

Disability-Inclusive Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

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FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030



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A new standard for accessibility has been set

Officially the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) is over! Persons with disabilities were incredibly visible and active at this conference setting a precedent for future UN conferences. In total, 6500 participants attended the conference, hundreds of persons with disabilities and partners. Continuous advocacy for a summary of disability-related events and details from March 16-17.

“I have been to many international meetings, but [the WCDRR] is the most accessible meeting, [which was] not specifically for persons with disabilities.”

- **Sonia Margarita Villacres**, World Federation of the Deafblind

ON 16 March Senator Mordecai Buntan presented the disability stakeholder group to the Senate. You can read the disability stakeholders' statement here (scroll down to 16 March, 3pm) and watch it here.

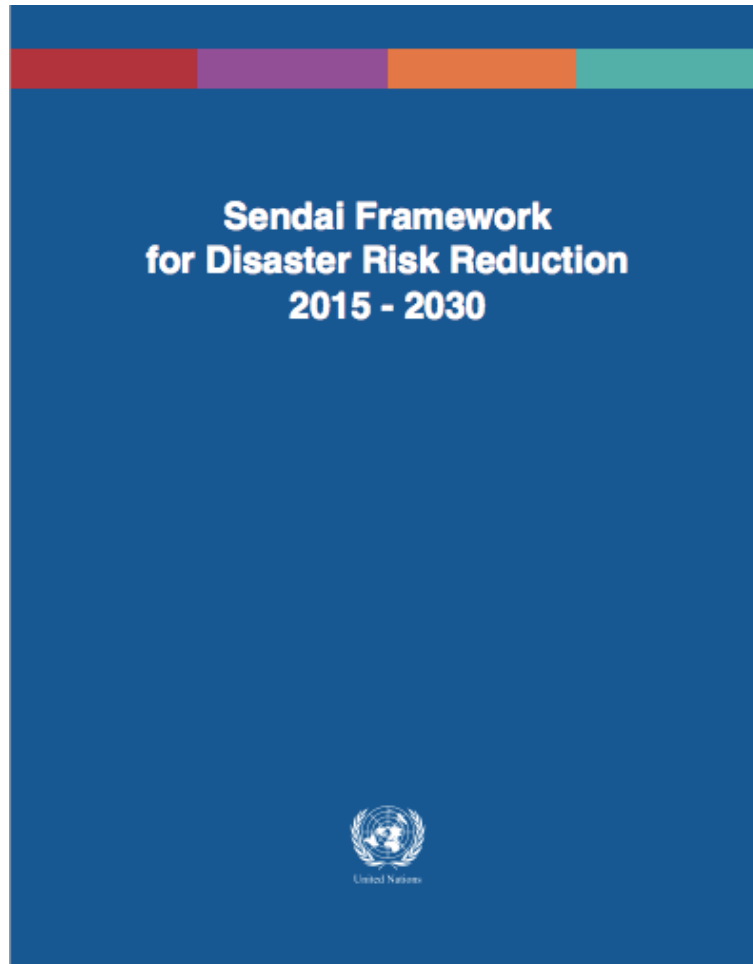
On 17 March Minister of State of the cabinet office of Japan. Please see the disability participation in the High-Level Partnership Dialogue on "Inclusiveness and Resilience: Governments, Communities And Groups Acting Together." The session, persons with disabilities were repeatedly highlighted indicating the importance of persons with disabilities at the conference. Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF mentioned persons with disabilities in his presentation.

Valluzzi, President of the Province of Potenza, Italy presented on the IGNITE session.



Humberto Jaime
 UNISDR - Las Américas

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030



- Shift from reducing existing vulnerability to **prevent the creation of new risks**;
- **People-centred** preventive approach to DRR;
- **Primary** responsibility of States for DRR;
- **Shared** responsibility for DRR with stakeholders;
- **Scope** includes slow-onset, man-made and bio-hazards;

Sendai Monitoring

- ✓ Support the assessment of global progress
- ✓ Measured at global level
- ✓ Coordinated at national level
- ✓ 38 Indicators defined by the UN Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology
(*UNGA Resolution [A/RES/71/276](#)*)

7 TARGETS

- ↓ DISASTER MORTALITY BY 2030
- ↓ # of AFFECTED PEOPLE BY 2030
- ↓ ECONOMIC LOSS BY 2030
- ↓ INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE BY 2030
- ↑ DRR NATIONAL/LOCAL STRATEGIES BY 2020
- ↑ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY 2030
- ↑ EWS AND DR INFORMATION BY 2030

Sendai Framework – disability inclusive disaster risk reduction

19. (d) Disaster risk reduction requires an all-of-society engagement and partnership. It also **requires empowerment and inclusive, accessible and non-discriminatory participation**, paying special attention to people disproportionately affected by disasters, especially the poorest. A gender, age, disability and cultural perspective in all policies and practices;

19. (g) Disaster risk reduction requires a multi-hazard approach and inclusive risk-informed decision-making based on the open exchange and dissemination of **disaggregated data, including by sex, age and disability**,

30. (j) Strengthen the **design and implementation of inclusive policies** and social safety-net mechanisms, including through community involvement, ...;

35. (a) Civil society, volunteers, organized voluntary work organizations and community-based organizations to:; engage in the implementation of local, national, regional and global plans and strategies; On this point, it should be noted that: (iii) **Persons with disabilities and their organizations are critical in the assessment of disaster risk and in designing and implementing plans tailored to specific requirements, taking into consideration, inter alia, the principles of universal design**;

* Note these are only excerpts from the Sendai Framework and they do not reflect the entire wording of the referenced paragraphs

Ensured Accessibility

- Conference venue accessibility
- Real-time captioning (plenary & technical session; not yet side events)
- International Sign Interpretation
- Logistical Arrangements (Hotel, transportation information, field trips) integrated in the conference logistics guide
- special assistance via the information desk

=> Technical Requirement Guidelines/Host Country Agreements for Governments include information regarding the requirements to host persons with disabilities



Remote Participation

- **Telepresence Robots:** 4 telepresence robots in Fiji (Suva), Europe (Belgium, Spain, Italy), Bangladesh (Dhaka), USA (Washington DC) at the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

- **Blackboard Collaborate Ultra:** Remote Hubs linked to persons with disabilities & open to all



Ms. Della Leonor, Program Associate at the American University, Institute on Disability and Public Policy (IDPP) in Washington DC intervening at a Plenary Session using telepresence robots.



Photo: Web conferencing using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra offered by IDPP

“This is not about technology, and it is not about gadgets. This is about leadership in accessibility and inclusiveness in collaboration with network hubs of persons living with disability from around the world.”

Mr. Craig Duncan, former UNDRR’s Senior Information Management Officer



Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction at UNDRR meetings

- Increasing participation of persons with disabilities at UNDRR meetings
- Leaders Forum, panelists, and Co-Chairing of session included representation of persons with disability
- DiDRR is an integrated part of the discussion ->not separate one
- Disability inclusive preparatory meetings + side events
- Chairs' Summary makes reference on disability inclusive disaster risk reduction
- Collaboration with the Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Network
- Part of UNDRR Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM)

Challenges

- What is the best tool to ensure accessible remote participation? (Zoom, Skype, WebEx, Blackboard Collaborate tool)
- Registration – what is the proper process? INDICO?
- Procurement of real time captioning (ad hoc use?)
- Sign language interpretation -> what is the standard recommendation?
- Overall budgeting

Thank you

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