

Implementing the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – Follow-up on the “Bangkok Principles”

Invitation to a Side Event at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Friday 15 July 2016
1:15 - 2:30 pm

Conference Room 8
United Nations Headquarters, New York



The Royal Thai Government



Background and Objective:

Disasters can cripple health systems, overwhelm capacity to cope with the spread of disease, and undermine the uninterrupted provision of vital services. The impact on the health and wellbeing of affected communities can extend far beyond the immediate recovery period.

The resilience of health systems and infrastructure is strongly promoted throughout the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. It places strong emphasis on resilient health systems through the integration of disaster risk management into health care provision at all levels. The Bangkok Principles provide specific guidance to assist countries in implementing the health aspects of the Sendai Framework in collaboration with all relevant sectors and stakeholders.

Hosted by the Royal Thai Government, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), and the World Health Organization (WHO), this side event is an opportunity for Member States, the United Nations system, and other stakeholders to appraise the challenges and share progress made towards building resilient health infrastructures and reducing the risk of health emergencies in wake of disasters. The objectives are to share knowledge and experience and to mobilize greater commitment to reducing the health impacts of disasters toward eradicating extreme poverty and achieving the health related Sustainable Development Goals.

Agenda:

- 1:15-1:20 pm** Welcome and introduction by the Moderator, Mr. Neil McFarlane, Chief, UNISDR New York Liaison Office
- 1:20-1:25 pm** Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations
- 1:25-2:10 pm** Panel Discussion
- Dr. Phusit Prakongsai, Director, Bureau of International Health, Ministry of Public Health of Thailand
 - H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations
 - H.E. Mr. Amadu Koroma, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations
 - Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Chief of Staff and Director of Office of the Secretary General, IFRC
 - Dr. David Nabarro, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advisor on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change (video message)
 - Dr. Bruce Aylward, Executive Director, Outbreaks and Health Emergencies, World Health Organization (video message)
- 2:10-2:25 pm** Interactive Discussion
- 2:25-2:30 pm** Closing remarks

Representatives of Member States, Observers,
UN agencies and accredited NGOs are
cordially invited.

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