

# UNDRR ONEA & GETI NEWSLETTER

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## International Disaster Resilience Leaders Forum Incheon 2023

On 18 and 19 September 2023, Incheon Metropolitan City, the Incheon Institute and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute) organized the International Disaster Resilience Leaders Forum Incheon 2023 (IDRLF 2023) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, with the support of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS) of the Republic of Korea, and in cooperation with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS).

This second edition of the IDRLF was conducted under the theme 'Enabling technological application and partnership for climate and disaster risk reduction' and brought together national and local government representatives from 25 countries and 31 cities from all continents, as well as technical experts from the academia and international and regional organizations.

Over the course of two days, national and local leaders and practitioners shared experiences and good practices in applying innovative technologies and measures for disaster resilience and climate change adaptation. Participants also discussed opportunities and challenges for technology application and transfer in the context of disaster risk reduction, including access to knowledge, funding and capacity development. The Forum concluded with a field visit to state-of-the-art environmental management facilities of Incheon Metropolitan City, a Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) Resilience Hub.

- Read more about IDRLF 2023: <https://www.undrr.org/news/innovation-and-unity-key-resilience>
- IDRLF 2022: <https://idrlf.kr/en/>
- IDRLF 2023: <https://idrlf2023.kr/en/>



For more information:  
<https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-tcs-CJKEarthquake>

## Learning from Northeast Asia: Tools and Technologies for Earthquake Risk Management

On 2 August 2023, UNDRR ONEA-GETI in collaboration with Incheon Metropolitan City and MOIS of the Republic of Korea, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), and the National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC) organized the Online Workshop of the CJK Education and Training Institutes on “Tools and Technologies for Earthquake Risk Management: Sharing Experience from Northeast Asia”.

The online workshop aimed to share the expertise and examples of effective practices in earthquake risk management from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) with other earthquake-prone countries in the Northeast Asia region and beyond. Experts from the three countries shared their latest technologies in earthquake risk assessment and early warning, as well as community-level capacity development and infrastructure resilience measures. The session was joined by the National Emergency Management Agency of Mongolia, which shared its most recent experience as well as capacity development needs in the area of earthquake risk management. Sustainable risk-informed recovery and build-back-better approaches were also discussed, and the three education and training institutes shared examples of tools for capacity development for earthquake risk reduction, including the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Industrial and Commercial Buildings developed by the Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE). Over 550 participants from 83 countries and territories attended the online workshop to learn from the experience of Northeast Asia.

The workshop was organized as part of the trilateral cooperation on disaster management and disaster risk reduction between China, Japan and Republic of Korea. Building on the outcomes of the 5th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management in 2017, the 2018 Trilateral Working-Level Consultation Meeting on Disaster Management among the relevant ministries from China, Japan and the ROK, and the 2019 Meeting of the designated Education and Training Institutes on Disaster Management of the three countries which defined a series of joint activities to support experience sharing for capacity development on disaster risk reduction and to promote training opportunities for developing countries. The case studies presented at the workshop will be compiled for further dissemination to countries and stakeholders involved in resilience building efforts in the context of earthquake risk.



## Training of Trainers on “Making Cities Resilient and Tools for Urban Resilience for Public and Private Sectors” ICLEI East Asia

In August 2023, UNDRR ONEA & GETI organized a Training of Trainers workshop for representatives of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability offices in East Asia to introduce the latest tools for disaster risk reduction planning which can be applied by local governments and stakeholders. In particular, the training presented the online version of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities launched in 2022, and new thematic addenda to the Scorecard, including the Food System Resilience Addendum and the Climate Resilience Addendum, which is a tool supporting integrated planning for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development and is one of the 12 core partner organizations of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) initiative, providing capacity building support to local governments for urban sustainability. ICLEI is currently co-lead of the MCR2030 Global Coordinating Committee together with UNDRR.





## Training of Trainers for the Implementation of the Korean School Safety Programme in Collaboration with the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of Korea

UNDRR ONEA conducted a series of four training sessions on the Korean School Safety Programme (KSSP) over the period of two months from August to September with 100 new safety education instructors to scale up the Programme and foster DRR educators. UNDRR has been collaborating with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and MOIS of the Republic of Korea through the 'Disaster Safety Training for Children (DSTC)' where KSSP is integrated as mandatory learning for all participating children in the first week of training. New instructors from the Safety Education Expert Group of MOIS, School Safety Education Expert Group of MOE, and Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS) gathered to learn about STEP 1 of KSSP, which focuses on understanding key DRR concepts.

The first training session was held with 19 participants in Sejong City on 7 August, and the next three sessions were held with 23 participants in Gwangju on 11 August, 30 participants in Gwacheon on 8 September, and 28 participants in Changwon on 11 September respectively. The newly trained instructors will replicate KSSP through DSTC at schools as assigned by MOIS and MOE.



## Technical Workshop on Integrated Planning and Implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for local practitioners of Mongolia

On 22-25 August 2023, UNDRR ONEA & GETI organized a training of trainers on Integrated Planning and Implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for local and national practitioners from Mongolia. The workshop was held at the UNDRR Global Education and Training Institute in Incheon, Republic of Korea and was attended by 16 representatives from Mongolia including local government emergency responders, non-governmental organizations working on environmental management, professors from provincial universities and national agencies responsible for emergency management and weather and environmental monitoring. Mongolia has been a champion country for disaster risk reduction and the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 both at national and local levels for many years. However, the country faces accelerating disaster and climate-related risks, which require increasing investment into national and local disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures.

The workshop introduced approaches and UNDRR tools for comprehensive risk management in the context of disasters and climate change. Participants learned to apply the new Climate Resilience Addendum to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and will now be able to use it and train other members of local communities in Mongolia to apply this tool to identify local-level resilience gaps and support integrated planning for disaster and climate risk reduction. The workshop also introduced participants to funding and accountability mechanisms available under the Green Climate Fund, presented by GCF experts.

Discussions and group work conducted over the four days contributed to knowledge exchange and helped to identify new opportunities for collaboration between actors across different sectors and levels of intervention in Mongolia. In addition, participants were able to learn from the experience of Incheon Metropolitan City and the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea in the areas of disaster risk reduction, early warning and sustainable waste management.



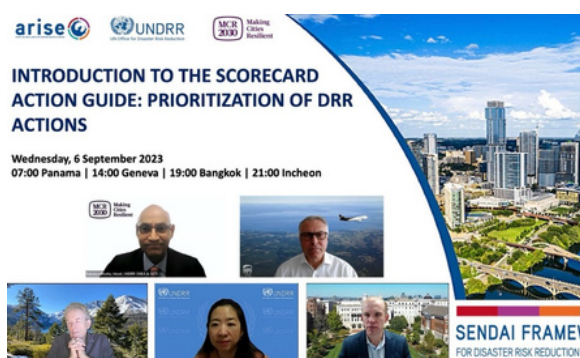
For more information:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/disability-inclusion-high-mountain-kingdoms-agenda>

The Annex for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities is available online [HERE](#)

## Highland cities of Bhutan are pioneering disability inclusion in disaster risk reduction

Persons living with disabilities are often overlooked in many disaster risk reduction and management practices. But things are changing in Bhutan after the training on Urban Resilience and Disability Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction on 22-24 August 2023 in Thimphu. The four thromdes (local administrative units) in Bhutan: Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar completed a 'deep dive' self-analysis on how to strengthen disability inclusion based on the recently published UNDRR Scorecard's Annex for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. It was the first time that the organizations of persons with disabilities were engaging with urban planners, engineers, and disaster focal points, as well as the Department of Local Governance and Disaster Management and the UN Resident Coordinator Office, in identifying gaps and capacities on how to reduce the disaster risk of persons with disabilities and increase their engagement in disaster risk reduction planning. From this baseline, the thromdes then developed an initial action plan to address identified priorities. The training was organized by UNDRR GETI and the Regional Office for Asia-Pacific, with support from the Government of Finland, and the Government of Korea.



For more information and recording:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/MCR2030-ARISE-ActionGuide>

Download Action Guide:

<https://www.undrr.org/publications/Scorecard-ActionGuide-Ch2>



## Newly published: the Scorecard Action Guide for Prioritization of DRR Actions

The [UNDRR Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities](#), with its "Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient," helps cities understand their DRR strengths and weaknesses to strengthen resilience strategies. However, prioritising disaster risk reduction actions and deciding how best to move forward can be a challenge. The MCR2030 webinar organized on 6 September 2023 presented the newly published "Scorecard Action Guide" which provides how-to steps for cities to frame and prioritise their programme of action using data from the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities assessment. Peter Williams, Chair of ARISE-US and IBM Distinguished Engineer (Retd) unpacked methodological steps for analysing the gaps identified through the Scorecard assessment and for preparing 'resilience agenda' of actions. Further steps and case examples in turning the actionable ideas to project preparation and investments were added by Benjamin Ryan, Professor at Thomas F. Frist Jr. College of Medicine at Belmont University. The Action Guide aims to support cities to identify priorities for disaster risk reduction implementation. Jointly organized by ARISE – Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies and UNDRR under the Making Cities Resilient 2030 initiative, the webinar was attended by 325 participants from 98 countries and territories.



## The 5th International Seminar on Disaster Resilience

Measuring and Supporting Community Resilience in the Era of Climate Change and Increasing Disaster Risks



## APDRC 5th International Disaster Resilience Seminar

On 12 September 2023, UNDRR took part in the 5th International Disaster Resilience Seminar organized by the Asia-Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre (APDRC) in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Head of UNDRR ONEA & GETI delivered a presentation in a Roundtable on "Strengthening Practice-Policy-Research linkages in the Era of Climate Change", highlighting the economic, social, and environmental challenges faced by cities in the face of climate change and disasters, including difficulty to mobilize finance and expertise for transformational climate action. The presentation emphasized the importance of research, education and training, as well as of public-private partnerships to support local governments in meeting their climate action ambitions.





For more information:  
<https://event.unitar.org/full-catalog/checklist-scaling-disaster-risk-reduction-humanitarian-action>



## Launch of Self-paced Training on Scaling up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action

On 6 September 2023, UNDRR GETI and UNITAR launched an online, self-paced training designed to assist field-based actors in adopting a risk-sensitive approach when preparing Humanitarian Needs Overviews (HNOs) and subsequent Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs) as part of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC). The training builds on the existing training modules for the Checklist on Scaling up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action, which was developed through an inter-agency process, and is available for free via [UNITAR's website](https://event.unitar.org/full-catalog/checklist-scaling-disaster-risk-reduction-humanitarian-action). It outlines key steps for analyzing potential hazards and their risk levels, determining how humanitarian situations might evolve over a given period of time, and informing contingency planning, preparedness measures, and early actions ahead of possible developments to reduce risk. The launch of the online version featured remarks by Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR, and Mr. Nikhil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNITAR, as well as representatives from OCHA, IOM and civil society, and was attended by over 300 participants.



Read more:  
<https://www.undrr.org/news/climate-finance-bridge-planning-implementation>

## Moving from planning to implementation: urban climate finance and project preparation

The Training Workshop on Tools for Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience on 20-21 September 2023 gathered city leaders and officials from around the world to advance their resilience assessment and climate finance skills to provide a springboard from planning to accelerated action on urban resilience. Participants were exposed to various useful tools and resources which can help cities understand key strengths and gap areas in terms of disaster and climate resilience and identified key actions to address these gaps and indicate ideas for disaster and climate resilience projects. Participants were also introduced to the climate financing landscape, project preparation facilities and had an opportunity to deep-dive into the City Climate Finance Gap Fund and its technical support in early project preparation. The training aimed to support cities in better developing their actions into bankable projects that would support them in securing funding. A collaboration of UNDRR, Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and the Gap Fund, under the MCR2030 initiative, in conjunction with the International Disaster Resilience Leaders Forum Incheon 2023, the training took place in-person in Incheon, Republic of Korea with 33 urban practitioners and officials from national and local governments representing 22 countries.



### Resilience of Local Governments: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, WHO & UNITAR

Register here: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)



### Making Cities Resilient: Developing Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Strategies

Organizers: UNDRR GETI & UNITAR

Register here: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

**For updates on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, please visit:**  
<https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr-where-we-work/incheon#CalendarofEvents>



## International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2023

**13 October 2023**

In 2023, the International Day will look at the reciprocal relationship between disasters and inequality. Inequality and disaster vulnerability are two sides of the same coin: unequal access to services, such as finance and insurance, leaves the most at risk exposed to the danger of disasters; while disaster impacts exacerbate inequalities and push the most at risk further into poverty.

Find out more: <https://iddrr.undrr.org/>

## World Tsunami Awareness Day 2023: Fighting inequality for a resilient future

**5 November 2023**

The theme of 2023 World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) will mirror the theme of the International Day of Disaster Reduction: fighting inequality for a resilient future. WTAD 2023 activities will focus on raising awareness about the underlying disaster risk drivers – poverty, inequality and vulnerability – that make tsunamis more deadly for those most at risk.

**#GetToHighGround #TsunamiDay**

Find out more: <https://tsunamiday.undrr.org/>



## Useful Resources:

- **The Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities – Action Guide**  
Chapter 2: How to create a prioritized action plan and prepare projects  
<https://www.undrr.org/publications/Scorecard-ActionGuide-Ch2>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Annex for Inclusion of Persons with Disability**  
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disability-inclusion-scorecard>
- **GAR Special Report 2023: Mapping resilience for the Sustainable Development Goals**  
<https://www.undrr.org/gar/gar2023-special-report>
- **Concept Note: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023**  
<https://iddrr.undrr.org/publication/concept-note-international-day-disaster-risk-reduction-2023>
- **World Tsunami Awareness Day 2023: Fighting inequality for a resilient future**  
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/world-tsunami-awareness-day-2023-fighting-inequality-resilient-future>