

Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030

Local authorities and urban practitioners inputs

2023 marks the midpoint in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. 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 risk-informed regenerative and sustainable development.

The present survey seeks to collect the views of local authorities and urban practitioners, as well as experiences and proposals to inform the MTR SF 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, 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 16 August to 30 September 2022.

Survey offline version: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AnX1GCtq4l9Vb11rAnMWIGUjIQc>

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: <https://www.undrr.org/publication/sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030>

MTR SF: <https://sendaiframework-mtr.undrr.org/>

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Retrospective Review

5. What does your organization consider to have been the major achievements in the implementation of the Sendai Framework at the sub-national and local levels to date?

- Enhanced understanding of the drivers of risk creation and risk amplifiers
- Improved quality of, and access to, applicable risk information for decision-makers at sub-national and local levels
- Strengthened local governance to build resilience and reduce disaster risk
- Strengthened linkage and support between the national and sub-national governance levels
- Enhanced understanding of urban risks and relevant cascading impacts
- Improved access to disaster risk assessment knowledge, methods and tools for urban practitioners and local actors
- Increased access to financing for risk reduction and resilience and/or de-risked investment at the sub-national and local levels
- Strengthened local infrastructure resilience
- Improvements in preparedness for more effective crisis response and management
- Improvements in risk-informed approaches to recovery, rehabilitation and recovery
- None of the above
- Other

6. What does your organization consider to have been key challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the Sendai Framework at the sub-national and local levels to date?

7. What are the most important contributions of the New Urban Agenda and its work streams in implementing the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework?

- Improved access to knowledge that advances sustainable development and strengthens urban resilience and local leadership
- Improved access to capacity development support that advances sustainable development and strengthens urban resilience and local leadership
- Enhances governance structures and policies at local level for DRR and resilience
- Improved knowledge generation and dissemination relevant to localisation of the SDGs
- Enhanced advocacy and networking as well as partnerships for disaster risk reduction in urban contexts
- None
- Other

8. What does your organization consider to have been key challenges and lessons learned regarding the contribution of the New Urban Agenda in implementing the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework?

Context shift and emerging trends

9. What have been major changes to the contexts within which your organization has been supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework at the sub-national and local levels since 2015?

10. What emerging topics should be addressed to support sustainable development in the remaining 7 years of the implementation of the Sendai Framework?

- Increased understanding and recognition of the interplay between risk drivers and disasters, for example in the context of unplanned urbanization, unsustainable consumption and production, water- and climate-related risks, environmental degradation and energy transitions
- Connection between urban contexts and nature / environment
- Relationship between rural and urban systems
- Vertically and horizontally integrated, multi-hazard risk governance, with cross-sectoral risk and resilience approaches
- Localisation of financing for disaster risks reduction, and de-risking investment
- Leveraging the use of technology (e.g., AI etc.) for urban resilience
- Increased access to multi-hazard early warning systems
- Capacity development especially for small-sized cities and municipalities
- None of the above
- Other

Prospective review

11. 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), which area requires urgent adjustments within and between countries, in respect of risk governance and risk management?

- Social inequalities within urban contexts
- Ecosystems and their relation with urban areas
- Population growth and limited resources
- Food systems' vulnerabilities and urban food security
- Energy crises and transitions
- Pollution
- Water issues (including water scarcity, sanitation, wastewater management etc.)
- Urban-migration-conflict nexus
- None of the above
- Other

12. Looking forward, and considering the outcomes and goals of the New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework, how will your organization individually and in collaboration with others, accelerate risk-informed sustainable development?

Other comments

13. 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. *Including but not restricted to:*

- *the quadrennial review of the SDGs and the Global Sustainable Development Report, the Voluntary National Reviews, Voluntary Local Reviews 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 Midterm Review of the Water Action Decade;*
- *the review of 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.*

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