

MIKTA-UNISDR Seminar on Strengthening the Role of National and Local Governments in Reducing Economic Losses and Building DRR Capacity

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Room XXV (Building E), Palais des Nations

List of Speakers & Biographies

H. E. Ji-ah Paik, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea



Ji-ah Paik is the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Prior to her current post, Ms. Paik served as President of the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was Deputy Permanent Representative at the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2013-2015). She also served as Minister-Counsellor at the Korean Embassy in Malaysia (2006-2009) and as Counsellor at the Korean Permanent Mission to the UNOG (2003-2006). Ms. Paik joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985 and since has held numerous posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Seoul, including as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination and Director General for international organizations. Ms. Paik has a B.A. in international relations from Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea (1985) and an M.A. in international economics and American foreign policy from the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University, Washington D.C., United States (1989).

Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction



Ms. Mami Mizutori was appointed Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) on 1 March 2018. She brings to the position a combination of management and leadership expertise as well as a rich experience in international affairs and security. Ms. Mizutori served more than twenty-five years in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs covering distinct portfolios linked to Information and Culture Center, National Security Policy Division, United Nations Policy Division, Status of US Forces Agreement and Personnel. Prior to joining UNISDR she was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK since 2011. She has been on various boards including of Fidelity Japanese Values, Daiwa Anglo-Japan Foundation, Japan Society UK and was a member of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group. Ms Mizutori graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain and taught international studies at Waseda University, Tokyo.

Mr. Denis Mc. Clean, Head, Communications and Advocacy, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



Denis McClean was an award-winning journalist in Ireland before joining the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in 1990. He has managed emergency operations in Sri Lanka, the Congo and the Caribbean and worked on the cyclone preparedness programme in Bangladesh. He ran the IFRC press office, 1999-2003, and then worked for the IT company SITA as global director of public relations. In 2010, he edited the World Disasters Report on urban risk. He has also served on the Board and as acting CEO of Ireland's second largest NGO, GOAL, and spent a year working as a GOAL volunteer in Sudan. In 2005, he founded the Geneva Literary Aid Society, a voluntary initiative which brings theatre, writers, musicians to Geneva and which has raised funds for deserving causes including support for children orphaned by AIDS in Africa and street children in Darjeeling. He has been head of Communications and Advocacy at UNISDR since 2011.

Mr. Daniel Kull, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank

Mr. Kull is a Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist in the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia Regional Team, leading several projects to modernize weather, climate and water information services ("hydrometeorological services") and early warning systems. Mr. Kull also represents the World Bank in its institutional interactions with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS). Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Kull served various disaster risk management roles with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), ProVention Consortium, Swiss Reinsurance Company, Swiss Federal Institute for Technology (ETH) and US Army Corps of Engineers. He has a MSc in Water Resource Engineering (University of California, Davis) and a BSc in Civil Engineering (Union College, NY), and is a member of the Association of Swiss Natural Hazards Experts (FAN).

Mr. Cyrille Honoré, Chief of the Multi-Hazard Early Warning (MHEW) Services Division, WMO

Mr. Honoré is the head of the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services Division within the Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, fostering collaboration of the hydro-meteorological community worldwide with key stakeholders and partners at national, regional and global levels in order to build efficient and fit-for-purpose early warning frameworks and services. Mr. Honoré is a graduate Engineer from Ecole Nationale de la Météorologie, Toulouse, France. He started his career as a climatologist in the AGHYMET Center, Niamey, Republic of Niger. He then had a number of growing responsibility positions in the French National Meteorological Service, Météo-France. Before joining WMO, he has been the deputy Director for Forecasting and Meteorological Services for a number of years. This experience led him to engage in a number of international cooperation activities, as an expert with WMO and the European meteorological services network, EUMETNET, in which he has been an Expert Group member for the EMMA Meteoalarm program.

Ms. Cécile Aptel, Director of Policy, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFRC

Ms. Aptel is the Director of the Policy, Strategy and Knowledge Department at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) since June 2018. She started her career in the early 1990s doing humanitarian work in the former Yugoslavia, supporting the European Community Task Force. She then helped establish the United Nations' international tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, where she worked for almost ten years, before leading audits and evaluations of UN programs, working with the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services in Nairobi. She has held other UN senior positions, most recently serving as the Senior Legal Policy Adviser in the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and as Head of the Start-Up Team responsible for the establishment of the new UN International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on Syria. She has also consulted for UNICEF and the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes, as well as for the Brookings Institute and the Institute for Security Studies. She established and managed the children and transitional justice program at the International Center for Transitional Justice and was awarded the Jennings Randolph Fellowship by the US Institute of Peace for her work and research on child-victims. She is also a professor and has taught notably at Harvard, Fletcher, Oxford and the Centre of Human Rights of the Pretoria University. She has authored several publications, notably in the areas of child protection and international law.

H.E. Andreano Erwin, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia

Andreano Erwin is a Foreign Service Officer of Indonesia and, since August 2018 assigned as Deputy Permanent Representative / Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO and Other International Organizations in Geneva. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Indonesia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from January 2017 to August 2018. From July 2015 to January 2017, Andreano Erwin served as a Director/Assistant at the office the Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Indonesia. He managed issues pertaining to the territorial affairs such as maritime and land boundaries as well as the application of the Law of the Sea specifically regarding the maritime delimitation as well as other related maritime issues. He was also assigned as Deputy Director for Territorial Affairs in the Directorate of Treaties on Political Security and Territorial Affairs (2014-2015) and Deputy Director in the Directorate of Treaties on Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs (2012-2014) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Andreano Erwin previous diplomatic assignment was to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York in 2008 - 2012. He covers issues pertaining to the Law of the Sea, Global Counter Terrorism, Bilateral and Legal Matters in the General Assembly and the Security Council. Another overseas assignment was to Indonesia's Consulate General in Penang, where he was in charge of bilateral economic, development matters and migrant workers. He began his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in 1996. He obtained a law degree and master degree in International Relation from the University in Indonesia.
