### Working Session

**Concept Note**

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**Background and Rationale**

The purpose of this session is to examine global progress in implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR and identifying practical actions and recommendations to accelerate implementation. It will do this through looking at implementation progress to date, from the perspective of a developed and a developing country, civil society and the private sector, as well as use of the Sendai Monitor. It will highlight linkages between Sendai implementation and other 2030 Sustainable Agenda Frameworks, in particular SDGs.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction charts the global course over the next 15 years. It provides a solid body of recommendations and guidelines for countries to reduce risk and disaster losses.

During the consultations and negotiations that led to its finalization, strong calls were made to develop practical guidance to support implementation, ensure engagement and ownership of action by all stakeholders, and strengthen accountability in disaster risk reduction. In particular, it has called for the inclusion of all stakeholders in the reduction of disaster risk, in particular persons with disabilities, children, youth, older persons and women. To support the process, a number of Sendai Framework implementation guides have been developed by UNISDR and other stakeholders. Even with a Global Framework and accompanying detailed guidance on its implementation, practice across all stakeholders, especially Member States can vary significantly due to many diverse factors. Additionally, in some instances it can be difficult to accurately assess and measure progress.
That said, Monitoring of the Sendai Framework global targets, and implicitly of related SDG Goals and to a lesser extent Paris Agreement actions, along with nationally defined Targets and Indicators, can inform the progress of risk reduction, development and climate change adaptation initiatives and policies. For instance, these and other global priorities can assist with measuring the compliance of national strategies with the Framework, and could be applied in disaster risk reduction planning, ensuring that a meaningful review of progress and necessary course correction in national actions is possible.

With four years since the adoption of the Sendai Framework in 2015, countries and other stakeholders have by now gained considerable experience implementing risk reduction under the new framework. Additionally, since the release of the Sendai Framework Monitor in early 2018, a body of evidence based on data submitted by Member States has been and continues to be collected.

A variety of perspectives will be shared, such as regional, national, community and private sector points of view.

**Session objectives**

This session will aim to:

1. Review the current state of progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework;
2. Briefly identify key obstacles for advancing the DRR agenda at the regional, national and local levels;
3. Identify and recommend strategies on how disaster risk reduction efforts may be accelerated to enhance implementation of the Sendai Framework at all levels and how greater and continuous reporting of progress is maintained through the online Sendai Framework Monitor and Member States supported.
4. Identify and recommend strategies on how accountability and inclusion in DRR can be formally and regularly monitored.

The session will have a particular focus on sharing experiences of successfully overcoming these and other challenges.

**Agenda and Structure**

**Agenda:**

1. *UNISDR* review of the current progress of Implementation of the SF, along with data from the Monitor (based on Chapter 1 of the GAR19)
2. Case study presentation 1: National Implementation of the Framework from a *Member State*
3. Case study presentation 2: National Implementation of the Framework from a *Member State*

4. Case study presentation 3: a successful experience of the *Private Sector* getting involved in the implementation of the SF

5. Case study presentation 4: a successful experience of the *Civil Society/Community* getting involved in the implementation of the SF

6. Discussants from the floor – National implementation of the framework from a Member States.

Suggested structure:
- Moderator introduces session and Panellists (5 minutes)
- 1 x UNISDR staff giving a brief overview presentation of overall data collected from Sendai Monitor to date (8 minutes)
- 4 x Panellists give presentation for 7 minutes each (28 minutes)
- 2 x Discussants from the floor on national implementation from a developed country (6 minutes)
- Q&A with discussion on recommendations (35 minutes)
- Moderator summarizes session & key recommendations (8 minutes)

Total: 1.5 hours

### Expected Outcomes

1. Key recommendations for Member States and partners to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR.

2. Identify ways to encourage countries to participate and how they would benefit from the global monitoring of the Sendai Framework.

3. Recommended actions to assist data collection by member states to report progress on the Sendai Framework Monitor.

4. Recommended inputs to the HLPF and Climate Change Summit to inform their deliberations from a Disaster Risk Reduction perspective to help progress DRR activities globally.

### Special commitments / Announcements

Expected commitments in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework and announcements from panellists or participants.
| Proposed Moderator of the Session | Ms Marcie Roth  
CEO  
Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies (USA) |
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2. GP2017: Chair’s Summary: From Commitment to Action at: [https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/53989](https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/53989)  
5. National Sendai Focal Points and Platforms - [https://www.unisdr.org/partners/countries](https://www.unisdr.org/partners/countries)  
9. European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) - European Sendai Implementation Roadmap 2015-2020 [https://rm.coe.int/1680480466](https://rm.coe.int/1680480466)  
| Technical equipment requirements | • Projector and laptop computer  
• Microphones  
• Simultaneous interpretation for all 6 official UN languages  
• Closed captioning for accessibility  
• Sign language interpretation needed for Deaf participants |
• Printed presentations in large font for visually impaired provided before session.