

## 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Stakeholder Forum Plenary 2: Plans and Opportunities for the Future of SEM

## Moderator & Speaker Biographies



**Speaker:** Rebecca Murphy Policy Lead, Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for

Disaster Reduction (GNDR) & SEM Focal Point

Rebecca (Becky) Murphy, is GNDR's Policy Lead, heading up Policy and Advocacy, Membership Engagement and External Communications for GNDR. Becky has spent over 10 years working as a resilience and disaster risk reduction technical adviser for humanitarian teams including at ActionAid, Christian Aid and CAFOD. Here, Becky has spent significant

time working in humanitarian contexts across Africa, Asia, Central America, and the Middle East with a specific focus on community resilience building in protracted crises contexts.



Speaker: Jekulin Lipi

Young Scientist, Sendai Children & Youth Stakeholder Group

& SEM Focal Point

Jekulin Lipi Saikia is a disaster management professional, engaged in DRR policy-making. She is the current Knowledge Management Officer with Children and Youth International (CYI). Previously she was a consultant for the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) on: "Youth Leading DRR and Climate Action through Multimedia Advocacy: Resilience Now and Into the Future", and a consultant for the International Center for Disaster Climate

Change and Development (ICCCAD). She holds a master's degree in Disaster Management from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.



**Speaker:** Bikash Manna Emergency Response Manager, HelpAge International

Mr Manna is Emergency Response Manager at HelpAge International, managing the Global Emergency Fund (GEF) and supporting country offices, partners and network members for humanitarian crisis response. Mr Manna has 22 years of experience in the humanitarian and development sector. In addition to HelpAge International, has worked for Action Aid, Lutheran World Service, CARE, Adventist Development, Relief Agency (ADRA), and Terre des hommes Foundation. He holds

a bachelor's degree in Law from Utkal University in Odisha, a Master's degree in History and a Master's degree in Social Work from the Utkal University of Culture in Odisha.



**Speaker:** Ramona Miranda Steering Committee Member, Duryog Nivaran (South Asian network on Disaster Risk Reduction)

Ramona Miranda is a development communication specialist from Asia, with over 2 decades of work in the development sector, focusing on disaster risk reduction, technology, gender concerns, and development that is inclusive of all. She has worked with civil society organisations as well as multilateral agencies, and is currently a Steering Committee member of Duryog Nivaran, a South Asian network for DRR. She coordinates the Gender Stakeholder Group of the Asia Pacific Partnership for DRR, and is an active member of the Women & Gender Constituency of the SEM.



Speaker: Sotha Sok

Founder and Managing Director, Cambodian Farmer Federation Association of Agricultural Producers (CFAP) & Family Farmer

Sotha Sok is a family farmer in Cambodia and founder and managing director of the Cambodian Farmer Federation Association of Agricultural Producers (CFAP). In 2019 he was nominated by the WFO Asian constituency to represent Asia in the WFO Board of Directors. In 2021 he was selected by the ALiSEA network committee and nominated as Board of Members (BoM) for the ALiSEA Platform. As a representative of the farmers' constituency, Mr Sok has been very involved from

the local to global level on DRR and resilience, climate change adaptation and mitigation, food security, and sustainable development.