



# Digital Global Summit October 2020

The agenda for GNDR's 2020 Digital Global Summit is based around the 3 goals of [GNDR's 2020-2025 strategy: Local Leadership for Global Impact](#). Please note that all session times noted in this agenda are BST.

There are a few different types of session for you to look out for:

- **Local Learnings:** Research, case studies, and problem solving from communities
- **Global Action:** Dialogues, discussions and commitments from actors around the world
- **How to:** Professional trainings exclusively for GNDR members.

## Week 1: Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
08.30-10.00	<b>Global Action</b> <a href="#">Local Leadership for Global Impact: Priorities to prevent future hazards from becoming disasters. GNDR's new strategy</a>	English, French, Arabic
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Collaborative mentorships for community problem solving</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.30	<b>Global Action (Repeated)</b> <a href="#">Local Leadership for Global Impact: Priorities to prevent future hazards from becoming disasters. GNDR's new strategy</a>	English, Spanish

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
12.00-13.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">The Great Green Wall Initiative</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">University and CSO collaboration for disaster resilience</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
12.00-13.30	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">How can CSOs and Parliamentarians work together to design better policies?</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic



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## Week 2: Champion a Localisation Movement

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
08.30-10.00	<b>Global Action</b> <a href="#">What does ideal DRR localisation look like and what do we need to do to get there? A dialogue between donors and local actors</a>	English, French, Arabic
12.00-13.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Accelerating localisation through partnerships</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Generating local resources and community buy-in</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.30	<b>Global Action (Repeated)</b> <a href="#">What does ideal DRR localisation look like and what do we need to do to get there? A dialogue between donors and local actors</a>	English, Spanish

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Strengthening local capabilities whilst upholding progressive cultural values</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
12.00-13.30	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">Top 3 proposal writing challenges solved</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.30	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">Regional proposal writing session</a>	English, Arabic

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Time	Session	Languages Offered
08.30-10.00	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">Regional proposal writing session</a>	English, French
12.00-13.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Turning ideas from community members into DRR plans</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Local capacities to address food security threats</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.30	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">Regional proposal writing session</a>	English, Spanish



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## Week 3: Strive for risk-informed development

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Session Time	Session Title	Languages Offered
08.30-10.00	<b>Global Action</b> <a href="#">Making development risk-informed: The Views from the Frontline</a>	English, French, Arabic
12.00-13.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">A toolkit to enhance community resilience in conflict contexts</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.30-17.00	<b>Global Action (Repeated)</b> <a href="#">Making development risk-informed: The Views from the Frontline</a>	English, Spanish

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Session Time	Session Title	Languages Offered
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">The application of Eco-DRR to build local resilience</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
15.00-16.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Impacts of climate change on the lives of rural indigenous women</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Session Time	Session Title	Languages Offered
08.30-10.00	<b>How To</b> <a href="#">World Bank GFDRR's tool to address conflict and disaster risk coherently</a>	English, French, Arabic
12.00-13.00	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Mitigating the impacts of climate change on agriculture</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic
13.30-14.30	<b>Local Learnings</b> <a href="#">Reducing risk and adapting to climate change in primary education</a>	English, French, Spanish, Arabic

## Session Descriptions

### **Week 1: Strengthen the collaboration, solidarity and mobilisation of civil society organisations**

#### **Global Action: Local Leadership for Global Impact: Priorities to prevent future hazards from becoming disasters. GNDR's new strategy**

The impacts of this pandemic could have been prevented if lessons learnt from prior disease outbreaks, as well as scientific and community-led research, had been taken into account in health services, global supply chains, transport systems, curriculum, and the tourism sector. That's why risk-informed development is crucial right now. We must build back better and make sure the full range of threats that people face become the concern of everyone, not just disaster risk reduction practitioners. The work of civil society organisations on the frontline has therefore never been so important. And it has never been so difficult. This session will introduce GNDR's new strategy, which aims for a world where everyone works together to strengthen the resilience of people most at risk and prevent hazards from becoming disasters. It will discuss the local research, capacity strengthening, and awareness raising that will be needed, and how different actors can play their part. Participants will be able to hear from grassroots organisations, UN agencies and donors on their priorities and commitments, and input their thoughts on what a network of CSOs can do together to prevent hazards from becoming disasters.

#### **Local Learnings: Collaborative mentorships for community problem solving**

Participants will receive practical knowledge on the components of the collaborative mentorship approach, and be able to take part in a mock collaborative problem solving exercise with other participants. The collaborative mentorship and problem solving techniques that will be discussed involve developing mutual purpose with others, knowing how to share power and how to support each other's growth. GNDR members who may benefit most from this session are those who are interested in, or hoping to, mobilise community members and actors around a particular policy change in inspiring, engaging and cultivating ways.

#### **Local Learnings: The Great Green Wall Initiative**

This session will train participants on biodiversity conservation. It will also promote evidence-based decision-making using strengthened local community environment and disaster structural systems that involve all stakeholders. This session seeks to encourage the transition to inclusive green economies and to adopt sustainable consumption and production action plans to grow medicinal plants in communities. It aims to improve the capacity of CSOs to use environment and disaster management structural systems in their localities or countries to prevent, reduce and combat the spread of zoonotic pandemics such as Covid-19. This session will discuss the enhanced threats to the environment that results from the destruction and over-exploitation of medicinal plants, which are becoming increasingly scarce.

#### **Local Learnings: University and CSO collaboration for disaster resilience**

This session will address the close collaboration that can exist between academia, civil society and government entities to better manage risk knowledge and the contributions in terms of research, teaching and services offered by universities to the society. The importance of the Guatemalan Inter-University Platform for DRM (Disaster Risk Management) and its role as a facilitator of interdisciplinary learning among universities, civil society and the public sector will be presented as a model that pursues resilience. It will show how this platform with an interdisciplinary approach works by connecting disaster risk reduction, climate change and

ecosystem management, and how such a platform can not only raise awareness but also contribute to public and governmental discussions on the links between disaster risks, climate change and ecosystems degradation. The session is intended primarily for CSOs and the academic sector, to enable them to take up the challenges faced by academia, in terms of bridging the gaps between disciplines.

#### **How To: How can CSOs and Parliamentarians work together to design better policies?**

This training session will provide insights on how CSOs and other civil society representatives can effectively engage with National Parliament representatives, as a way to achieve policy change. Parliamentarians can be very influential champions for national advocacy, as they are directly involved in the decision-making processes. During this introductory session, participants will learn the key elements of parliamentarians' work and their relationship with civil society. They will also have the opportunity to learn from the successful experience of fellow CSOs who have achieved policy change by engaging parliamentarians in their countries. This session is targeted at CSOs who have had limited to no engagement with parliamentarians so far.

### **Week 2: Champion a Localisation Movement**

#### **Global Action: What does ideal DRR localisation look like and what do we need to do to get there? A dialogue between donors and local actors**

According to a survey of nearly 100,000 local actors, only 16% feel included in assessing threats, designing policies and plans, and taking action to reduce threats. We need to champion a localisation movement to shift decision-making power and resources to local actors so they can design disaster risk reduction initiatives based on real risk realities on the ground. Covid-19 responses that ignore local realities have exacerbated risk. Millions of people living in poverty can't access handwashing facilities and social distancing is nearly impossible in slums. These challenges and gaps are currently being met by frontline responders, including civil society organisations. Governments, both national and local, must listen to and partner with those communities who are most at risk. Civil society organisations can facilitate the systematic sharing of real-life community experience of all disasters, including Covid-19, with national and international decision-makers. This will allow for collective decision-making, at all levels. A roundtable of international donor institutions and grassroot organisations will discuss the challenges they face in direct partnerships as well as new approaches to try. Examples of successful localised DRR decision-making and funding will be shared and there will be an opportunity for participants to ask for tips to overcome their own community contexts and suggest roles for different actors. This session is particularly relevant for local NGOs wanting to work with different actors, donors wanting to ensure effectiveness of their projects, and INGOs wanting more meaningful partners with local actors.

#### **Local Learnings: Accelerating localisation through partnerships**

Given how intrinsically linked DRR and humanitarian response are, it is important for CSOs to know the latest progress and recommendations of the humanitarian localisation agenda. This session will provide a brief orientation on the outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit, including the Grand Bargain and the Charter for Change. With a focus on genuine partnerships between local/national and international organisations, the session will then lead participants through the learning and recommendations from the flagship, multi-agency programme implemented in Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria and South Sudan: Accelerating Localisation through Partnerships. As with the DRR sector, humanitarian actors should be complementing each

other's areas of expertise, experience and knowledge to reach crisis-affected people in the most effective way...come and join us to share and learn more!

#### **Local Learnings: Generating local resources and community buy-in**

This session will discuss the ways of mobilising local resources for disaster risk reduction, which is a key element of ensuring buy-in from the local communities. This will highlight the types of local resources available even in poor economy communities, and the ways to motivate communities so that they mobilise such resources towards reducing the underlying disaster risks. This session will describe the potentials of local resource mobilisation, taking a case study from one of the communities of Kathmandu Valley in Nepal. It will take non-structural mitigation measures as locally doable and sustainable earthquake risk reduction action. Usually, it is believed that local resource mobilisation is difficult in poor economy communities, and they do lack the resources. However, the case demonstrates that local resource mobilisation is possible, and also helps to identify and generate further local resources if communities are properly involved in the process. This session will be useful for DRR practitioners working with the local communities, officials at local governments, and researchers. This session will be helpful for identifying ways of replicating it in similar communities and for researchers to explore for replicable models.

#### **Local Learnings: Strengthening local capabilities whilst upholding progressive cultural values**

This session seeks to draw attention to the biased assumptions that often inform development initiatives by uncovering areas of cultural difference and highlighting the value of local or 'indigenous knowledge' that communities use/have used when faced with pandemics, shocks and uncertainties. Participants will therefore discuss and hopefully appreciate the interconnection between culture/traditions and risk-informed development and the role of anthropological factors (e.g. religion & culture) in understanding the multifaceted process of development. Anthropology can therefore be appreciated as a tool with the potential to provide the means to understand and design programmes that, to an extent, seek to shape people's behaviour and how they relate and respond to situations such as the Covid-19 pandemic. The session targets development workers and government officials involved in the design, planning, implementation and monitoring of development programmes/projects and humanitarian responses within communities. The discussions will therefore provide insight into the underbelly of development and humanitarian work to assist in designing effective programmes and policies.

#### **How To: Top 3 proposal writing challenges solved**

This interactive fundraising training session will discuss the most important features in a winning proposal, why proposals fail to secure funding and the key elements required in a logical framework. The session should allow members to feel better equipped to secure funding for their organisations to support their sustainability strategies and to continue to advance their work in DRR. The new knowledge participants will gain includes an understanding of the international funding landscape covering institutional donors and philanthropic foundations, as well as the type of funds available. By the end of the session, members will know how to complete a logical framework and understand the eligibility requirements of ECHO and USAID funding. The session will benefit members who would like to strengthen their capacity in fundraising. By the end of the session, members should be able to understand how to fundraise more effectively.



### How To: Regional proposal writing session

Members in regions (as a group) will have the unique opportunity to book a session with a fundraising expert to explore and work on a specific funding application for a particular project. They will have the opportunity to work collaboratively in a hands-on way with other members in their region to develop project proposals based on regional thematic priorities for disaster risk reduction. The session will allow members to advance the DRR work in their region and communities, and advocate for change on a country and regional level. This session will equip members to be better able to work collaboratively with other CSOs and develop consortia to expand their reach and impact in their DRR work, whilst securing funding for their organisation. Participants will gain fresh and tailored insight to develop a project concept further to ensure its success to advance the DRR work in the region. The session will benefit a group of members in a region who have identified a funding call they would like to apply to as a group. By the end of the session, members should have gained the skills and knowledge needed to understand what is required to ensure their application is successful, and be able to apply to the specific funding call. **These sessions will need to be booked in advance.**

### Local Learnings: Turning ideas from community members into DRR plans

In this session, we will demonstrate how to consult community members for their ideas and turn these into DRR projects and plans. Participants will be able to analyse input from those most at-risk and turn them into proposals that are locally informed and more effective. The importance of this session is based on giving the chance to vulnerable groups to have their voice heard. Then, we will be able to promote everyone's participation in the DRR processes. Participants will leave the session knowing different participatory methods, which they could consider for the DRR activities they are working in their local communities.

### Local Learnings: Local capacities to address food security threats

The session will discuss the EU-funded project that SSUDA has been implementing: Building Resilience through Crisis Prevention and Post-crisis Response Strategy. The key aim of this session is to share experience from the project to improve food security and disaster resilience of vulnerable communities in conflict affected or fragile communities. South Sudan is a highly disaster-prone country. It is susceptible to annual drought and flash flooding. The country fell into civil war two years after attaining independence in 2011, following decades of liberation war. The dynamic situations of complex risk have induced massive displacement of more than 4.2 million people, which has added to the complexity of the country's disaster risk and vulnerability. The session will provide an opportunity to share lessons from best practice in investing in DRR intervention in context affected by fragility, conflict and violence. This is particularly relevant for CSOs working at the local level who may wish to adopt the strategies used by SSUDA in the implementation of the Pro-resilience project. The session will also target donors and policy-makers at various levels to continue supporting community level intervention with high impact.

## Week 3: Strive for risk-informed development

### Global Action: Making development risk-informed in a Covid world: The Views from the Frontline

Of nearly 100,000 local actors surveyed, two thirds say that development projects do not take into consideration disaster risk. And nearly half of the local government representatives report that not enough is being done at the national level to create coherence between development plans and disaster management strategies. This has resulted in adverse impacts on the lives and livelihoods of the people most at risk. Covid-19 has demonstrated the importance of

making sure all development is risk-informed. This session will explore the *Views from the Frontline* 2019 results, where 100,000 local actors have been asked about their perceptions on risk and development. Participants will discuss the key barriers to risk-informed development and what steps can be taken to ensure that development does not create disasters, especially in Covid times. The inputs shared during this session will go on to inform discussion topics in roundtables with UN agencies, This is your chance to hear what people on the ground say is needed and to steer us on what needs to be done to address these needs.

#### Local Learnings: A toolkit to enhance community resilience in conflict contexts

The session will take a deep dive into the trends and experiences that stem from the relationship between disasters and conflict. Through analysis of toolkits and local level case studies, we will gain a better understanding of the importance of these interactions for development programming in crisis contexts and find ways forward for improved programming that responds to the relationships between disasters and conflict. In doing so we will promote the importance of considering DRR, including conflict (risk) reduction in contexts of fragility, conflict, insecurity, and violence in international agendas and raise awareness of the challenges for implementation. GNDR is looking to apply for a global research grant on environment-related conflict. With our growing network of CSOs working in diverse contexts, we as a group are well placed to coordinate local research and evaluate hundreds of best practice examples to find emerging approaches that others may be able to apply. But we want to make sure we choose a research question that is helpful to our members!

#### Local Learnings: The application of Eco-DRR to build local resilience

This session will focus on the use of ecosystem services to reduce disaster risk, adapt to climate change and build local resilience. Participants will be able to learn how hazards could be turned into development opportunities. The session synchronises the understanding and application of three international agreements, namely the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals. The case study that will be presented here has spinoffs that help to promote sustainable development and building local resilience to recurrent hazards. This session will advocate for the close collaboration between disaster management experts, climate change scientists and development practitioners. The session further advocates for collaborative use of resources to address disaster risks including those associated with climate change. This session also highlights the need to synchronise policies and practices in environmental management, climate science, disaster management and sustainable development at national; regional and international levels. This session will benefit practitioners and organisations involved in disaster risk reduction, environmental management, climate change, and sustainable development, along with those involved in integrated natural resources management. Policy-makers at local and international level, farmers, conservationists and those in the tourism industry will benefit. Sustainable development and building local resilience are two key outcomes to take home by the participants.

#### Local Learnings: Impacts of climate change on the lives of rural indigenous women

The results of “Impacts of climate change on the lives of rural, indigenous and peasant women” will be presented in this session. This research was carried out in 2017 and coordinated by the Central American Network of Rural, Indigenous and Peasant Women. Gender inequality has resulted in women constituting 70% of the poor, which in turn represents the most vulnerable population to disasters. Climate change is expected to affect the poorest households, especially female-headed households, which have limited access to land, infrastructure,





education and technical assistance. Agro-ecological practices in the production sector generate independence and empowerment for peasant, indigenous and rural women; these are spaces for the recovery of ancestral knowledge. For women, having their own agro-ecological plot of land guarantees their product will be their own, makes them independent, and at the same time secures their food, so that they do not depend on anyone else outside their community. This session is aimed at all women, especially those who work in DRR, providing them with the opportunity to learn about the situation of Central American women and proposals to other States to contribute to their improvement, as well as about successful experiences.

#### How To: World Bank GFDRR's tool to address conflict and disaster risk coherently

The World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery will discuss their new tool to overlay conflict and disaster risks in order to help practitioners and governments to build disaster resilience in fragile states. Participants will have an opportunity to see a trial of the tool and discuss potential uses around the world.

#### Local Learnings: Mitigating the impacts of climate change on agriculture

Armenia's history of drought, land degradation and desertification coupled with frequent occurrences of landslides, mudflows and floods has significantly increased the exposure of the agriculture and environment sectors. Green Lane, an NGO working on sustainable agriculture and improved environmental practices, will be sharing their experiences and best practices on implementing projects and capacity building initiatives to address the risks of soil degradation; to increase soil fertility; to mitigate soil erosion; and to reduce the impacts of droughts and frost. Most importantly, the session will focus on showcasing implementation of technologies like mulching, drip irrigation, improvement of contaminated soils, preparation of alternative energy, composting, etc., which have enhanced efficiency of agricultural practices in vulnerable areas, even when the landscape has seemingly suffered from irreparable impacts of natural disasters and climate change. The session will also cover how, by increasing the knowledge and skills of vulnerable communities, especially women, on sustainable and integrated agricultural methods through the Green Training Center, Green Lane has been able to reduce the risks faced by vulnerable agrarian communities. With the rapid increase in disasters and increased variability in climatic patterns, this session is crucial to trigger discussions around a localisation movement for sustainable agricultural practices.

#### Local Learnings: Reducing risk and adapting to climate change in primary education

Covid-19 has demonstrated that every sector needs to be better at considering disasters. It is crucial that the next generation is brought up with a culture of disaster prevention. This session will discuss different tools for integrating risk reduction into education systems, drawing in particular on case studies of primary school curricula. Participants will also be encouraged to share their stories of preparing children and youth for climate change and future threats.