Risk Reduction Hub Event

A Whole of Society Approach - The role of non-state actors in the Sendai Framework implementation

**Time:** Wednesday, 17 May 2023, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Venue:** Conference Room 8, United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America (in-person session)

**Background**

Partnerships and all-of-society approaches lie at the heart of effective disaster risk reduction (DRR). Building resilience and promoting risk-informed decision-making are collective challenges and responsibilities, which call upon collaboration among governments, the United Nations and other entities as well as stakeholder groups at large.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM) offers representational space for all ‘non-state’ Sendai stakeholders as set out in Paragraphs 36 and 48 of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai Framework). Formally established in 2018, the SEM offers an open and structured avenue to leverage the voice and action of stakeholders in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework and integration of disaster risk reduction, prevention and resilience, and systemic risk into the broader 2030 Agenda.

Today, SEM makes up a total of seventeen major groups and other stakeholders, the majority of which represent civil society and community-based organizations and demonstrate a high level of engagement in all major intergovernmental processes related to the 2030 Agenda.

SEM is committed to building a sustainable resilient society for all, where disaster risk does not threaten the wellbeing of people and the planet. We work with stakeholders to take action towards improving our society. We help them to bring disaster resilience to the fore in local, national, regional, and global development planning and decision-making.

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This session will contribute critical thinking from the perspective of non-state actors working on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) in policy and practice, and how to best leverage non-state actors in the second half of SFDRR implementation to achieve its outcomes and goals. We will also encourage strengthened collaboration with wider UN frameworks and processes, with the aim of bolstering stakeholder collaboration for risk-informed implementation across all the 2030 agendas.

**Objectives**

1. To demonstrate the success and importance of all-of-society approaches in advancing risk-informed development, by highlighting good examples, and providing a space for non-state actors to share their perspectives on the outcomes of the midterm review of the Sendai Framework.
2. To provide a space for non-state actors, member states and United Nations representatives, to share their knowledge and experiences in order to best leverage the role of non-state actors, to further good practices in the second half of the Sendai Framework implementation.
3. To foster collaboration across wider intergovernmental development processes and frameworks.

**Guiding questions**

1. What key reflections do you have on the role of non-state actors in advancing the outcomes of the midterm review of the Sendai Framework?
2. How can non-state actors’ roles best be leveraged in the second half of the Sendai Framework implementation?
3. How can stakeholders across intergovernmental processes within the United Nations, connect and collaborate to strengthen risk-informed sustainable development and ensure coherence across all UN endeavors?

**Program**

The session format will constitute facilitated roundtable discussion addressing the three areas of focus outlined below, followed by a discussion session. In order to build on the all of society approach, the discussions will be co-moderated by representatives from stakeholders and member states. The speakers listed below will give brief presentations and statements, followed by responders from the floor and a facilitated inclusive discussion.
Moderators:
Ambassador Patricia Danzi, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Switzerland
Dr. Manu Gupta, Co-founder and Executive Director, SEEDS, India

5 min Welcome Remarks from the Moderator
Ambassador Patricia Danzi, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Switzerland

2 minutes Welcome Remarks from the UNDRR Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism
Ms. Moa Herrgård, Consultant, ActionAid International

8 minutes Opening Remarks
- Mr. Brendan Moon, Coordinator General, National Emergency Management Agency, Australia
- Ms. Sobina Lama, Program Manager for Disaster Risk Reduction, Lumanti Support Group For Shelter

21 minutes Reflections on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework Outcome
Presentations 4 minutes each, followed by an open facilitated discussion.
- Ms. Molly Nielsen, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa
- Mr. Marcos Concepcion Raba, Executive Director, Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction

25 minutes Stakeholders in the 2nd Phase of the Sendai Framework Implementation
Presentations 4 minutes each, followed by an open facilitated discussion.
- Hon. Mr. Emmanuel Kwabena Marfo, Member of Parliament (Ghana) & Chairperson - Climate Vulnerable Forum Global Parliamentary Group
- Mr. Marc Gordon, Senior Coordinator of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework, The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Ms. Ireen Ng'ambi, Team Director, Tenvelo

25 minutes Coherence Across Agenda2030 in Second Phases of Implementation
Presentations, 4 minutes each, followed by an open facilitated discussion.
- Ms. Bridget Burns, Director, Women's Environment & Development Organization
- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, Senior United Nations Representative, World Vision
- Mr. Abraham Bugre, Representative from the Sendai Children and Youth Stakeholder Group
4 minutes  Closing Remarks
Dr. Manu Gupta, Co-founder and Executive Director, SEEDS, India

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