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## SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

### Training of Trainers Workshop for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework

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#### Executive Summary

The “Implementation of the Sendai Framework: Development of Risk Reduction Strategies and Plans” workshop was aimed at supporting the capacity development and pilot testing of draft Sendai Framework indicators at a national level by the Mauritius National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre (NDRRMC). Furthermore, this workshop was delivered as a Training of Trainers (ToT) that aimed to support the sustainable advancement of capacity development initiatives within Mauritius, as well as contribute to the development of an international cadre of disaster risk reduction professionals.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was adopted by UN Member States on 18 March 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai City, Japan. The Sendai Framework is built on elements which ensure continuity with the work done by States and other stakeholders under its predecessor, the Hyogo Framework for Action, and introduces a number of innovations as called for during the consultations and negotiations. Many commentators have identified the most significant shifts as a strong emphasis on disaster risk management as opposed to disaster management, the definition of seven global targets, the reduction of disaster risk as an expected outcome, a goal focused on preventing new risk, reducing existing risk and strengthening resilience, as well as a set of guiding principles, including primary responsibility of states to prevent and reduce disaster risk, all-of-society and all-of-State institutions engagement.

While the four Sendai Framework priorities define areas where action is needed, it is not an exhaustive list of measures. In practice, it means that the implementation of the four priority areas may require elaboration and planning of additional specific measures at national and local levels, and hence the relevance of the adoption of national strategies by 2020 (target (e)) and plans (27(b)) are a first critical step to achieving the other global targets by 2030.

Since 2011, the UNISDR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA-GETI) has provided capacity building support to mainstream adaptation and disaster reduction into development and provide capacity building support to national training institutions working on resilience issues through GETI, whose aim is to develop a new cadre of professionals in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation for disaster resilient societies.

The workshop was organized by UNISDR ONEA-GETI and the Mauritius Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management. All arrangements were completed by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC), Government of Mauritius. Participants included a varied group from Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation, Chief Commissioner's Office, Rodrigues, Civil Service College, Mauritius Ports Authority, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Housing and Lands, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, National Development Unit (Prime Minister's Office), and other government agencies and departments.

The key note speech was delivered by Mr. Simon Springett, UN Resident Coordinator, who emphasized that the country faced up to 85 million USD losses from disasters in the last few decades. He focused on the high vulnerability of the country to climate change. He complimented the government on the new legislative framework. He closed by emphasizing the need for coherence between the climate, DRR and sustainable development agendas. The official opening speech was delivered by Mr. W.R.A. Wong Yen Cheong, the Minister for Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management, who stated the role of disaster losses in slowing down socio-economic growth, and how implementation of the Sendai Framework can help to reduce such losses. He stated the workshop comes at an opportune time, when the government has just passed legislation for DRR and the skills can help the government in implementation.

The first day of the training of trainers workshop introduced the innovations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction including, in particular, target (e) on the development of national strategies by 2020, took stock of existing Mauritius disaster risk reduction plans and strategies, and introduced and tested the draft Sendai Framework Monitor Phase 1 by identifying any gaps or opportunities to strengthen the existing plan. During the second day, the Sendai priorities for action were presented via case studies to inspire potential solutions and options for implementation. Then the participants were introduced to the national resilience planning tools and used the outcomes of day one to identify objectives and actions that could be taken to address gaps and challenges in the DRR Plan. During the final day, participants were introduced to good practice in the development of SMART indicators for monitoring and evaluation. Then, they selected some of their objectives identified during the previous day to develop indicators, with timeframes and responsibility, for implementation.

Overall, participants' improved their knowledge of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction innovations, including the shift from disaster management to disaster risk management, the role of States, the activities required at national and local level and corresponding Sendai Monitor Phase 1 indicators for its implementation. Through participation in the training, they were also introduced to the modules and tools for implementing their own capacity development initiatives with other national sectoral focal points and other relevant stakeholders.

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