

WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY

5 NOVEMBER
2017



FRIDAY 27 October 2017

13:30 – 15:30

Palais des Nations

Room XXIV

REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TSUNAMIS

Tsunamis are rare events but they affect a lot of people when they happen in particular communities living in coastal areas, having devastating impacts on housing, infrastructure and livelihoods. Over 11 million have been affected by tsunamis this century.

This year and for its second edition, the 2017 World Tsunami Awareness Day will align with the theme of the International Day for Disaster Reduction and focus on Target (b) of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction which aims at reducing the number of people affected globally by disasters.

To mark the Day, UNISDR and the Permanent Mission of Japan are organizing a High-Level panel discussion on 27 October with eminent speakers from Japan, the Maldives, Indonesia, Chile and Switzerland who will share lessons learned from past events and concrete steps taken at national level to reduce tsunami risks.

AGENDA

13:30-13:45

OPENING REMARKS

Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

13:45-14:15

3D Screening of the documentary "The Great Tsunami in Japan reflecting on the 2011 disaster" produced by NHK

14:15-15:30

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION

Lessons learned from past tsunami experiences that will help reducing tsunami risks in the future

PANELISTS

Panelists from countries affected by tsunamis: Chile, Indonesia, the Maldives, Japan and Switzerland

MODERATOR (tbc)

A SUSHI LUNCH AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED FROM 12:30-13:30
COURTESY OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF JAPAN



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United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction