

# UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MECHANISM VALUE PROPOSITION

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) is the concept and practice of reducing and preventing disaster risk and building resilience to any remaining residual risk. In view of the rapidly increasing socioeconomic damages caused by disasters, integrating DRR into development planning is a key element for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reduction of humanitarian aid requirements. The UN Sendai Framework 2015-2030 is the international framework agreed by all UN Member States and which guides Governments and all other stakeholders in this quest.

## WHO WE ARE

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.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

We believe that disaster risk reduction and prevention are essential for building a sustainable and resilient society for all, and that collaboration between all members of society is a precondition for this. We believe that unsustainable patterns of social, political, and economic systems that prioritise a growth-first mentality and the pursuit of power, aggravate rather than ameliorate the challenges for sustainable development and resilience. We believe that we all need to put the reality of our shared humanity and dependence on the wellbeing of the planet and each other at the center of our deliberations and actions.

## OUR MISSION

The UNDRR SEM is committed to building a sustainable resilient society for all, where disaster risk does not threaten the wellbeing of people and the planet. We work with stakeholders to take action towards improving our society. We help them to bring disaster resilience to the front of local, regional, and global development planning and decision-making.

## OBJECTIVES OF SEM

-  To promote an all of society engagement in building disaster resilience
-  To mobilise and strengthen the voice of stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework
-  To catalyse collective action among different stakeholders for risk-informed development
-  To co-create and co-design innovative solutions and approaches to implement the Sendai Framework and build coherence across the post-2015 agendas

## WORK WITH US

Any non-state actor can become a member of SEM. It is open to organisations, as well as individuals interested in DRR, resilience and systemic risk. It only takes 43 seconds to fill out the joining form and join the movement!



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# ADDED VALUE OF ENGAGING IN SEM

## Policy, Governance and Accountability

SEM creates and provides official avenues to engage in policy design, implementation, follow-up, and review within intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder processes. This takes place through amongst all multi-stakeholder initiatives and the UN Major Group system. SEM thereby also provides a platform for stakeholders to contribute towards global accountability mechanisms through enhancing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships across demographics and regions.

## Knowledge Exchange

SEM acts as a knowledge hub that co-creates, collates and shares knowledge. SEM members from the scientific community, as well as the civil society and private sector, share evidence, lessons learned, and challenges. This evidence helps to bridge the science-policy-practice gap. With strong focus and engagement by youth, the SEM knowledge hub creates opportunities for developing solutions, and for mutual learning between stakeholders including local and national governments.

## Networking and Advocacy

SEM facilitates a unique global network of stakeholders engaged in building resilience. Its members range from grassroots groups to scientific institutes, from youth activists to the private sector. Through its connection with UNDRR it also offers engagement with Governments, the United Nations and other international organisations in support of better multisectoral collaboration on critical environmental and socio-economic challenges of today.

# ADDED VALUE TO COLLABORATE WITH SEM

Partnership and collaboration is a cornerstone of SEM's achievements. As such, SEM is seeking close engagement with Member States and the United Nations System. Key benefits for collaborating with SEM includes:

## Knowledge Exchange & Collective Actions

SEM provides an avenue for knowledge exchange between governments and a wide range of stakeholders across the society. This presents an opportunity to learn from each other, and to co-design innovative solutions and approaches to implement the Sendai Framework.

## People-Centred Policy Development & Implementation

SEM provides governments and the United Nations system with an opportunity to get structured inputs from stakeholders on proposed policies and strategies. This helps to ensure comprehensiveness as well as buy-in to future implementation of policies and strategies that reach communities and create lasting change.

## People-Centred Policy Development & Implementation

SEM gathers and represents stakeholders across more than 60 countries (January 2022). Through its scope of representation across the world, SEM is a strong ally and voice in influencing policy processes at the global, regional and local levels. Through its reach to communities, SEM can be an ally to enhance risk understanding, strengthen risk communication and help change behaviors required to achieve a resilient and sustainable world in which systemic risks are strategically addressed and reduced.