

## Midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

### Water community inputs

#### Survey questionnaire

## Introduction

The [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) 2015-2030 aims to achieve the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries. To this end, it outlines seven targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks: (i) Understanding disaster risk; (ii) Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (iii) Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and; (iv) Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

2023 marks the midpoint in implementing the Sendai Framework. In its 2020 Resolution (A/RES/75/216), the UN General Assembly decided to '**hold a midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework in 2023 to assess progress on integrating DRR into policies, programmes and investments at all levels, identify good practice, gaps and challenges and accelerate the path to achieving the goal of the Sendai Framework**'.

The [Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework](#) (MTR SF) has retrospective and prospective elements. It works to take stock, identify emerging issues, uncover context shifts, and build coherence with other frameworks, to better address the systemic nature of risk and so realise regenerative and sustainable development.

The UN General Assembly acknowledged the **synergies between the Sendai Framework and water-related goals** when, in its 2018 Resolution (A/RES/73/226) on the Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028, it emphasized that the achievement of the water-related goals and targets would contribute to the successful implementation of, among others, the Sendai Framework; and that the implementation of the Sendai Framework contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028.

As we prepare for the UN 2023 Water Conference, there is an expectation that the two midterm reviews will be aligned and integrated so as to identify adjustments that promote risk-informed development while sustainably managing water resources and associated ecosystems.

The present survey seeks to collect water community views, experiences and proposals to inform the MTR SF, the Water Conference in March 2023, and the Political Declaration that will be adopted at the High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the MTR SF on 18-19 May, 2023 that will be convened by the President of the General Assembly.

The review and political declaration adopted at this meeting can inform, *inter alia*, the HLPF 2023, the SDGs Summit, the UN Secretary General's Summit for the Future and the recommendations for Our Common Agenda, and COP28.

This survey will be open from **7 June to 8 July 2022**.

# Survey Questionnaire

	1. Full name :
	2. Title / Function:
	3. Organization:
	4. Email Address:
<b>Retrospective Review</b>	5. What does your organisation consider to have been the major achievements in the implementation of the Sendai Framework to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promoting transboundary water cooperation to build resilience and reduce disaster risk</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mainstreaming of disaster risk assessment, mapping and management into rivers, coastal flood plain areas, drylands, wetlands and all other areas prone to droughts and flooding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promoting the resilience of new and existing critical water infrastructure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased awareness and understanding of water-related disaster risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strengthened water-related disaster risk governance at all levels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved access to water-related disaster risk assessment knowledge, methods and tools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify:</li> </ul>
	6. What does your organisation consider to have been key challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the Sendai Framework to date?
	7. What are the most important contributions of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 and its four work streams in implementing the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved access to knowledge that advance sustainable development and prevent or reduce risk of water-related disasters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved access to capacity development support that advance sustainable development and prevent or reduce risk of water-related disasters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improved knowledge generation and dissemination relevant to water-related SDGs, such as SDGs 1, 11 and 13 on disaster risk reduction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced advocacy and networking as well as partnerships for water-related disaster risk reduction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify:</li> </ul>
	8. What does your organisation consider to have been key challenges and lessons learned regarding the contribution of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 and its four work streams in implementing the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework?

	<p>9. What are the most important contributions of the Sendai Framework to the achievement of the objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 from the point of view of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. risk assessment?</li> <li>b. risk governance?</li> <li>c. investing in risk reduction?</li> <li>d. all-of-society approach, including partnerships at all levels and across sectors?</li> <li>e. Other</li> </ul> <p>10. Please provide more information to the answers given under question 9 on the most important contributions of the Sendai Framework to achieving the objectives of the International Water Action Decade.</p>
<p><b>Context shifts, new and emerging issues</b></p>	<p>11. What have been major changes to the contexts within which your organisation has been supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework since 2015?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Global water stress exacerbated by climate change</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased and competing demand on water by various sectors, such as industry, energy, agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased demand on water by changing demographics</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water pollution</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Degrading water-related ecosystems</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate access to clean and affordable drinking water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify:</li> </ul> <p>12. What emerging topics should be addressed to support sustainable development in the remaining 7 years of the implementation of the Sendai Framework?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased recognition of the interplay between risk drivers and disasters, including in the context of water-related risks, climate change, environmental degradation and fragility</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water-related disaster risks and food security</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water-related disaster risks and energy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Systemic, multi-hazard and cross-sectoral risk approaches for water-related disaster risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Innovative financing for water-related disaster risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leveraging the use of technology (e.g., AI etc.) for water-related disaster risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased access to multi-hazard early warning systems</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify:</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prospective Review</b></p>	<p>13. Given the systemic nature of risk and experiences of the impacts of the global health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate crisis, and the looming global food crises (including cascading, indirect impacts), what adjustments are required within and between countries, in respect of water-related risk governance and risk management in the context of?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Water-food-energy nexus. Please specify:</li> </ul>

	<p>b. Integrated water resources management, including in a transboundary context. Please specify:</p> <p>c. Ecosystems (e.g., wetlands, marine ecosystems, ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change etc.). Please specify:</p> <p>d. Population growth and urbanisation (e.g., pollution, access to drinking water and sanitation, wastewater management etc.). Please specify:</p> <p>e. Other - Please specify</p> <p>14. Please provide more information to the answers given under question 13 on required adjustments.</p> <p>15. Looking forward, how will your organization individually and in collaboration with others accelerate risk-informed sustainable development within the recommendations of the midterm review of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028?</p> <p>16. What type of voluntary commitments would further accelerate the integration of risk-informed development considerations into the second half of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments focusing on public health</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments focusing on sustainable food systems, and feeding a 10 billion world</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments focusing on the climate emergency and water security risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments focusing on the nexus between peace, humanitarian action and sustainable development</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments realising coherent legal and policy enabling environments for systemic and multi-hazard approaches towards reducing and managing water-related risks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments realising financing risk-informed sustainable development and integrated water resources management</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commitments realising innovative partnerships for addressing water-related disaster risks and building resilience</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify:</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other comments</b></p>	<p>Please share any other comments that you feel will be helpful for the midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework, including elements that should be considered as inputs to other global stocktaking and review exercises.</p> <p><i>Including but not restricted to: the quadrennial review of the SDGs and the GSDR, the VNRs and other reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the Paris Agreement; reviews of progress in implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; the New Urban Agenda; the Global Compact on Migration; the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024; and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.</i></p>