Outcomes of the seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022) took place from 25 to 27 May 2022 in Bali, Indonesia. Organized and convened by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and hosted by the Government of Indonesia, the Global Platform had over 5,000 participants from 185 countries. Organized under the theme From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World, the Global Platform offered lessons from the pandemic and pathways to address the climate emergency.

Bali Agenda for Resilience

The Global Platform underscored the actions necessary to accelerate efforts to bring the world on track to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Co-Chairs’ Summary outlines the recommendations of the GP2022, structured around a seven-point Bali Agenda for Resilience (BAR).
The Global Platform recognised that despite some advances, the Sustainable Development Goals are not on track, and a full implementation of the Sendai Framework can help the international community get back on track towards the 2030 Agenda. In addition to the seven-point BAR, GP2022 recommended the following:

- Apply a ‘Think Resilience’ approach to all investments and decision making, and integrate disaster risk reduction with the whole-of-government and whole-of-society.
- Develop capacities to monitor the implementation of Sendai Framework and close data gaps to enable the Midterm Review.
- Support new and enhanced risk-assessment approaches, such as predictive analytics and strategic foresight. Strengthen data ecosystems, including traditional, local and indigenous knowledge, and disaggregated data.
- Scale-up disaster risk reduction to address the climate emergency and raise climate ambition. Integrate plans and policies through a comprehensive disaster and climate risk-management approach. Converge public budgets to prevent fragmentation of resources, and unlock climate and disaster-related finance.
- Strengthen support and partnerships at local level, including urban, peri-urban, and rural, in pursuit of SDG 11, such as Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030).
- A participatory and human-rights-based approach benefits all. Establish a gender action plan to achieve the Sendai Framework.
- Integrate disaster risk reduction into the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to overcome the protracted and recurrent nature of crises. Assess and address the underlying causes of disaster displacement.
- Facilitate access to finance and strengthen national and local capacities to develop bankable projects that support resilience and empower communities.
- Incorporate projected disaster impacts into investment decisions. Incentivize innovative and de-centralized DRR financing, ensuring that resources reach communities and individuals before disaster strikes.
- Enhance the understanding of risk to infrastructure and land-use planning. Develop industry-specific tools, such as rating standards, to guide investment decisions in infrastructure, and real estate.
- Consider ecosystems as critical infrastructure and integrate nature-based solutions into plans and policies. Include valuation of ecosystem-related losses in disaster losses and damages assessments.
- Combine premium and capital support with micro-finance and forecast-based financing to minimize protection gaps to social protection, and provide affordable insurance solutions.
- Include wider socio-economic impacts in pre-disaster planning and Post-Disaster Needs Assessments.
- Support the implementation of the call by the United Nations Secretary-General to ensure every person on Earth is protected by early-warning systems within five years.
- Encourage Member States to use the Midterm Review to enhance integration of disaster risk reduction in forthcoming intergovernmental processes.

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