

# **THIRD UN WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

**and**

## **PREPARATORY PROCESS**

# Foundations of the global work on disaster risk reduction

- **Establishment of UN Disaster Relief Office (1971)**

“to promote the study, prevention, control and prediction of natural disasters”

- **International Framework of Action for the IDNDR (1989)**

“fostering international cooperation in the field of natural disaster reduction”

- **Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action (1994)**

“to achieve a safer world by the end of this century”

- **Geneva Mandate on Disaster Reduction (1999)**

“to shift from a culture of reaction to a culture of prevention”

- **Hyogo Framework for Action (2005)**

“building the resilience of nations and communities”

## UN General Assembly Resolution

UN General Assembly Resolution 67/209 (Dec 2012) decided to convene the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. UN General Resolution 68/211 (Dec 2013) outlined the purpose to:

- ✓ **Review the implementation of the HFA over its 10-year term.**
- ✓ **Consider experiences gained at regional and national levels.**
- ✓ **Adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.**
- ✓ **Identify modalities of cooperation based on commitments to implement the post-2015 framework.**
- ✓ **Determine modalities for period review.**

UNISDR was requested to serve as the secretariat of the World Conference.

## Expected outcomes

1. A post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction
2. Voluntary commitments of stakeholders
3. Political Declaration

# Multistakeholder engagement

National governments

NGOs

Intergovernmental Organizations

Academic and Scientific Community

Local governments - Mayors

Community groups, including:

Parliamentarians

- Women's groups
- Children & youth
- Persons with disabilities
- Elderly

Private Sector



## Towards a post-2015 DRR Framework

- Requested by the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/66/199 - Modalities agreed in A/RES/68/211
- UNISDR is facilitating consultations that engage a full range of actors from Member States to civil society.
- Consultation events include the Global and Regional Platforms, national and local events, and targeted events of stakeholders, partners and networks.
- Builds on the *International Framework for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction of 1989*, the *Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action of 1994*, the *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction of 1999*, the *Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA)*, and the *Mid-Term Review of the HFA (2010-2011)*.
- Expected to be adopted at the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 2015.

### CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Sep 23: UN SG Climate Summit (New York)
- Dec 1-12: COP 20 (Lima, Peru)

### MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Apr onwards: Thematic and national dialogues (Online)
- May 5-9: OWG on SDG 11 (New York)
- Jun 16-20: OWG on SDG 12 (New York)
- Jul 14-18: OWG on SDG 13 (New York)

- Sep 1-4: SIDS Conference (Apia, Samoa)
- Sep 10-12 (tbc): WRC 2 (Washington DC)
- Nov 10-11: UN WCESD (Nagoya, Japan)

NOV 30-DEC 11 / PARIS, FRANCE  
21st Session of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 21)

2013

Consultations started in March 2012 (with some 89 events up to the Global Platform) through 2013...

### MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES AND REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Feb 13-15 : Africa (Arusha, Tanzania)
- Mar 19-21 : Arab States (Aqaba, Jordan)
- Sep 23-25 : Europe (Oslo, Norway)

MAY 19-23

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction  
(Geneva, Switzerland)

SEP-NOV

UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

2014

... and continues in 2014

### MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES AND REGIONAL PLATFORMS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Apr 1-2 : Central Asia (Al-Maty, Kazakhstan / Consultation Meeting)
- May 13-16 : Africa (Abuja, Nigeria)
- May 27-29 : Americas (Guayaquil, Ecuador)
- Jun 2-4 : Pacific (Suva, Fiji)
- Jun 23-26 : Asia (Bangkok, Thailand)
- Jul 8 : Europe (Milan, Italy / Ministerial Session)
- Sep 14-16 : Arab States (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt)
- Oct 6-8 : Europe (Madrid, Spain / European Forum)

JUL 14-15

1st Preparatory Committee Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland)

NOV 17-18

2nd Preparatory Committee Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland)

SEP-NOV

UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

2015

MAR 14-18 / SENDAI, JAPAN

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will review the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and is expected to adopt a successor framework for disaster risk reduction.

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UN Secretary-General's Report and UN General Assembly Resolution on the *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*. The UN General Assembly Session will also consider the post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework for endorsement.

## Bureau

- 11 members: Thailand, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Finland, Russian Federation, Czech Republic, South Sudan, Egypt, Ecuador, and Jamaica, with Japan as ex-officio
- Guide the secretariat (UNISDR) on WCDRR, rules of procedural programme, and development of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

# Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee meetings (PrepComs)

**First PrepCom: 14 and 15 July 2014**

**Second PrepCom: 17 and 18 November 2014**

- Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
- Participation:
  - 500 - 600 participants with representation of governmental stakeholders (Major Groups)



## Provisional Agenda

Monday 14 July 2014		8h30	9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
<b>ROOM XVIII PLENARY</b>	<b>Capacity</b>  641 p	Opening, Procedural items 09h-10h		Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction 10h-13h			Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction 14h-18h					
<b>ROOM XXIV BREAKOUT</b>	260p					Technical workshop 1 (part I): Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework 11h-13h	Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45	Technical workshop 1 (part II): Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework 15h-17h				
Tuesday 15 July 2014		8h30	9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
<b>ROOM XVIII PLENARY</b>	641 p	Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (cont.) 9h-13h						Considerations on the post-2015 framework for DRR (cont.) 14h-17h				Report, Arrangements 2nd PrepCom, Conclusion. 17h-18h
<b>ROOM XXIV BREAKOUT</b>	260p	Chair's dialogue with major groups 9h-10h30		Technical workshop 2: Investing in disaster risk reduction 11h-13h		Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45		Technical workshop 3: Mutual reinforcement of DRR, SDGs and climate change agreements 15h-17h				
<b>Legend:</b>		Intergovernmental Segment (interpretation in 6 UN languages)										
		Multi-stakeholder Segment (in English, no interpretation)										

# Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)

**Location:** Sendai, Japan

## **Structure:**

- Preparatory events (Friday, 13 March, 2015)
- Three main components (14-18 March, 2015)
  1. **Intergovernmental Segment** including a High Level Forum with Heads of States, Ministerial Round Tables and Dialogue between Governments and Stakeholders
  2. **Multi-stakeholder Segment** that includes Featured Events, a number of official side events (exact number tbc) and a market place
  3. **Public Forum** including symposiums, exhibitions and many Japanese-led events



UN World Conference on  
Disaster Risk Reduction  
2015 Sendai Japan

# The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction<sup>i</sup> March 14-18, 2015, Sendai<sup>ii</sup>, Japan (Provisional draft)

	Friday Mar. 13		Saturday Mar. 14			Sunday Mar. 15			Monday Mar. 16			Tuesday Mar. 17			Wednesday Mar. 18			
	AM	PM	AM		PM		AM		PM		AM		PM		AM			
Inter-Governmental Segment	Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee (as necessary) <sup>ii</sup>		Opening	Plenary Organizational matters	High Level Forum <sup>iv</sup>	Plenary Official Statements									Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR, Declaration and Commitments <sup>v</sup>	Closing		
						Ministerial Roundtables												
						Stakeholders Dialogue with Major Groups												
Multi-stakeholder Segment	Informal Preparatory & Stake-holders Meetings					Thematic/HFA Sessions												
						Official Side Events												
Study Tour						Study Tour										Study Tour		
Public Forum			Symposium, Fora, Public Events etc. <i>(Diverse locations: Tohoku University, Sendai Civic Auditorium, Sendai Prefectural Auditorium, Sendai Mediatheque, Yume Messe)</i>															
			Film Festival, tbc															
			Exhibitions, including Architect Exhibition, tbc															
Social Events <i>Welcome Receptions, Award Ceremonies, Study Tour and Excursions</i>						Reception by Host Country				Reception by Host City				Risk Award Ceremony		Sasakawa Award Ceremony		

<sup>i</sup> OP 10 of GA Resolution A/RES/67/209

<sup>ii</sup> OP 10 of A/RES/68/211

<sup>iii</sup> OP 13 of A/RES/68/211

<sup>iv</sup> High-level segment identified in OP 11 of A/RES/68/211

<sup>v</sup> OP10 of A/RES/67/209, OP 12 of A/RES/68/211

## World Conference Structure

- Governments' consideration of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, together with the political declaration and announcement of commitments will take place on the last Space allocated to official statements throughout 14-18 March (Order: Govts, IGOs, UN, civil society).
- **Opening Ceremony** on 14, March.
- **Closing** planned 18 March lunchtime.
- **Receptions** will be hosted by the Government of Japan, Sendai Municipality, and others (private sector).
- **Risk Award, Sasakawa Award, TV documentary festival, architect exhibition**, and other special events.
- **Study trips** organized by Sendai Municipality to the tsunami-affected municipalities throughout the five days

# Who can come?

## All stakeholders are welcome

General Assembly Resolution 68/211:

*16. Decides that the Third World Conference and the meetings of its Preparatory Committee shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies [...].*

*18. Recognizes in this context the importance of the contributions and participation of all relevant stakeholders, including major groups, parliaments, civil society, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, non-governmental organizations, national platforms for disaster risk reduction, focal points for the Hyogo Framework for Action, local government representatives, scientific institutions and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations [...].*

## How Can One Attend?

- The UN has well-established procedures for facilitating participation at UN conferences. The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is following these.
- These procedures cover both the Conference and the preparatory process (PrepComs).
- To attend the World Conference you must register under one of these categories:
  1. States
  2. Inter-Governmental Organizations
  3. UN System
  4. Major Groups
  5. Media

## Member states

- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is an intergovernmental UN Conference
- States are the main participants
- Other stakeholders participate (note: as observers at the inter-governmental segment)
- The SG issues a Note Verbale to UN Member States (193) and to States that are members of specialized agencies (Cook Islands, Holy See, Niue, State of Palestine).
- Separate Note Verbales issued for the PrepCom and Conference.
- States (through Permanent Missions) will be invited to share their delegation by Note Verbale to UNISDR for the PrepCom and online for the Conference (in case i-accredite system will be used)
- States can send as many delegates as they wish. States can include anyone they wish in their delegation.

## Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO)

- Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs) with observer status at the GA will be copied to the SG's Note Verbale to States.
- Observer IGOs will follow the same process as States (i.e. advising UNISDR of their delegation by Note Verbale).
- There are over 80 observer IGOs including: AU, EU, Council of Europe, CARICOM, SICA, Andean Community, IOM, IUCN, League of Arab States, OIC, ADB, East African Community, Pacific Islands Forum, OECD, SAARC, IOC, IFRC, IPU etc.
- Registered IGOs will sit behind their name plate and can make statements in their own name.
- An IGO can invite non-affiliated individuals to join their delegation i.e. a community leader.



## Inter-Governmental Organization (Cont'd)

- IGOs without observer status with the GA can apply for 'special accreditation'. Applications, sent to UNISDR, will be reviewed against existing criteria, including geographical scope, membership, etc. An IGO must have at least three Member countries.
- If these are met, the Preparatory Committee will be asked to endorse their accreditation.
- Once accredited, the same steps as observer IGOs are followed i.e. Note Verbale advising of delegation, seating etc.

## UN System

- The UN system is split into two categories **Specialised Agencies and related organizations** and **UN funds, programmes and other entities**.
- Specialised Agencies and related organizations includes: ILO, FAO, UNESOC, ICAO, WHO, World Bank, IMF, UPU, ITU, WMO, IMO, WIPO, IFAD, UNIDO, IAEA, WTO, UNWTO, CTBTO, and OPCW.
- Specialised Agencies will be copied to the SG's Note Verable to States.
- Specialised Agencies will follow the same process as States (i.e. advising UNISDR of their delegation by Note Verbale).

## UN System (Cont'd)

- UN funds, programmes and other entities includes: UN Secretariat, UNHCHR, UNOV, UNODC, UNON, UN-HABITAT, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNRWA, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, UN-WOMEN, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD, UNU, ITC, UNAIDS, UNITAR, UNRISD.
- The SRSG will send a letter to principals of UN funds, programmes and other entities inviting them to communicate their delegation to the PrepCom and Conference, separately.
- Note: UN funds, programmes and other entities will be required to advise of their delegation through one communication from their Executive Office.

## Media

- Media accreditation is strictly reserved for members of the press who represent a bona fide media organization.
- All members of the press will need an accreditation for the Conference, even those who already have UN media accreditation in New York or in Geneva.
- Media accreditation for the PrepCom will be managed by UNOG.
- Media accreditation for the Conference will be managed by either UNOG or UNHQ (MALU), tbc.

## Major groups

- The ‘major groups’ structure was created by Member States at Agenda 21 (1992). It provides a mechanism for civil society to engage in UN inter-governmental processes.

- There are nine major groups:

Women

Children and Youth

Farmers

Indigenous Peoples

NGOs

Trade Unions

Local Authorities

Science and  
Technology

Business and Industry

- Each major group is ‘self-organized’ and coordinated by ‘organizing partner(s)’.

## Major groups (Cont'd)

- The main responsibilities of organizing partners include:
  - Facilitate the participation of the major group representatives
  - Facilitate the preparation of statements by coordinating and consulting with stakeholders;
  - Act as the main liaison between the major group and the Conference secretariat and Bureau;
  - Ensure the major group delegation comprises a range of diverse and representative participants; and
  - Oversee a transparent and fair distribution of secondary passes to meetings and events where seating is limited.
- Organizing partners are expected to include individuals in their delegation (including mayors, CEOs, scientists etc.)

## Major groups (Cont'd)

- UNISDR, as Conference secretariat, has invited the following organizations to act as organizing partners:

Major group	Organizing partner
Business & Industry	International Chamber of Commerce
Children & Youth	Rio+ twenties
Farmers	La Via Campesina: International Peasant Movement (tbc)
Indigenous Peoples	Tebtebba: Indigenous Peoples' International Centre
Local Authorities	1.ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability 2.United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
NGOs	<i>Pending</i>
Science & Technology	International Council for Science (ICSU)
Women	1. Women's Environment and Development Organization 2. Huairou Commission (tbc)
Workers & Trade Unions	International Trade Union Confederation (tbc)

## Major groups (Cont'd)

- NGOs and other non-state actors interested in participating as observers at the Conference and PrepCom are required to be accredited to the UN and register accordingly.
- NGOs and other non-state actors with ECOSOC consultative status only need to register online through CSOnet. NGOs with status already have log-on credentials.
- When registering, an NGO designates representatives of their delegation. This can include an individual from an NGO without status, or a community leader etc.



## Major groups (Cont'd)

- NGOs and other non-state actors without ECOSOC consultative status need to apply for 'special accreditation' or seek inclusion in the delegation of an NGO with status.
- To apply for special accreditation, an NGO must complete a questionnaire online. UNISDR will review applications and prepare a consolidated list recommending approval by the PrepCom.
- The list will be shared with States in advance of each PrepCom. If no State objects, the list will be endorsed at the beginning of each PrepCom.

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## Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

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### \* Required fields

Please complete all fields below

1. Please provide information on the purpose of your organization. \*

Please enter a maximum of 3,900 characters.

2. Please provide information on your programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the World Conference. \*

Please enter a maximum of 3,900 characters.

3. Please provide your website, if any. \*

4. Please provide information on activities at the national or international levels. \*

Please enter a maximum of 3,900 characters.

5. What is the name of the contact person of your organization regarding accreditation and registration to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction? \*

6. Email address: \*

7. Phone number: *	<input type="text"/>
8. How many representatives will be participating in the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction if your organization is to be accredited? *	<input type="text"/>
9. Does your organization have an annual report (Yes/No)? *	<input type="text"/>
10. Please provide a copy of your organization's constitution and/or by-laws of the organization, if applicable.	<input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="1477 225 1555 247" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
11. Please provide a list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality. *	
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12. Please indicate the total number of members of your organization and their geographical distribution. *	<input type="text"/>
13. Has your organization participated in any of the following conferences? World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002 World Conference on Disaster Reduction 2005 International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States 2005 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) 2012 Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States 2014 UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2007 UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2009 UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2011 UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 UNISDR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Africa UNISDR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Americas UNISDR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Asia UNISDR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Arab States UNISDR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - Pacific If yes, please indicate which event your organization participated in.	
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Please enter a maximum of 3,900 characters.	
By submitting this form, I certify that I have the authority to make this request on behalf of the organization and that the above information is true and correct.	
14. Please provide a link to your organization's profile on PreventionWeb, if applicable.	<input type="text"/>

## Major groups: participation

- Once registered, NGOs and other non-state actors will be sent a letter confirming their attendance and facilitating their entrance (visa, Palais de Nations etc.).
- Each major group will be invited to address the plenary. The organizing partner will facilitate a joint statement and identify a speaker (not necessarily the organizing partner).
- NGOs and other non-state actors cannot speak on behalf of their organization.
- Depending on the rules of procedure and PrepCom chair, there may be additional time for major group interventions and/or informal interaction between major groups and States.

15 February 2014

Dear Alberto Padova,

Thank you for your interest in the first session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held in Geneva from 14 to 15 July 2014 at the Palais de Nations.

This letter serves as your official confirmation of participation. Your confirmation number is 355600.

**Pre-travel:** Please note that your organization will need to make arrangements to cover the cost of your travel to and from Geneva, as well as your accommodations during the meeting. Please also ensure that you have the necessary visa for entry into Switzerland through your local Swiss embassy or consulate. Note that Switzerland is a member of the Schengen area. Representatives requiring a visa to enter the Schengen area are advised to apply as early as possible in case any time is needed for special clearances by the relevant authorities, and ensure that the visa is received in time for travel. Past practice shows that when applying for a Schengen visa, it is recommended that NGOs and other representatives of major groups bring copies of the UN confirmation letter, as well as a letter prepared by their own NGO, at the time of their appointment with the relevant consulate or embassy. The NGO letter should include detailed information on the visa applicant (e.g., position, number of years working for the NGO, and number of applicants that the NGO is sending to the event).

**Admission of non-United Nations personnel:** Pre-registered participants will need to obtain a grounds pass for the Palais des Nations at the Pregny gate, 14 avenue de la Paix. After presenting this confirmation letter and a valid passport you will be able to enter the UN premises. More information will be forthcoming in due course.

For your reference, up to date information is posted at: <http://www.preventionweb.net/wodrr>. Please feel free to refer to the website for latest documents and agendas. Should you have any further questions, please direct your queries to [wodrr@un.org](mailto:wodrr@un.org).

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

## FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT SENDAI





## 2. Venue of the main conference (2) Sendai International Center

### Sendai International Center

Located adjacent to the ruins of Sendai Castle and the Sendai City Museum, the Sendai International Center is an international conference hall only 7 minutes directly from Sendai Station by taxi. The Center is available for various needs, ranging from large-scale conferences to small VIP meetings, as a hub for communication. A large-scale exhibition hall is planned to be constructed adjacent to the Center.



Main hall (1,150 m<sup>2</sup>)  
Fixed seats: 1,000 (with a table)  
Fully equipped with simultaneous interpretation equipment



Sakura exhibition & reception hall (755 m<sup>2</sup>)  
500 seats for dinner; 800 persons for a buffet party

Tachibana large conference hall (463 m<sup>2</sup>)  
School-type seats: 288  
Gallery seats: 62  
Fully equipped with simultaneous interpretation equipment



Overview of other rooms ([www.sinc.or.jp/center](http://www.sinc.or.jp/center))

Large meeting room	2 rooms (463 m <sup>2</sup> , 379 m <sup>2</sup> )
Medium meeting room	2 rooms (240 m <sup>2</sup> , 110 m <sup>2</sup> ) * The rooms can be combined. (355 m <sup>2</sup> )
Small meeting room	8 rooms (66-91 m <sup>2</sup> ; 3 rooms; 62-65 m <sup>2</sup> ; 4 rooms; 53 m <sup>2</sup> ; 1 room)
Other	Japanese-style room; training room; reception room; VIP reception room



## 1. Easy Accessibility (1)

### From various areas to major terminals

#### Sendai Airport (Air)

Direct flights are available from China, Taiwan, South Korea and other east Asian countries and regions. Moreover, Sendai Airport is accessible from various countries via other areas in Japan.

##### ● From abroad

International flights	Operational situation (per week)
Beijing (China)	○ (2x 42min) ○ Sendai Airport 1 round trip (daily)
Shanghai (China)	○ (2x 20min + 1h 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 1 round trip (daily)
Changchun	○ (2x 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 2 round trips
Guangzhou	○ (2x 10min + 40 30min) ○ Sendai Airport 2 round trips
Guangzhou	○ (2x 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 4 round trips
Taipei (Taiwan)	○ (2x 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 2 round trips
Honolulu	○ (2x 20min) ○ Sendai Airport 4 round trips

\* In addition, relief flights such as charter flights are arranged as needed. Currently, flights to and from Changchun and Dalian are suspended, and flights to and from Honolulu will be launched in June, 2013.

##### ● From various areas in Japan

Domestic flights	Operational situation (per day)
Sapporo	○ (1h 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 13 round trips
Narita	○ (1h 30min) ○ Sendai Airport 3 round trips
Nagoya (Chubu)	○ (1h 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 4 round trips
Osaka (Kansai)	○ (1h 25min) ○ Sendai Airport 15 round trips
Fukuoka	○ (2h 10min) ○ Sendai Airport 8 round trips

\* Direct flights are also available from Komatsu, Hiroshima and Naha. From April, 3 round-trip flights to and from Sapporo and 2 round-trip flights to and from Fukuoka will be additionally offered. In addition, 2 round-trip flights are newly available to and from Kansai International Airport.

• It takes 17 minutes from Sendai Airport to the city center (JR Sendai Station) by rapid train on the Sendai Airport Access Line. (Approx. 40 min. by airport limousine)

\* Regular flights operate to and from 8 major domestic cities and 7 overseas cities  
(As of March 15, 2013)



## 1. Easy Accessibility (2)

### From various areas to major terminals

#### Sendai Station (Rail)

Since Sendai Station is connected to Tokyo by the Tohoku Shinkansen Line, you can easily visit Sendai from the Tokyo metropolitan area in a short time.



JR Sendai Station



Tohoku Shinkansen (Bullet train)

○ Shinkansen  
Tokyo ○ (1h 30min) ○ Sendai  
There are approx. 60 round trips a day  
(Approx. 30 out of 60 round trips require less than 2 hours travel time.)



## 2. Venue of the main conference (1) Construction of a new facility

### Convention facility in the neighborhood of Kokusai Center Station (Tentative name)

Location map of new facility



The construction of a new convention facility, which will be located adjacent to the Sendai International Center, is scheduled to be completed in December 2014. Equipped with a vast space of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>, which can be divided into several rooms, the new convention facility is available for large-scale international conferences. It also houses several medium meeting rooms.

Large exhibition hall	3,000 m <sup>2</sup> (possible to be divided into 3 rooms of 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> )
Medium meeting room	4 rooms (200 m <sup>2</sup> )
Dressing room	Several rooms
Other	Connected to the Sendai International Center, the facility can be used in union with it.

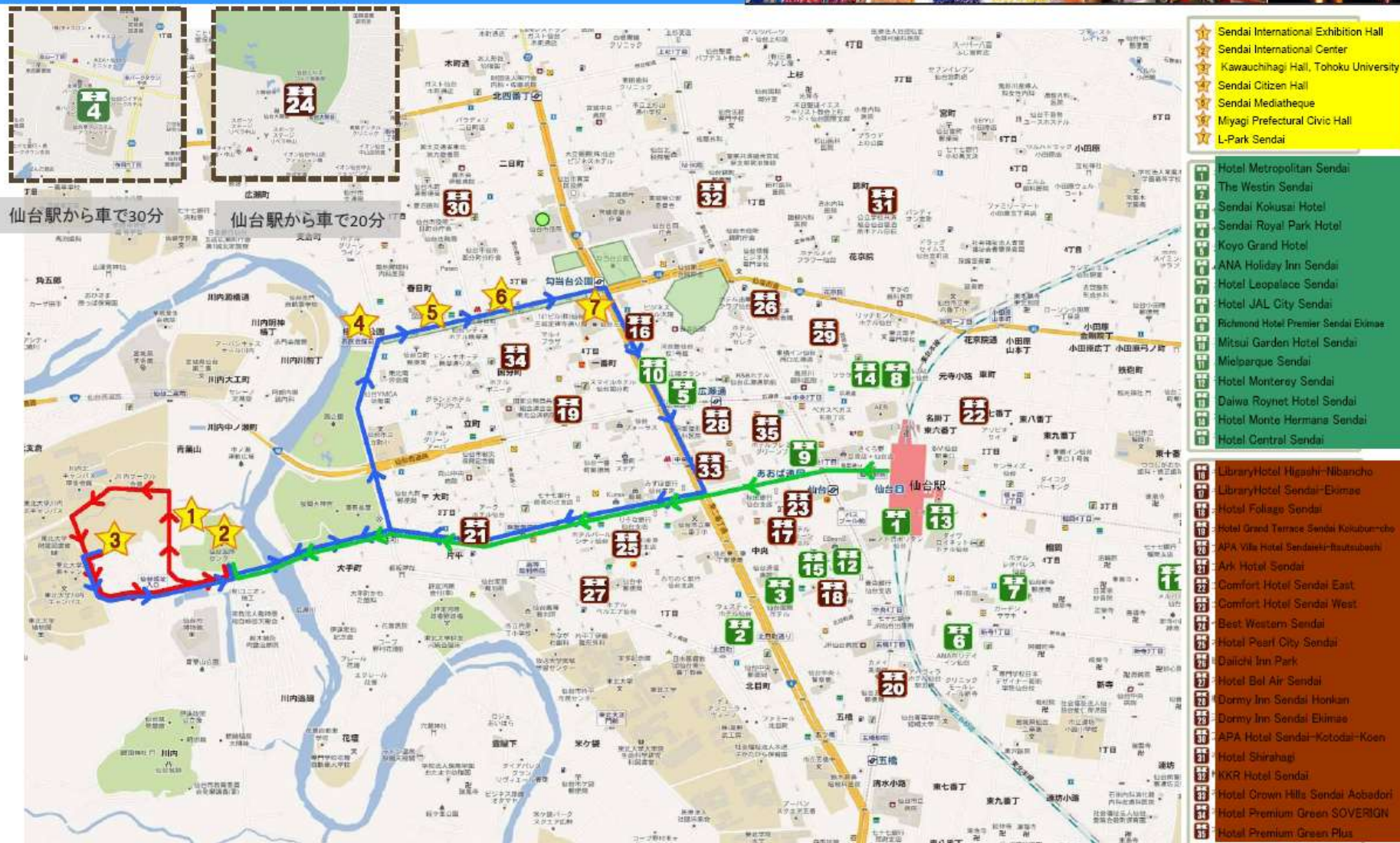




# 3. Distribution map of the facilities and hotels



Sendai attractive city of green

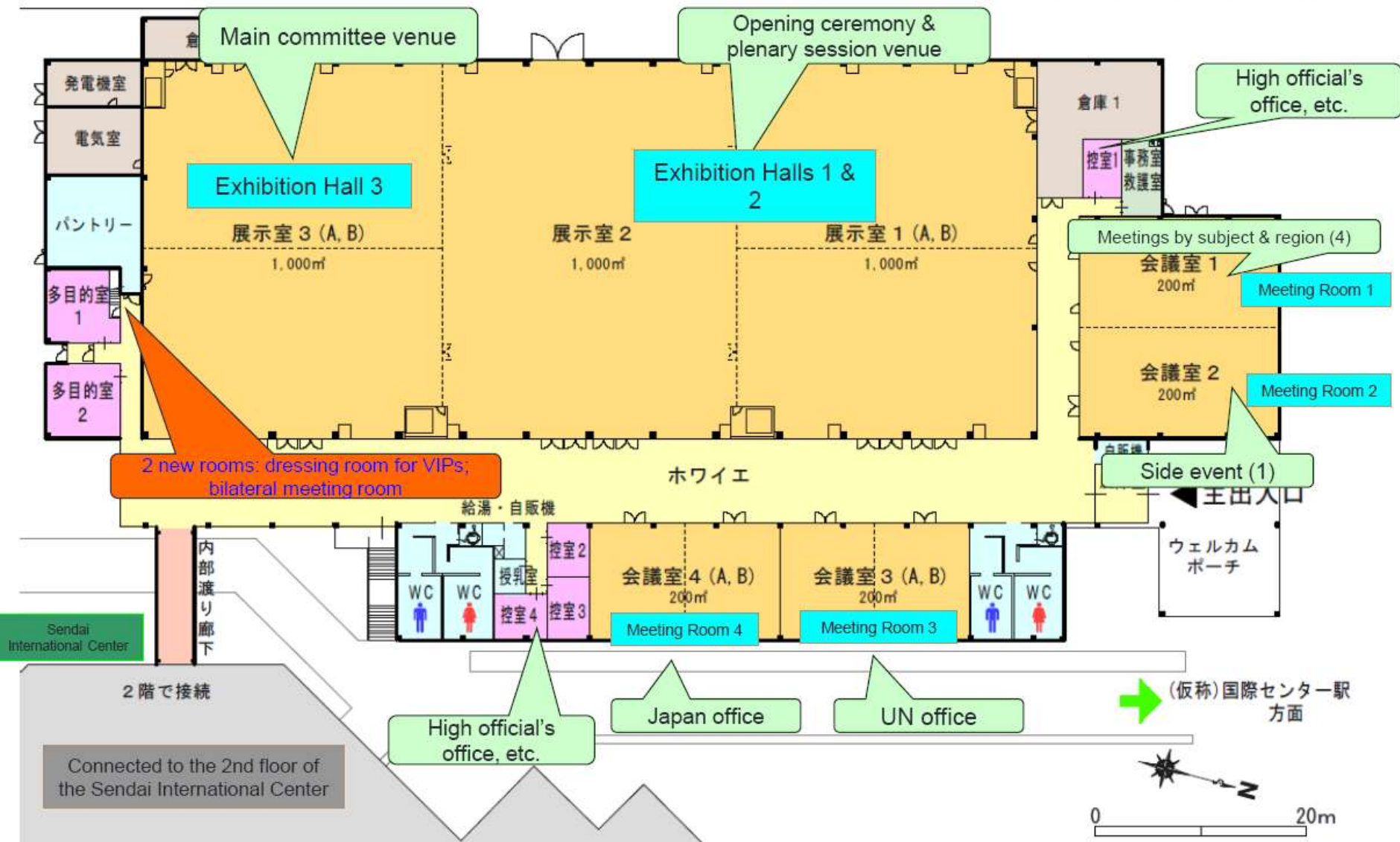




## 2. Venue of the main conference (3)

Improved plan

Use of the Convention facility in the neighborhood of  
Kokusai Center Station (Tentative name)



For practical information, please visit our website at:  
<http://www.wcdrr.org/conference/information>

World Conference website: [www.wcdrr.org](http://www.wcdrr.org)

For any questions, email us at: [wcdrr2015@un.org](mailto:wcdrr2015@un.org)