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## **INVITATION**

# **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2019**

**Venue: Room IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Time: 10h30 to 11h45**

**Date: Friday, 11 October 2019**



**“Nature-based solutions for building  
resilience, including sustainable  
agriculture and food systems”**

@ Kenichi Shono, FAO

### **About the Event**

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 13 October as International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) to promote a global culture of disaster risk reduction, including prevention, mitigation and preparedness and adaptation to a changing climate.

FAO Geneva in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Permanent Missions of Fiji, Jamaica and Japan will organize an event titled “Nature-based solutions for building resilience, including sustainable agriculture and food systems” to mark the 2019 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

# **PROGRAMME**

## **“Nature-based solutions for building resilience, including sustainable agriculture and food systems”**

**10h30**

- Opening remarks by Moderator, Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Director of FAO Geneva
- **Mr. Ricardo Mena**, Chief of Branch, Supporting and Monitoring Sendai Framework Implementation, UNDRR  
*Status/progress of the Sendai Implementation and the linkages with other global processes*
- **H.E. Mr. Junichi Ihara**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
*Ecological restoration/ecosystem based DRR: lessons learnt from wetland and rice paddy field management*
- **H.E. Ms. Cheryl Spencer**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
*Jamaica's experience on disaster risk reduction initiatives*
- **Mr. Anare Leweniqila**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
*Stocktaking: where are we? From COP 23 to the UN Climate Summit and the Samoa Pathway Mid Term Review - the importance of food security for small islands developing states in a changing world*
- **Dr. Sandeep Sengupta**, Global Coordinator, IUCN Climate Change Portfolio  
*Nature-based solutions for climate change and DRR*

**11h20**

Interactive session

**11h45**

Concluding remarks followed by refreshments

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**#ResilienceForAll**

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**Registration** for this event is encouraged for all and mandatory for those not holding an access badge to the Palais des Nations. Please register at <https://reg.unog.ch/event/31655/>  
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