Briefing to Stakeholders on
Means of Engagement within the

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
2015-2030 Midterm Review High Level Meeting

Date and time: 27th March 2023 at Geneva time 15:00 - 16:30 (New York time 09:00)
Call in details: LINK
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Background

Sendai Framework and Midterm Review
Agreed at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction from 14 to 18
March 2015 in Sendai, Japan, the Sendai Framework provides the framework for an
all-of-society and all-of-State institutions engagement in preventing and reducing disaster risks
posed by both natural and man-made hazards and related environmental, technological and
biological hazards and risks.

2023 marks the midpoint in implementing the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda and other
2015 agreements, and each one of these will go through a midterm review to examine context
shifts and emerging issues since 2015, and identify course corrections and new initiatives to
more effectively address the systemic nature of risk, and realise the outcomes and goals of the
Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and
other agreements, frameworks and conventions.
High Level Meeting of the Sendai Framework Midterm Review

Convened by the President of the General Assembly, the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Midterm Review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SF MTR HLM) will take place from 18-19 May 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The HLM provides a platform for Member States, the United Nations system partners and other stakeholders to reflect on the findings and recommendations of the Midterm Review.

Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM) offers all non-state actors an opportunity to engage in the follow-up and implementation of the Sendai Framework. It creates 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 into the broader 2030 Agenda.

Objectives

- Provide a space for stakeholders of different backgrounds to learn about the Sendai Framework MTR, including means to meaningfully engage within the SF MTR HLM, and status of intergovernmental deliberations of the political declaration.
- Provide a space for stakeholders to organise themselves and share plans for meaningful and effective stakeholder engagement within the MTR SF HLM.
- Raise awareness about the Sendai Framework and the status of its implementation, as well as challenges and trends.

Agenda

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| 5 minutes | Welcome & Opening  
*Moderator: Rebecca Murphy, Policy Lead & Co-Focal Point, SEM Advisory Group* |
| 5 minutes | Background - What is the Sendai Framework, the Midterm Review and High Level Meeting? |
| 15 minutes | High Level Meeting of the Sendai Framework Midterm Review - Briefing from the UNDRR  
*Nehali Anupriya, New York Liaison Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)* |
| 20 minutes | Questions & Answers |
| 10 minutes | Main findings and recommendations of the MTR & Status of Political Declaration Negotiations  
*Nehali Anupriya, New York Liaison Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction* |
Reduction (UNDRR)

5 minutes  SEM Policy Recommendations to the Sendai Framework MTR

30 minutes  Discussion, Questions & Answers