

# Working with Parliamentarians...



## WHY

As UN Member States move forward with Agenda 2030, more focused and accelerated action is required to help countries identify the broad range of risks they face, and prevent and mitigate them. Parliamentarians, using their power over legislation, monitoring, accountability and budgeting, have a fundamental role to play in building a more resilient world. The transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda and enhanced resilience therein requires parliamentarians to help voice citizens' concerns, map how disasters affect different segments of society in different ways and ensure no one is left behind.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, clearly highlights the responsibility of Governments to drive risk reduction and prevention, by integrating DRR into national and local legislative and budgetary frameworks, promoting greater risk understanding, and strengthening risk governance.

## WHAT AND HOW

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) is working hand-in-hand with Parliamentarians to implement, the UNDRR Parliamentarian Strategy 2022-25, which builds upon work that has already been ongoing for more than a decade. It is guided by and further advances the Parliamentarian Engagement Strategy 2020-21, and is aligned with the UNDRR Strategic Framework 2022-25 and the UNDRR Work Programme 2022-23. The Strategy also responds to the 2018 UNDRR Partnership Strategy and interacts with the work of the UNDRR Private Sector Initiative ARISE and the UNDRR Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM).

### The Strategy's overarching goal:

Prevent the creation of new and reduce existing disaster risks and build resilience through legislative and budgetary action.

### The expected impact:

Parliamentarians across the globe have a higher awareness of DRR and are undertaking concrete actions to implement DRR into national strategies, legal, budgetary, and regulatory frameworks.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020-2021 PARLIAMENTARIAN ENGAGEMENT ACTION PLAN



**1 advocacy tool  
and associated training materials launched;  
and 3 webinars, and 4 events**  
organized for their promotion  
jointly with IPU



**7 events, 1 briefing, 2 webinars  
and 2 network/group**  
supported to encourage  
parliamentarians to take a leadership role  
in the development of DRR legislation  
and regulatory frameworks



**1 publication and 1 event**  
on Parliamentary Protocol for Disaster Risk  
Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation  
organized to promote the recommendations  
of the protocol

UNDRR supports Parliamentarians under **three Action Areas**:

## Action Area 1:

**Enhance legislation, planning and financing for DRR through the integration of DRR in national strategies, legal, budgetary, and regulatory frameworks**

- a. Strengthen global parliamentary network partnerships, like the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), to influence parliamentarians at the global level, through the dissemination of the IPU/UNDRR toolkit, engagement with the Climate Vulnerability Forum, collaborations with IFRC, and the implementation of the UNDRR Finance Accelerator and ARISE Workplan 2022-2025.
- b. Expand engagement with regional Parliamentary networks to support inclusion of DRR in national and regional development plans, legislation, regulatory frameworks and budgets. Networks include: ParlAmericas, the "Friends of DRR" network of EU MEPs, the APMCDRR 2022; the Pan-African Parliament, and the sub-regional Parliamentary Networks.

**Expected outcome:**

Parliamentarians actively engage in the integration of DRR in national strategies, legal, budgetary and regulatory frameworks.

## Action Area 2:

**Engage parliamentarians in global and regional DRR mechanisms, policy processes and advocacy campaigns**

- a. Engage parliamentarians in the Mid-Term Review of the Sendai Framework (MTR SF)
- b. Engage parliamentarians in DRR-related events such as the Global and Regional Platforms; MCR2030, UNDRR communication campaigns; and IDDRR events.
- c. Strengthen visibility and uptake of DRR in UN-led Parliamentary focused processes and reports, especially in follow-up to the annual UN Secretary-General report on the interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union as a means to highlight DRR within the global policy arena.

**Expected outcome:**

Parliamentarians promote and support DRR related mechanisms and policy processes.

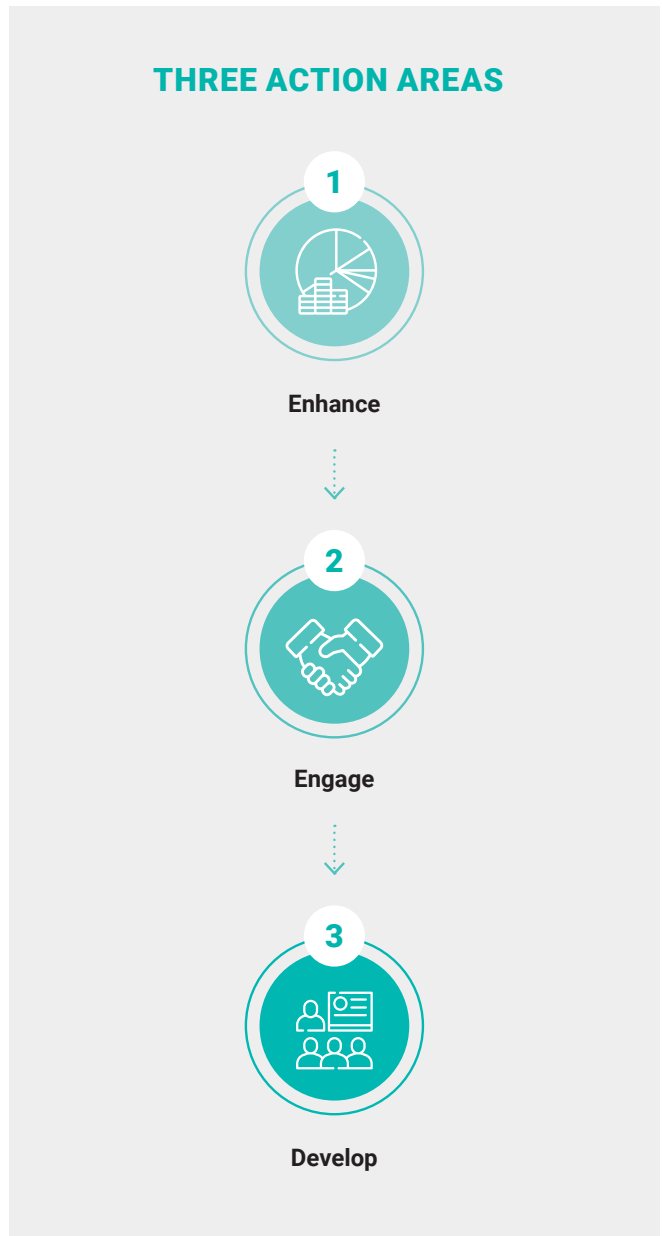
## Action Area 3:

**Develop capacity and knowledge products for parliamentarians**

- a. Support development and roll out of targeted DRR training for Parliamentarians at the global and regional levels, such as transforming the IPU toolkit's material into advocacy packages for MPs.
- b. Increase awareness on positive links between women leadership and DRR action, in collaboration with the Women's International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN) and the Women Political Leaders (WPL) and the IPU Women Parliamentarian Group.

**Expected outcome:**

Enhanced capacity of parliamentarians across the globe and targeted knowledge products available to take concrete action on DRR and prevention in their national and local contexts.



## WHO WE ARE COORDINATING WITH:

UNDRR collaborates with external partners, such as IPU in its role as the global Parliamentary focal point to engage with the UN, as well as with other global and regional Parliamentary networks and groups. The implementation of the Parliamentary Strategy and Action Plan is coordinated by the UNDRR Partnerships Branch, in close collaboration with the UNDRR Regional Offices.