2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)
Friday, 15 July 2022, 13.00-14.00 EDT (Hybrid Event)

VNR Lab
Applying the Sendai Framework to fast-track the 2030 Agenda through a risk-informed approach

Concept Note

Overview

The climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic are confirmations that risk is systemic and that its impacts cascade across sectors and geographies when disasters strike. By ensuring that all efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda are risk-informed and in alignment with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a transition from living with risk to building resilience is possible. The global targets of the Sendai Framework directly inform SDG targets 1.5, 11.5, 11.b and 13.1, yet disaster risk reduction (DRR) cuts across the entire agenda. Taking a disaster risk reduction-informed approach to conducting a Voluntary National Review (VNR) is both an opportunity to enhance coherence between the 2030 Agenda and the Sendai Framework and to reduce the reporting burden for countries in light of voluntary national reporting to the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework, which will take place in 2023.

This VNR Lab will highlight the synergies between the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda. Discussions will take place on how the voluntary national reports towards the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework can be integrated in and inform the VNRs and vice-versa. A diverse group comprising Member States, civil society, the Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE) and members of the UN system will share best practices and existing challenges in considering DRR in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how this is ultimately reflected in the Voluntary National Reviews.

While the lab will appreciate and analyze the inclusion of DRR in the 2022 VNRs, it will also aim to inform Member States on the cruciality of DRR and the Sendai Framework in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. The lab will also provide forward-looking guidance for the practical application of DRR in future VNRs, and on voluntary national reporting for the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework.

Guiding Questions

- How has implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development been supported by the implementation of the Sendai Framework? What enabling measures have been implemented to integrate disaster risk reduction and management with actions addressing climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity, and other relevant domains?
- How are national and local disaster risk reduction strategies being integrated within plans and actions supporting the realization of the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? In light of the experiences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and climate crisis, what adjustments are required to existing disaster risk governance and management approaches at the national and local, international and regional levels?
What are the key measures that must be taken to build the resilience of critical infrastructure, including health systems, food systems and financial systems?

What domestic/international support is needed to fully implement the Sendai Framework?

**Agenda**

Lead discussant: Marc Gordon, Senior Coordinator of the Sendai Framework Midterm Review

Presentation by VNR Country 1 Dominica

Presentation by VNR Country 2 Malawi

Presentation by VNR Country 3 Switzerland

Lead discussant: Representative from the Sendai Framework Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism TBC