Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM)

UNDRR
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Why

The Sendai Framework highlights that effective disaster risk reduction hinges on closer public and private collaboration. In order to materialize the all-of-society approach to the development and implementation of disaster risk reduction strategies, UNDRR set up the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM). SEM aims to leverage the convening, advocacy and implementing power of stakeholders in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework and integration of disaster risk reduction into the broader 2030 Agenda.

SEM works in encouraging behavioural change through:

- global and regional advocacy and communication initiatives;

- reaching out to stakeholders and CSO groups engaged in other 2030 agenda processes to support cross-sectoral and transdisciplinary collaboration; and

- bringing case studies, lessons learned and expertise from the ground to the attention of global and regional policy processes to enhance implementation of risk reduction action.

290 members **from** **61** countries

20% Asia

20% America's

20% Europe

40% in Africa and Middle East

Stakeholder engagement in UNDRR-led Global Platforms has risen from 1,171 participants at the first GP in 2007 to more than 4,000 at the GP19. Aligned with this, GP19 saw the first ever stakeholder forum and stakeholder declaration in support of DRR and risk informed investment.[1]

Since its launch in December 2018, SEM quickly grew to a network of 269 organizations and networks, in over 49 countries and territories.

The SEM Advisory Group has met 3 times, organized events and statements at the HLPF2018 and 2020, COP25 and WUF 2020.

SEM Work Plan implementation is led by a group of 9 action track coordinators and 2 focal points which act as the link between UNDRR and the SEM-Advisory Group.

What and How

The SEM Advisory Group is guided by its ambitious Work Plan, developed and adopted by the SEM Advisory Group in January 2020. It has three main action areas: Policy Influencing; Coordination for the Global and Regional Platforms; and Knowledge Management.

The expected outcome is that DRR and risk-informed investment is picked up and promoted by all or at least 80% of the UN Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) by 2021. Critical events in 2020-2021 include the Financing for Development Summit, High-level Political Forum for the SDGs and Climate COPs as well as the UNDRR-led regional platforms. SEM also plans to develop and implement advocacy initiatives and knowledge products.

Who we are coordinating with:

Aligned with Sendai paragraphs 36[2] and 48[3], SEM brings together representatives of all UN Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS), CSO Groups focusing on specific 2030 Agenda policy processes as well as UNDRR partner groups such as ARISE and STAG.

The SEM is governed by the SEM Advisory Group which consists of 2 appointed representatives of each of the Major groups and other stakeholder groups. Currently, the SEM Focal Points' are Fernando Perez de Britto (ARISE) and Valeria Drigo (GNDR).

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1   https://www.preventionweb.net/sendai-framework/globalplatform

2   Civil society, community based and volunteer organizations, including women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, migrants, older people, indigenous people, business, professional associations and private sector financial institutions, academia, science and technology institutions and media.

3   United Nations system entities; international and regional organizations, financial institutions, parliamentarian networks, government bodies and organizations.