the book “More With Less: Disasters in an Era of Diminishing Resources” <i>Dr. Kevin M. Cahill, Senior Advisor on Humanitarian Issues and Public Health to the President of the General Assembly</i></li> </ul> <p>French translation will be available. Lunch will be provided by the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.</p>
3pm – 5:30pm	<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION II: INCREASING RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS THROUGH CLIMATE ADAPTATION &amp; RISK REDUCTION</b>
	<p>Moderated by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>Introduction: Addressing the risk reality in vulnerable countries</p> <p>High-level expert addressing each of the following sub-themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The blue economy: economic opportunities through climate adaptation <i>Mr. Angus Friday (PhD), Senior International Climate Policy Specialist, World Bank</i></li> <li>Evidence-based decision making: using scientific knowledge in risk reduction and climate adaptation planning <i>Ms. Barbara Carby (PhD), Director of the UWI Disaster Risk Reduction</i></li> <li>Applying ecosystem-based approaches for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation <i>Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Division Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</i></li> <li>From legislation to action: implementing effective risk reduction policies <i>Hon. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Member of the Parliament (Bangladesh)</i></li> <li>Building resilience through innovative risk management <i>Mr. John Schneider (PhD), Group Leader, International Geoscience (Australia)</i></li> <li>Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought to better strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability of disaster-prone communities <i>Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, UNCCD Liaison Office</i></li> </ul>
5:30pm – 6pm	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks:</b></p> <p>H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly</p>