The Monitoring of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction will have a double purpose for member states, regional intergovernmental organizations and local governments, who will be primary users of the Sendai Framework Monitor as of January 2018. It will enable them to track progress on implementing the Sendai Framework, as well as disaster risk reduction related parts of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. At the same time it will provide users with risk information that can be applied in country context for policy-action.

Gaps in understanding of the needs end users in the daily use of the Sendai Framework Monitor need to be understood and addressed in the design and build of the tool. UNISDR has held several rounds of end-user consultations, however wants to use the opportunity of the GP17 to gather more feedback on the actual design and prototype.

The working session is hence meant to consult with end users on the prototype of the Sendai Framework Monitor and gather feedback, to ensure that the final product adds value to risk reduction planning at all levels and is built user-friendly. Member states who piloted indicators will express their views and experience.

The session will be structured in two parts:

1. Presentation of the prototype and design of the Sendai Monitor and its main analytical functions, as well as levels of application (global, regional, national, local) in the context of the Sendai Framework for DRR and its monitoring functions, setting up baselines.

2. Panel discussion with countries who have piloted national indicators (Lebanon and Tunisia), and how they see the Sendai Framework Monitor functions feasible to select and monitor indicators at national level (if you have third country in the region which submitted a voluntary contribution to the SDGs already last year or this year, please add them to the panel, so we can talk about coherence)

The session will have a consultative nature, and feedback from participants will inform the consultation on the Sendai Framework Monitor at the GP.