

2018 SUB-REGIONAL PLATFORM
ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
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LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS

Following a consultation process with the Government of Armenia, The Sub-Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction agenda has been developed.

The table below reflects the various categories of sessions proposed and thematic areas addressed throughout the 2018 Forum with a succinct description for each.

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Session Category	Thematic Area	Short Sessions Description
Plenary Session	Coherence in implementing the 2030 development agenda: from a resilience perspective	This opening high-level plenary session focuses on “Target – E ¹ ” of Sendai Framework and coherence in implementing of these national & local strategies towards achieving the 2030 development agenda. Through the lens of ‘resilience’, speakers will discuss empowering examples and leadership on bridging climate change and disaster risk reduction, connecting disaster risk reduction and the sustainable development goals and taking an all of society approach. The expected outcomes will be highlighting the top level political direction on coherence, including the importance of women and girls in DRR, policy announcements, best practices on successful policies, challenges and lessons learned. Speakers include ministers, and high-level representatives from cities, NGO’s and the private sector.

¹ Substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020

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Working Session	Promoting effective PPPs: towards risk sensitive investment	The Sendai Framework calls for the public and private sectors to work together to combine efforts to strengthen the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Within the CASC and Europe region a number of good practices of PPP's are emerging. The expected outcome of this session is to share good practices of PPP's and identify areas for future collaboration. Speakers from governments, private sector and the local level will address the topic.
Working Session	Addressing risks and accounting losses	As the Sendai monitoring reporting gets underway, a global effort is taking place to systematically collected records about disaster occurrence, damages, losses and impacts, compliant with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. The expected outcomes of this technical working session are to raise awareness of the Sendai monitoring, share good practices of data collection and sharing and identify the main areas where substantial progress to overcome existing barriers can be achieved.

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Working Session	By invitation only: UN system roundtable with SRSG for DRR	The session, by invitation only, invites the UN Resident Coordinators and Directors of non-resident UN Agencies
Working Session	Land-use and urban-planning for risk sensitive decisions	Many countries in the region are undertaking major infrastructure investment. This offers a significant opportunity to integrate a risk informed approach. The session will share good practices and lessons learned in land use planning, protecting critical infrastructure from disasters and how to turn a 'risk sensitive approach' into reality. The expected outcome is an enhanced understanding on how to ensure risk sensitive decisions in urban planning.
Working Session	Managing NATECH Risks	Central Asian and South Caucasus countries are prone to the occurrence of "NATECH" accidents – a risk that is exacerbated due to the increase of extreme weather events caused by climate change. It is only a matter of time before soil erosion, landslides, flooding or earthquakes will destroy one or more of former tailing dams in the region, possibly releasing radioactive waste into the air or nearby rivers or lakes. The costs caused by such a catastrophe and of remediation would be huge – certainly much higher than the cost of preventive measures. The session will discuss progress and key areas where action needs to be stepped up.

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Plenary Session	Promoting sustainable and resilient development through regional cooperation	Disasters know no borders and regional cooperation is therefore essential to manage risk in the region. In recent years, extreme weather events, such as floods and droughts, as well as medium to large scale earthquakes crossing national boundaries have occurred. Regional cooperation across sectors such as water, energy, trade and transport has been identified as key to achieve sustained rates of economic growth and poverty reduction in the region. The expected outcomes are best practices on regional cooperation and a renewed ambition to deepen efforts on regional cooperation.
Plenary Session	An all of society approach towards sustainable and risk-sensitive development	The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals call for all of society approach and to ensure that no one is left behind. This high level plenary session will bring together speakers representing women, people with disabilities, the local level as well as political decision makers to showcase inspiring examples and highlight where action needs to be accelerated. The expected outcome is a shared, coherent, understanding on achieving an all of society approach.