

Harvesting lessons from COVID-19 towards risk informed development to achieve the SDGs

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We have persisted in our silos for too long, compartmentalizing knowledge and resources, focusing on immediate short-term 'fixes' rather than on funded, national and local level strategies, which build resilience in the medium to long-term when implemented.

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The Sendai Stakeholders side event *Harvesting lessons from COVID-19 towards risk informed development to achieve the SDGs* will invite diverse constituencies' representatives to share case studies, practices and recommendations for breaking away from the vicious disaster cycle, which focuses on response and recovery but lacks systemic approaches to reduce risks altogether. In particular, it will give the floor to those, coming from elevated risk and vulnerability backgrounds, who, although having the least to do with perpetuating this cycle, have the most to do with looking for systemic resilience building solutions.

Practitioners will share case studies of integrating risk-informed development approaches in the COVID-19 recovery and the Agenda 2030 implementation pathway. Drawing on the existing body of knowledge and practice, the panelists will highlight the universality as well as contextualization of risk-informed development practices and identify key elements for ensuring that we build back better and increase our systems, institutions, and community resilience. The discussion will address lessons learned about cross-cutting and intersectional risks in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure we prepare, mitigate and adapt to the pandemic and other risks threatening progress toward sustainable development.

Event objectives:

- To highlight risk-informed approaches to COVID-19 recovery and for achieving the larger Agenda 2030 objectives, as well deliver recommendations for scaling and replicating these practices;
- Discuss findings of the 2020 COVID-19 & Resilience report; and
- To discuss key elements of successful multi-stakeholder and multisectorial partnerships to build resilience to future pandemics as well as to other natural and man-made hazards.

Guiding discussion questions:

- What key learnings for integrating risk-informed development and “all of society approach” across the Agenda 2030 have been highlighted by the COVID19 response and recovery efforts led by government and civil society stakeholders?
- What does it mean to implement empowering and inclusive multi-stakeholder/multi-sectoral partnership models to deliver a holistic approach to resilience building?
- How does systemic risk management relate to increasing resilience to existing and emerging threats? What is the role of applied knowledge in risk management?

Opening Remarks

Ricardo Mena, Director at United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Moderator

Sandy Morrison, Associate Professor & Acting Dean, Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies, University of Waikato, New Zealand

Speakers

Shaila Shahid, Disaster Climate Change Support Unit, CWIS-FSM Support Cell, Department of Public Health Engineering, Bangladesh Government

Drawing Lessons from the Public Health Perspectives of Risk Informed Development

Carlos Kaiser, Executive Director, NGO Inclusiva, Chile

Risk-informed Approaches to COVID-19 Recovery: Practical Case studies of Inclusive Local Adaptation in Partnership with Indigenous Peoples and People with Disabilities Constituencies

Natalia Ilieva, Head of Secretary General's Office, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, Malaysia
Video report from Japan on Community Led DRR preparedness planning

Josephine Castillo, National Coordinator, DAMPA, Philippines

Community Led Risk Informed Recovery and Resilience Building in the Context of Covid-19 Recovery & Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Rabin Sharma, DRR Researcher & Practitioner, Rajapur Municipality, Lumbini province, Bardiya District, Nepal

Implementation of Risk Informed Recovery Strategies: Case Study of Nepal Local Government

Alinne Melina Olvera Martínez, BSc, Mexican School of Risk Management and Civil Protection Professionals

Game Theory Applications for Risk Management in the context of COVID-19 Recovery