

Side  
event

# The role of public awareness and education in building community resilience

**Organized by:** The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), The United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Save the Children, Plan International and The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)



Time:  
**Thursday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**13:00-13:55**  
**Room 6**

The side event will showcase effective disaster risk reduction public awareness and education programs across the world that help local communities acquire the skills and knowledge, to make informed decisions on how to reduce their vulnerabilities and exposure to disaster risks.

Experts and lead actors in disaster risk reduction education will share their views on the key drivers for an effective integrated approach to disaster risk reduction and education: from structural safety of education facilities, to the integration of disaster risks within management mechanisms in the education sector and disaster prevention education programs.

## Agenda:

- 1. Welcome remarks by the Chair:** Mr. Walter Cotte, Under Secretary General for Program Services Division, IFRC
- 2. Video:** Education for disaster preparedness, UNESCO
- 3. Introduction:** Ms. Marla Petal, Senior Advisor Education and Disaster Risk Reduction, Save the Children.
- 4. Panel/speakers:**
  - Mr. Mohammad Abdul Wazed - Director-General, Department of Disaster Management - Bangladesh Government
  - Representative - Ecuadorian Ministry of Education
  - Mr. Avianto Amri, Adviser of ASEAN Safe School Initiative, Plan International on behalf of AADMER Partnership Group (APG)
  - Mr. Edmon Azaryan - Head of Disaster Management - Armenian Red Cross.
- 5. Plenary discussion** on how to improve and scale up public awareness and education efforts for community safety and resilience.

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