

FUNDING REQUEST

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This proposal seeks financial support for the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2018 Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction, and stakeholder engagement in the Regional Platform and Global Platform processes.

Despite the USD 4.98 million raised to support these efforts, the outstanding requirement for the 2019 Global Platform is USD 3.6 million, for the Regional Platforms is USD 1.3 million, and for stakeholders' engagement is USD 0.5 million.

Background

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction¹ is a critical component of the monitoring and implementation process of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and the leading vehicle of the international community for wide-ranging and comprehensive discussions on understanding and managing risk. The outcomes of the Global Platform inform the deliberations of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) from a disaster risk reduction perspective, thus contributing to risk-informed implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The outcomes will provide critical inputs to the UN Climate Summit in 2019.

The Sendai Framework recognizes that the Global and Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction have a key role in supporting its implementation and monitoring. The Sendai Framework underscores the need for the Global Platform and Regional Platforms to work as a system to coherently leverage collaboration across stakeholders of all sectors and regions, and thus provide guidance and support in monitoring and implementation. In particular, Global and Regional Platforms are expected to:

- Forge partnerships;
- Periodically assess progress on implementation;
- Share practice and knowledge on disaster risk-informed policies, programmes and investments, including on development and climate issues;
- Promote the integration of disaster risk management in other relevant sectors;
- Contribute to the integrated and coordinated follow-up processes to United Nations conferences and summits, including by the HLPF and ECOSOC.

¹ Global Platform was established in 2006 and is recognized by the UN General Assembly Resolution 61/198 as the global multi-stakeholder forum for assessing progress on the implementation of the Sendai Framework, as well as to share practice and knowledge on disaster risk informed policies, programmes and investments, including on development and climate issues.

The Sendai Framework (UN General Assembly Resolution 69/283) specifically calls on Member States to:

“28 (c) Actively engage in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the regional and sub-regional platforms for disaster risk reduction and the thematic platforms in order to forge partnerships, periodically assess progress on implementation and share practice and knowledge on disaster risk-informed policies, programmes and investments, including on development and climate issues, as appropriate, as well as promote the integration of disaster risk management in other relevant sectors. Regional intergovernmental organizations should play an important role in the regional platforms for disaster risk reduction;”

The Sendai Framework calls on UNISDR to:

“(c) The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), in particular, to support the implementation, follow-up and review of this framework through: preparing periodic reviews on progress, in particular for the Global Platform.”

The coherence built between the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Development Agenda, the Paris Agreement, the Agenda for Humanity, the New Urban Agenda, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda are bringing the issue of disaster risk reduction to the core of Member States’ attention. Governments are now requesting to be involved and engaged in the organization of the 2019 Global Platform and will be briefed on the status of development of Regional Platforms through the UNISDR Support Group.

Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction

Regional Platforms are recognized by the Sendai Framework (A/RES/69/283) as critical mechanisms to monitor progress in its implementation at the regional level. They also play an instrumental role in the development of policies and strategies and in the advancement of knowledge and mutual learning at the regional level, and are a key part of the preparatory process leading up to the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The 2018 Regional Platforms take stock of the implementation of disaster risk reduction strategies that are aligned with the Sendai Framework and assess the level of progress made, to identify gaps and priorities and make recommendations for the development of the 2019 Global Platform. The outcomes of the 2018 Regional Platforms will be presented and discussed in a dedicated session at the 2019 Global Platform and in a side event at the HLPF in July 2018.

In a spirit of bringing a more coherent approach to the Regional Platforms, the Regional Platforms were aligned in terms of objectives, structure and agenda setting. All Platforms now include high-level discussions with ministerial-level participation and focus on critical aspects of regional coordination, national implementation of the Sendai Framework, and inclusion.

The Regional Platforms have set as common urgent objectives:

1. To provide concrete recommendations and share good practices to create a sense of urgency and accelerate action to achieve target (e) of the Sendai Framework, “to substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies” by 2020, bearing in mind that 2020 Regional Platforms will be too late to feature this issue
2. To build coherence at national and local levels by promoting the development, implementation and monitoring of inclusive national and local strategies by 2020 that integrate DRR, sustainable development and climate change.

The Regional and Sub-Regional Platforms (in chronological order):

- **Americas:** Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas, 20-22 June 2018 Cartagena, Colombia (<http://eird.org/pr18/eng/>).
- **Central Asia & South Caucasus:** Sub-Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction, 26-27 June 2018, Yerevan, Armenia (www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/casc)
- **Asia:** Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), 3-6 July 2018, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/amcdrr)
- **Africa and Arab States:** Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction, 9-13 October 2018, Tunis, Tunisia (www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/afrr-acdrr)
- **Europe:** 2018 European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction, 21-23 November 2018, Rome, Italy (<https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/efdr>)
- **Pacific:** Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management (dates and location TBD)

Expected outcomes:

- Sharing of experiences in implementing the Sendai Framework at the regional level.
- Improved understanding of the national and regional baseline status of the Sendai Framework and the actions needed to achieve its seven global targets.
- Increased commitment and concrete recommendations for accelerated actions to implement the Sendai Framework at national and local levels, with a particular focus on achieving target (e) of the Sendai Framework by 2020.

2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The sixth session of the Global Platform (GP2019) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 to 17 May, 2019, including two preparatory days (13 - 14 May) and three official days (15-17 May). The GP2019 is the second session of the Global Platform after the adoption of the Sendai Framework and will allow the first stock taking of progress made in implementation, according to data submitted by Member States. It will also be the last opportunity for all stakeholders to gather prior to the deadline for the achievement of Sendai Framework target (e).

The agenda setting of the GP2019 is guided by the Sendai Framework, in particular paragraphs 28 c) and 49, the four priorities, and the seven global targets. The GP2019 agenda of the is expected to include:

- Monitor and review progress in implementation of the Sendai Framework², in the context of trends in global risk³, as well as stakeholders' voluntary commitments;
- Take stock of development and implementation of national and local strategies and plans for disaster risk reduction, in line with the Sendai Target E, and in synergy with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- Forge partnerships and share practice and knowledge on disaster risk-informed policies, programmes and investments, including on development and climate issues; and
- Promote the integration of disaster risk management in other relevant sectors.

Expected outcomes:

- The first stock take on progress made in implementing the Sendai Framework by Member States and stakeholders, and achievement of disaster risk-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Understanding of the state of global risk, and launch of the Global Risk Assessment Framework (GRAF).
- Recommendations and actionable suggestions for key policy makers in charge of sustainable development, finance & economic planning and disaster risk reduction.
- Increased awareness on good practices in implementing the Sendai Framework, including innovative approaches, tools and methodologies.
- Contribute to the HLPF in July 2019 and the UN Climate Change Summit in September 2019.

Thematic Focus- *Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies*

The theme of GP2019 will focus on how managing disaster risk and risk-informed development investments pay dividends in multiple sectors and geographies, across all scales, and throughout social, economic, financial and environmental fields. The concept of 'resilience dividend' in this context is to be interpreted in a broader sense that goes beyond monetary profit. It contributes to reducing disaster risk, fosters development and triggers multiple social, environmental and economic benefits in a long term. The sessions will be designed in a way that key players, - such as ministries of planning, economy and finance, national and international regulators, and legislators, as well as members of the business and investor communities and international financial institutions - will feature prominently as speakers and discussants, throughout the Platform.

² Based on countries' reports through the Sendai Framework Monitor tool

³ As elaborated by the Global Risk Assessment Framework

The Platform will simultaneously respect an inclusive approach and make sure that all stakeholders will play an active role. Notably, a Special Session will be held on Women Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction, which will highlight women’s contributions to disaster risk governance, particularly in relation to national and local strategies for disaster risk reduction and the assessment and management of risk, as well as, the importance of sex disaggregated data. Youth engagement will also be strong in the design and roll-out of the event. UNISDR will also seek to not only maintain its high standards for the accessibility of its events, but will also continue to strengthen the engagement and inputs in shaping the agenda from persons with disabilities.

Since the topic of the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will be on “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”, this theme will be prominently addressed at high-level dialogues, which will take place throughout the Global Platform. In addition, the main themes of the Global Platform will contribute to the SDGs that will be reviewed at the HLPF 2019 (in particular, SDG 8, 10, 13 and 16). For more information, see GP2019 website: <https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2019/globalplatform>

Stakeholder Engagement in 2018 Regional Platforms and 2019 Global Platform

Throughout the Regional Platform and Global Platform processes a wide variety of stakeholders will be engaged to ensure the Platforms to embody an all-of-society approach, enhance coherence and catalyse multi-stakeholder planning and implementation of the Sendai Framework. The main focus will be to encourage and enable closer collaboration between stakeholders for effective implementation of the Sendai Framework at the local and national levels. Building coherent approaches between disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development will be a critical focus area.

Consultation processes will be undertaken as the Regional Platform and Global Platforms develop, including with specific stakeholder groups identified in the Sendai Framework, such as civil society and community-based organizations, volunteers and organized voluntary work organizations, women’s groups, children and youth, persons with disabilities and their organizations, older persons, indigenous people, people displaced by disasters, academia, scientific and research entities and networks, business, professional associations and private sector financial institutions, including financial regulators and accounting bodies, media, and local Governments.

Engagement will be facilitated through the existing UNISDR partner groups, such as the UNISDR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE), the UNISDR Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG) and the Science and Technology Partnership. Broad stakeholder engagement will be ensured through the new Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism. This mechanism is comprised of representatives of the UN Major Groups and

Other Stakeholders⁴, including on women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, farmers, local communities, as well as the IFRC, ARISE and the STAG. Networks such as the Global Network for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) the Platform for the Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR), and the Platform for Disaster Displacement and others are engaged through the mechanism. Parliamentarians will be engaged in close collaboration with the Interparliamentary Union (IPU), Globe Legislators, and other key Parliamentarian networks.

At the Global Platform, these stakeholder groups are expected to play a major role in all sessions. A one-day ‘Stakeholder Summit’ is planned on one of the Global Platform preparatory days, upon availability of funding, allowing all interested stakeholders to come together and discuss key messages and potential for collaboration and impact. As part of this, individual stakeholder group meetings will be held to track progress against specific roadmaps and action plans, such as the 2015/2018 Dhaka Declaration on Disability and Disaster Risk Management; the 2016 Science and Technology Roadmap; the integration of disaster risk reduction in the implementation of the Nansen Protection Agenda; and 2014 IPU Resolutions on Disaster Risk Reduction, will be reviewed.

Expected outcomes:

- Strengthened understanding, collaboration and partnership between stakeholders and between stakeholders and Member States for effective implementation of the Sendai Framework on the ground. In particular, supporting close collaboration between stakeholders and Member States for the collection of disaster loss data, risk analysis and assessment and capacity building.
- Attention focused on the needs and engagement of the most vulnerable, to leave no one behind.
- Enable the development of inclusive strategies, laws and plans and their implementation through joint action by key stakeholder groups.
- Enhance ownership and accountability of Governments and stakeholders to disaster risk reduction and risk-informed development.

⁴ UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders are 16 different stakeholder groups recognized by GA Resolution A/67/290 as critical to engage in support of Agenda 2030 implementation. Notably, the resolution calls to capture the expertise of these stakeholder groups through a platform for participation in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable, under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Funding

The organization of the Regional Platforms, the 2019 Global Platform and stakeholder engagement depend on voluntary contributions. UNISDR encourages additional contributions from Governments, partner organizations and private sector representatives.⁵ **The overall outstanding amount required to date is USD 5.4 million against a total requirement of USD 9.35 million** (see following page for full overview).

UNISDR would like to thank the Government of Switzerland for hosting the 2019 Global Platform and Armenia, Italy, Mongolia and Tunisia for hosting the Regional Platforms. UNISDR also thanks all other donors and partners who have already committed to support 2018 Regional Platforms, the 2019 Global Platform, and stakeholder engagement through earmarked and un-earmarked contributions to UNISDR.

This funding provides an opportunity to:

- Support the implementation of the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Development Agenda, the Paris Agreement, the Agenda for Humanity, the New Urban Agenda, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda by reducing disaster risks.
- Strengthen or build partnerships at global and regional levels and with national and local actors, as well as international organizations, private organizations active in disaster risk reduction and with other companies and financial institutions.
- Showcase and communicate progress made in implementing the Sendai Framework as well as commitment to further accelerate disaster risk reduction to a global audience.
- Be part of a movement that builds the resilience of communities and nations to disaster risks.

Donors will gain visibility through various communication and marketing initiatives, including the recognition on the Global Platform webpage, the UNISDR website, promotional materials and conference documents.

⁵ The UN Global Compact rules will apply to private sector sponsors.

Budget Breakdown

The revised requirement for the Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2018 is USD 2 million. Contributions already received or pledged by host countries of Regional Platforms and other donor Governments and partners amount to USD 710,930. **The outstanding requirement for Regional Platforms is USD 1.3 million.**

The estimated budget for the stakeholders' engagement and the 2019 Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction is USD 466,689 and USD 6.8 million respectively, amounting to a total of USD 7.3 million. The Government of Switzerland, as host country of the 2019 Global Platform, is contributing approximately USD 2.5 million to UNISDR and USD 3.3M have been pledged in total from other donors (details below). **The outstanding requirements for the 2019 Global Platform and stakeholders' engagement are USD 3.6 million and USD 466,689 respectively.**

Budget in USD

Deliverables	UNISDR Work Programme 2016-2019 Requirement	Revised Requirement	Received and Expected	Outstanding Requirement
2018 Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction- Africa and Arab States, Pacific Regional Platforms	3,926,425	2,047,459	Japan- 27,120 Germany (BMZ)- 60,000 EU-ACP Programme- 623,810 710,930	1,336,529
Stakeholder Engagement in 2018 Regional Platforms and 2019 Global Platform- Outreach and engagement of stakeholders	622,252	466,689	0	466,689
2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction- Substantive, logistic preparations and communications; Conference management (security, translation, interpretation, protocol, registration accessibility, etc.); Documentation (design, editing, production, translation); Travel of representatives from LDCs, SIDs, low-income countries & experts; Innovation platform, ignite stage, art exhibit	7,031,577	6,837,667	Australia- 74,580 Japan- 95,485 Switzerland≈ 2,500,000 EU- 294,250 UNISDR Un- earmarked Resources*- 305,000	3,568,352
Grand Total	11,580,254	9,351,815	3,980,245	5,371,570

* Un-earmarked contributions to UNISDR in 2018 to date, in order of volume, came from the following donors:
Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Japan, and Luxembourg.

Banking details for financial contributions
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Account name: UN Office at Geneva

<i>Bank Names & Address</i>	<i>Currency of Payment</i>	<i>Bank Codes</i>	
		<i>Number</i>	
JP Morgan Chase Bank 25 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AJ, United Kingdom	GBP	23961903	SWIFT: CHAS GB 2L Bank number: 609242 (SC) IBAN: GB68 CHAS 6092 4223 9619 03
UBS AG Rue du Rhône 8 CH-1211 Geneva 2 Switzerland	EUR	240- FP100381.0	SWIFT: UBSW CH ZH 80A Bank Clearing code: 240 IBAN: CH85 0024 0240 FP10 0381 0

Account name: UN Geneva General Fund

<i>Bank Names & Address</i>	<i>Currency of Payment</i>	<i>Bank Codes</i>	
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UBS AG Rue du Rhône 8 CH-1211 Geneva 2 Switzerland	Other currencies	240- C0590160.1	SWIFT: UBSW CH ZH 80A Bank Clearing code: 240 IBAN: CH65 0024 0240 C059 0160 1