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# International Recovery Forum 2015

## 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

~ Sending the Message of Building Back Better from Hyogo to the WCDRR ~

January 16, 2015 (Fri)  
Kobe, Hyogo, Japan  
Hotel Okura

## Background

A series of commemorative events on disaster risk reduction (DRR) is planned in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan for January 2015. Among these: the 20<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake; the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA); and the 10<sup>th</sup> year of establishment of the International Recovery Platform (IRP). These forthcoming commemorative events are the embodiments of significant lessons that changed the DRR paradigm in Japan and throughout the world. The forthcoming events are expected to recognize the lessons from the 1995 Hanshin-Awaji earthquake, specifically how it provided insights in organizing response and recovery efforts from mega-disasters, such as the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, 2005 Earthquake in Pakistan, 2006 Yogyakarta Earthquake, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, and 2013 super typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

**The International Recovery Forum 2015** will be organized in Kobe, Hyogo on **January 16, 2015** at Hotel Okura. The Forum will further explore how the lessons from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake can be effectively disseminated, analyzed, and applied to situations with similar challenges. The outcomes of the Forum will include recommended strategies and actions of implementing the recovery component of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which will be further discussed at the forthcoming World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR), March 14-18, 2015 in Sendai.

## Objectives

1. Taking stock of the gains from the initiatives spearheaded by Hyogo Prefectural Government in partnership with the Government of Japan and the International Recovery Platform
2. Sharing of experiences from mega disaster-impacted countries indicating how the lessons from the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake have further contributed to their respective DRR efforts
3. Bridging the learnings of Hyogo Prefectural Government from hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR) to Sendai City Government which will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)

## Expected Outcomes

1. Strategic recommendations on how the lessons from the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake can be further analyzed, disseminated, and applied to nations and communities worldwide.
2. Inputs to the implementation of the recovery component of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

## Organizers

International Recovery Platform (IRP), including the Government of Japan, Hyogo Prefectural Government, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR.)

## Participants

The Forum is expected to gather approximately 150 delegates, including IRP community of practice, experts, professionals, national and local government officials, representatives from the academia, civil society organizations, private sector, and more.

## Flow of Activities

*Pre-event (15 January 2015)*

- ✧ IRP Steering Committee Meeting (17:00~19:00 Japan) (by invitation only)

*Forum 2015 (16 January 2015)*

- ✧ International Recovery Forum 2015 (09:30~17:30)

*Post-event (17 January 2015)*

- ✧ 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Rites at HAT Kobe

## Agenda

09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:40	<b>Opening</b> <i>Mr. Jo Scheuer</i> , Chair of IRP Steering Committee and Director Bureau for Public Policy and Support UNDP, New York
09:40-09:45	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Mr. Ryosei Akazawa</i> , State Minister of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
09:45-10:15	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <i>Mr. Toshizo Ido</i> , Governor Hyogo Prefectural Government
10:15-12:00	<b>Session 1: National and Regional Engagement in Recovery Planning and Recovery Frameworks</b>  <i>Ms. Elizabeth A. Zimmerman</i> , Associate Administrator Office of Response and Recovery (ORR), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), USA <i>Dr. Md. Akram H. Chowdhury</i> , Executive Chairperson, Institute of Strategic Recovery Studies for Disaster Resilience and Research (ISRSDRR) Bangladesh <i>Ms. Mayra Valle Torres</i> , Coordinator Training and Education, Coordination Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC)  Moderator: <i>Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia</i> , Head, UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (GETI)
12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Session 2: Economic Impact of Recovery</b>  <i>Dr. Yoshiaki Kawata</i> , Director and Professor, Research Center for Safety Science at Kansai University and Executive Director of Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute, Japan <i>Dr. Naresh Singh</i> , Former Principal Adviser at UNDP on Poverty and Sustainable Livelihoods, Canada <i>Dr. Toshihisa Toyoda</i> , Professor Emeritus of Kobe University, Japan  Moderator: <i>Mr. Jo Scheuer</i> , Director of BPPS/UNDP
15:00-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>

15:30-16:40	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Actions for Recovery</b>  <i>How can the lessons from Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake further inform the strategies and actions in implementing the recovery component of Post-2015 Framework for DRR?</i></p> <p>Panelists:  <i>Mr. Robin D. Willison</i>, Independent Technical Expert on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)  <i>Mr. Mihir R. Bhatt</i>, Managing Trustee All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), India  <i>Hon. Alex Byarugaba Bakunda</i>, Member of Parliament Uganda, UNISDR Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction  <i>Ms. Mayumi Kako</i>, Consultant at the World Health Organization Kobe Center (WKC), Japan  <i>Mr. Orliber R. Paule</i>, General Manager Bonifacio Estate Services Corporation (BESC), Philippines</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Srinivasa Popuri</i>, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat</p>
16:40-17:20	<p><b>Session 3: Messages from Tohoku Region on the 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Yuichi Ono</i>, Assistant Director and Professor, International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) Tohoku University  <i>Mr. Daisuke Otsuka</i>, Senior Deputy Director-General, Earthquake Disaster Restoration Policy Planning Department, Miyagi Prefectural Government  <i>Ms. Kumi Onuma</i>, Associate Tohoku Revival Reinforcement Office, Development Bank of Japan, Inc. (DBJ) Tohoku Branch</p>
17:20-17:30	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Kaoru Saito</i>, Director for Disaster Preparedness and International Cooperation Division, Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office Government of Japan</p>