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The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from 14 to 18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan.

Several thousand participants are expected, including at related events linked to the World Conference under the umbrella of building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution adopted in 2013 (68/211) on International Strategy for Disaster Reduction states that the World Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking, and action-oriented outcome document and will have the following objectives:

- **To complete assessment and review of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;**
- **To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations as well as relevant regional agreements within the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action;**
- **To adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;**
- **To identify modalities of cooperation based on commitments to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;**
- **To determine modalities to periodically review the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.**

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its preparatory process welcome the participation and contributions of all relevant stakeholders, including governments, parliaments, civil society, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, non-governmental organizations, national platforms for disaster risk reduction, focal points for the Hyogo Framework for Action, local government representatives, scientific institutions and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations.



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This publication is updated at the date of its release. New items and updates will be regularly published on the conference website:  www.wcdrr.org

SENDAI CITY

TIME ZONE

UTC/GMT +9hours

TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

The country phone code to reach Japan is +81.

CLIMATE

In March the average temperature in Sendai City is 9°C (48.2°F) and some snow may occur.

CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Japan is the yen (¥).

There are four denominations of bills: ¥10,000, ¥5,000, ¥2,000 and ¥1,000. There are six types of coins: ¥500, ¥100, ¥50, ¥10, ¥5 and ¥1.

Retailers in Japan do not accept currencies other than Japanese yen. Foreign currency can be exchanged into yen at the foreign exchange sections of banks and other authorized money exchangers. You can withdraw cash using your international credit, debit, prepaid and cash cards nationwide at ATMs of **Seven Bank** and **Japan Post Bank**

OPERATING HOURS

Banks: (weekdays) 9:00 - 15:00

Post offices: (weekdays) 9:00 - 18:00

VOLTAGE / ELECTRIC CURRENT

In Sendai, the voltage is AC100V, with a frequency of 50 hertz. Nearly all hotels offer voltage converters for use by their guests. The power plug in Japan is the flat, two-pin “A Type” plug.



WATER

Tap water is potable in Japan except in some public restrooms. Mineral water is readily available. A bottle of water is about ¥130.

COST OF LIVING

The average cost for a cup of coffee is around ¥200 and is ¥400 or above for sandwiches. The average cost of lunch in town is around ¥1000. A subway ticket in Sendai City costs minimum of ¥200.

RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING AND DRINKING

Smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages are prohibited for those under 20 years of age. Smoking is banned on public transportation and in some public areas.

MANNERS, CUSTOMS

On public transportation such as subway trains or buses, eating, drinking or using a cell phone are considered bad manners. There are some traditional customs such as taking off shoes before entering a private home or a Japanese-style inn.

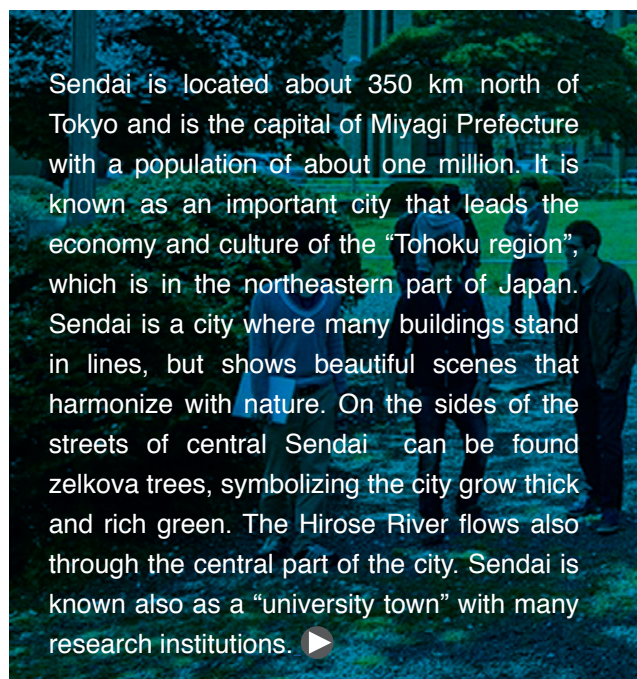
EMERGENCIES

Dial 119 in case of sudden illness or injury where you need immediate treatment, or in case of a fire.

Dial 110 in case of traffic accident or crime.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The website “Date-na Omotenashi” is a portal site dedicated to all participants of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. The website provides tourist information as well as news of local events. For further details, please visit the website



Sendai is located about 350 km north of Tokyo and is the capital of Miyagi Prefecture with a population of about one million. It is known as an important city that leads the economy and culture of the “Tohoku region”, which is in the northeastern part of Japan. Sendai is a city where many buildings stand in lines, but shows beautiful scenes that harmonize with nature. On the sides of the streets of central Sendai can be found zelkova trees, symbolizing the city grow thick and rich green. The Hirose River flows also through the central part of the city. Sendai is known also as a “university town” with many research institutions.



ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS

FROM NARITA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

From Narita Airport, there are two ways to get to Sendai City. Option one is by air and train, and option two is by bus and train.

Option 1, first take an All Nippon Airways flight which is operated daily from Narita International Airport (NRT) to Sendai International Airport (SDJ). Airfare is around ¥18,600 with a flight time of about 1 hour. Then, from Sendai Airport to Sendai City, see below.

Option 2, first take the Airport Limousine Bus from Narita International Airport (NRT) to Tokyo Station. This is available every 15 to 40 minutes. The bus fare is ¥3,100 and the travel time is 75-110 minutes. Then, from Tokyo Station to Sendai City, see below.

FROM HANEDA AIRPORT

First take the Airport Limousine Bus from Haneda Airport to Tokyo Station which is available every 15 to 60 minutes. The bus fare is ¥930 and the travel time is 30 to 60 minutes. Then, from Tokyo Station to Sendai City, see below.

FROM SENDAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

From Sendai International Airport, the Sendai Airport Line Train runs every 10

to 30 minutes to Sendai Station. The train fare is ¥650 one way per person and takes 25 minutes.

FROM TOKYO STATION

Take the Tohoku Shinkansen or “bullet train” from Tokyo Station to Sendai City. It is possible to take the Hayate, Yamabiko or Hayabusa trains. The Hayate and Yamabiko trains operate every 20 to 30 minutes, and the fare is ¥10,690 with a travel time of 2 hours. The Hayabusa train, operates every 60 minutes, and the fare is ¥11,000 with a travel time of 1 hour 30 minutes.

DSA ATTENDANCE FORM

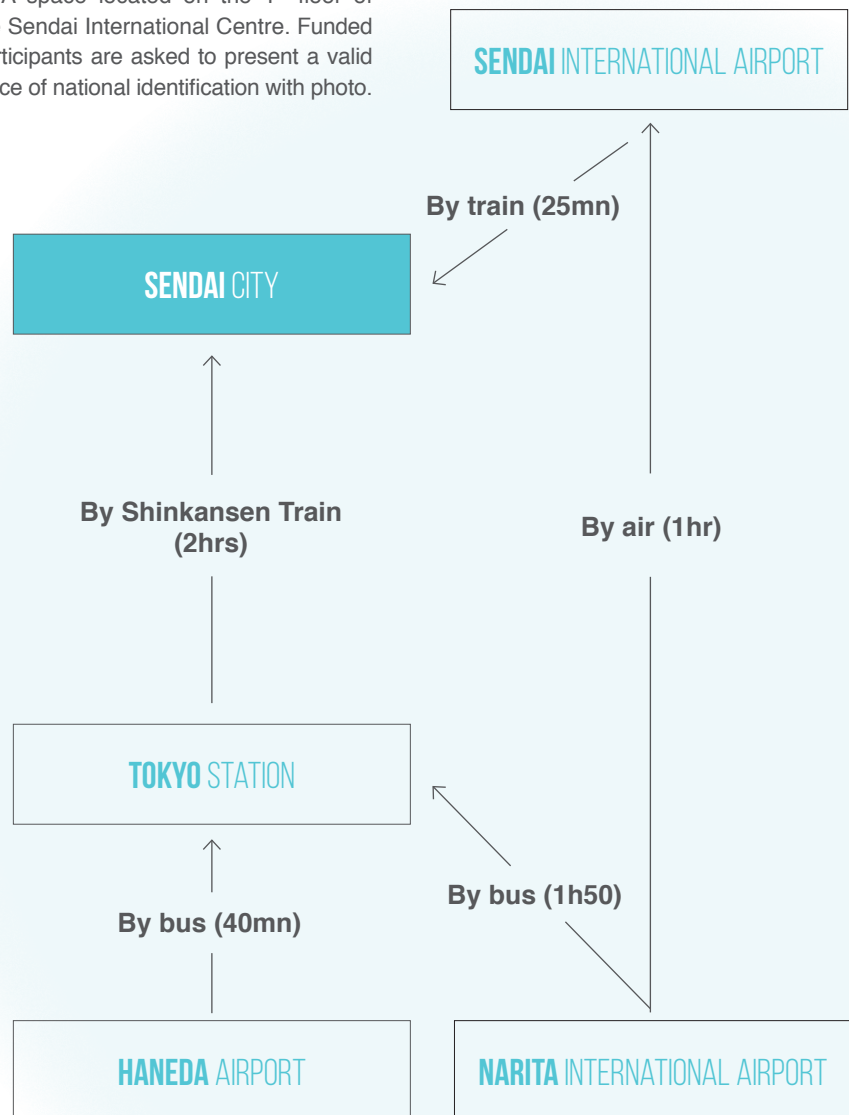
After completing on site registration and badging, all funded participants attending the Conference are requested to sign the attendance form at the DSA space located on the 1st floor of the Sendai International Centre. Funded participants are asked to present a valid piece of national identification with photo.



For requests regarding transportation from Tokyo or within Sendai, conference venues, locations in Sendai or operating hours, the following help line will be available for accredited participants 24hrs per day from 13 to 18 March 2015.

In Japan: 03-5144-7388

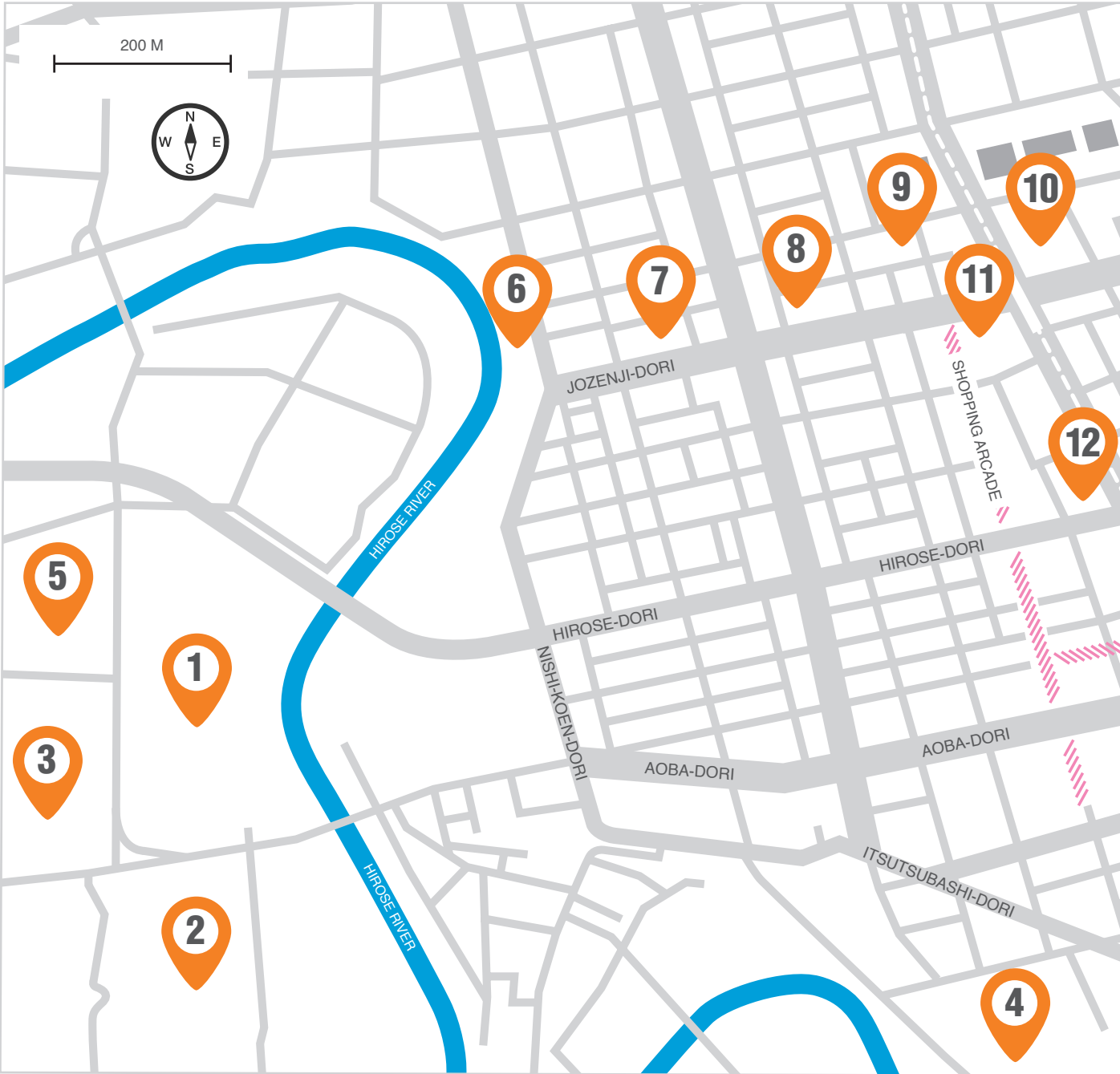
Outside Japan: +81-3-5144-7388



CITY MAP AND CONFERENCE VENUES

The main conference venue is the Sendai International Centre where all sessions of the intergovernmental and multi-stakeholders segments will be held. The Sendai International Centre and the Sendai City Museum will be open only to accredited participants with valid conference badges.

The other facilities located in Sendai City will be used by partners for events at the public forum. The venues and meeting rooms of sessions are indicated in the agenda included in this publication and available on the conference website: www.wcdrr.org



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SENDAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
Aobayama,
Aoba-ku, Sendai
(Access with conference badge)



SENDAI CITY MUSEUM
26 Kawauchi
Aoba Ward, Sendai
(Access with conference badge)



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Kawauchi Campus
 41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



Katahira Campus
 2-1-1 Katahira Aoba-ku
 Sendai



SENDAI CIVIC AUDITORIUM
 4-1 Sakuragaoka Koen,
 Aoba-ku, Sendai



SENDAI MEDIATHEQUE
 2-1 Kasuga-machi,
 Aoba-ku, Sendai



TOKYO ELECTRON HALL MIYAGI
 3-3-7 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



TKP GARDEN CITY SENDAI KOTODAI
 3-6-1 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



KOTODAI PARK
 3 Honcho, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



L-PARK SENDAI
 5th, 6th Floors, 141 Building
 Aoba-ku, Sendai



SENDAI CITY SUPPORT CENTER FOR CIVIL ACTIVITIES
 4-1-3 Ichibancho, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



SENDAI CITY INFORMATION & INDUSTRY PLAZA 5/6F(AER), TKP GARDEN CITY SENDAI 21/30F (AER)
 1-3-1 Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai



SENDAI CITY SILVER CENTER
 1-3-2 Kakyuin, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
 Centennial Hall
 40 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku,
 Sendai



MIYAGI EXHIBITION CENTRE
 1-7 Minato 3-chome
 Miyagino-ku, Sendai
 (Located outside the map, 11km east
 from JR Sendai Station)



TRANSPORTATION WITHIN SENDAI

SHUTTLE SERVICES

Complementary shuttle service will be offered during the conference. The shuttle bus will run on eight routes in Sendai City between hotels and the Sendai International Centre. The conference shuttle bus will also be available between the Sendai International Centre and the public forum venues.

For some hotel locations, the shuttle pick-up and drop-off areas will be within a few blocks of the hotel entrance. This will allow the shuttle routes to run as efficiently as possible.

The conference shuttle bus will run one to three round trips per hour from 6:30 until 30 minutes after the closure of the meetings, during the Conference. The timetable will be updated before the Conference and shuttle stops will be announced at JR Sendai Station, major hotels and the conference venues.

On Friday 13 March, the conference shuttle bus will be operated between JR Sendai Station and the Reception Building of the Sendai International Centre. Smoking is not permitted on board, seat belts should be fasten at all times. Advance reservation is not required.

Details of the conference shuttle bus are subject to change.

BICYCLE SERVICES

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is a green conference. Sendai City is pleased to offer an electric community bicycles service (called *Daté Bike*) to accredited participants, free of charge. 195 *Date Bikes* are available in the city of Sendai with 32 cycle ports (pick-up stations) around the city. During the Conference, four temporary ports will be designated at the Sendai International Centre, Hagi Hall of Tohoku University, Cafeteria at Kawauchi Campus of Tohoku University, and Sendai Mediatheque. A *Daté Bike* can be collected at the Sendai International Centre to cycle to the center of the city, where most official hotels are located.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

By bus, the fare is ¥180 one way per person from JR Sendai Station to the Sendai International Center and ¥100 one way per person from JR Sendai Station to Sendai Mediatheque. The Sendai subway runs north to south through Sen-

dai. This is the main form of transportation for locals. The subway does not run near the Sendai International Centre.

TAXIS

Taxis are a convenient way to travel. Most taxi drivers only speak Japanese, so it is best to point to your destination on a map.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

In Sendai, to obtain the direction of the Sendai International Centre, it is possible to show the following message to a Japanese speaker:

仙台国際センター(青葉区青葉山)までの行き方を教えてください。

It is also important to note that the Reception Building will be located to the north of the Sendai International Centre. In a taxi, it is possible to show the following message to reach the conference venue:

仙台国際センターまでお願いします。

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ACCESSIBILITY

The Sendai International Centre is well-equipped for persons with disabilities. There will be an accessibility helpdesk to guide participants with disabilities. Several rooms will be provided with simultaneous captioning of speech in English and Japanese. International Sign and Japanese Sign Language interpretation will be provided for some sessions on demand. Key background documents and outcome documents for the conference will be provided in accessible format. An emergency response manual will also be prepared


in accessible format for the Sendai International Centre. Travel support for invited speakers with disabilities and their assistants may be provided upon request as well.

For more information and requests, participants, including persons with disabilities, are encouraged to contact in advance the organizing partners listed in this weblink: ▶

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON SITE

SECRETARIAT

As requested by the UN General Assembly, The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) serves as the coordinating body of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction under the oversight of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Queries can be directed to the secretariat by email: wcdrr2015@un.org. Information is also available on the conference website 

SECURITY

Access to the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is strictly limited to accredited participants with valid conference badges.

REGISTRATION AND BADGING

All participants will require a badge to enter the Sendai International Centre. There will be a registration and badge pick-up area located at the entrance of the Reception Building. This area offers direct access to the conference premises and will operate from Monday 9 March to Wednesday 18 March. Early badge pick-up is encouraged to avoid queues.

Accreditation and badging:

9 - 11 March: 9:00 - 17:00
12 March: 9:00 - 19:00
13 - 14 March: 7:30 - 18:00
15 - 17 March: 8:00 - 17:00
18 March: 8:00 - 14:30

Conference:


13 March: 8:00 - 20:00
14 - 16 March: 8:00 - 19:00
17 March: 8:00 - 21:30
18 March: 8:00 - 14:00

HELP DESK

Information and queries as well as a lost and found facility will be serviced by English speaking Help Desks located on the ground and 2nd floors of the Sendai International Centre. The Help Desk will operate daily according to the opening hours of the Sendai International Centre.

INTERNET FACILITIES

Free Wifi service will be available for all participants at the Sendai International Centre. Some spots in every public forum venue also provide free Wifi service.

In addition, a «Conference Box» system will provide electronic delivery of documents. Details are available on the conference website 

BANKING FACILITIES AND POST OFFICE

In addition to the bank services provided through Sendai City, ATMs as well as a post office will be made available on the 2nd floor of the Reception Building.

FOOD FACILITIES


A range of food facilities will be available in the different venues of the Conference including in the Sakura Hall of the Sendai International Centre, in the Sendai City Museum and at the Kawauchi campus of Tohoku University. In addition, several vending machines will operate on site.

MEDICAL FACILITIES


A first aid facility for delegations, located at the entrance of the Sendai International Centre, will be operating during the Conference. Doctors and nurses accompanied by English interpreters will be stationed in the facility. An ambulance and fire extinguishers will be located in or around the conference venue in preparation for emergencies.

REQUESTS FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS


Subject to the availability of space and services, every effort will be made to accommodate informal and bilateral meetings.

Requests should be sent to  wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line “WCDRR meeting request”. Seven rooms (each with a capacity of a maximum of 14 persons) will be available in the Sendai International Centre during the Conference and reservations will be accepted for 20 minute periods only.

PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE


Updates and any changes to the programme and schedule will be posted on the monitors at the conference venue and the website: 

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION

A document counter with limited hard copies for delegations will be located in the main plenary hall. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All conference documents will be also available on the conference website 

A print-on-demand service will be available at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra copies.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to

 wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, “Statement and name of country or organization”. Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before delivery of statement for onward transmission to interpreters, Secretariat note takers, and conference website

VIPs

Specific arrangements will be made by host country for Heads of States and VIPs and communicated to official delegations.

Requests can be also addressed to:

 wcdrr2015@un.org



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Room	Saturday 14 March				
Exhibition hall 1	Spillover 11:00-13:30		High Level Partnership Dialogue (C,W) Mobilizing Women's Leadership in DRR 15:00-18:00	Welcome reception hosted by the Government of Japan (Venue and time to be confirmed) (By invitation only)	
Exhibition hall 2	Opening & Official Statements (C,W) 11:00-13:30		Official Statements (C,W) 15:00-18:00		
Room 1&2					
Main hall	Spillover 11:00-11:30	Working Session Technological Hazards: From Risk Reduction to Recovery 13:00-14:30	Uniting Nations, Actions and People for Resilience 15:00 - 16:30		Working Session Commitments to Safe Schools 17:00-18:30
Hagi Hall	Spillover 11:00-11:30	Working Session Disaster Risk Transfer & Insurance 13:00-14:30	Working Session (a) Risk Identification and Assessment (HFA) 15:00 - 16:30		Working Session (b) Early Warning (HFA) 17:00 - 18:30

Room	Sunday 15 March				
Exhibition hall 1	Working Session Lessons from Mega Disasters 10:00-11:30	Working Session Earth Observations & High Technology to Reduce Risks 12:00-13:30	Working Session Resilient Cultural Heritage 14:00-15:30	Working Session Reducing Risk of Epidemics & Pandemics 16:00-17:30	Reception hosted by Sendai City (Hotel Metropolitan Sendai) 19:00 - 21:00 (By invitation only)
Exhibition hall 2	Official statements (C,W) 10:00-13:00			Official statements (C,W) 15:00-18:00	
Room 1&2	Ministerial Roundtable (W) (By invitation only) Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better 10:00-13:00			Ministerial Roundtable (W) (By invitation only) International Cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for DRR 15:00-18:00	
Main hall	Working Session Governance & Development Planning (HFA) 10:00-11:30	Working Session Global Risk Trends 12:00-13:30	Working Session Applying Science and Technology to DRR Decision-Making 14:00-15:30	Working Session Reducing Disaster Risk to Alleviate Poverty 16:00-17:30	
Hagi Hall	Working Session Building Resilient Futures for Rural Areas 10:00-11:30	Working Session Integrated Water Resource Management 12:00-13:30	Working Session DRM for Healthy Societies 14:00-15:30	Working Session Ecosystems Management & Resilience 16:00-17:30	

Room	Tuesday 17 March				
Exhibition hall 1	High Level Partnership Dialogue (C,W) Inclusive DRM: Governments, Communities & Groups Acting together 10:00-13:00		Working Session Children & Youth "Don't decide my future without me" 14:00-15:30	Working Session (C) Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in inclusive DRR for All 16:00-17:30	Sasakawa Award Ceremony Main Hall 18:30-20:30 (Open to accredited participants)
Exhibition hall 2	Official statements (C,W) 10:00-13:00			Official statements (C,W) 15:00-18:00	
Room 1&2	DRR Champions Meeting 10:00 - 12:00			Ministerial Roundtable (W) (By invitation only) Public Investment strategies for DRR 15:00-18:00	
Main hall	Working Session Disaster and Climate Risk: Accelerating National and Local Initiatives 10:00-11:30	Working Session Food Security, Disaster Resilient Agriculture and Nutrition 12:00-13:30			
Hagi Hall	Working Session Measuring and Reporting Progress 10:00-11:30	Working Session Preparedness for Effective Response (HFA) 12:00-13:30	Working Session Standards for DRR including Building Codes 14:00-15:30	Working Session From Crisis Response to Building Resilience 16:00-17:30	

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

This programme is updated at the date of its release and changes can occur. New items and regular updates will be published on the conference website:

 www.wcdrr.org

Prior to the Conference, Friday 13 March 2015 will consist in a preparatory day where stakeholders and partners will have the opportunity to meet and prepare

their contributions and inputs. The same day, the third session of the preparatory committee will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00.

The details of the preparatory day are included in the agenda at a glance on page 20 and on the conference website.

IG INTERGOVERNMENTAL

MS MULTI-STAKEHOLDER

O OTHER EVENTS

(C) Indicates real-time captioning

(W) Indicates live webcasting

Monday 16 March

Working Session Education and Knowledge in Building a Culture of Resilience (HFA) 10:00-11:30	Working Session Communities Addressing Local Risks 12:00-13:30	High Level Partnership Dialogue (C,W) Risk-Sensitive Investment: Public Private Partnerships 15:00-18:00			Private Sector & Local Governments Reception (Sendai Kokusai Hotel) 19:30 - 21:00 (By invitation only)
Official statements (C,W) 10:00-13:00		Official statements (C,W) 15:00-18:00			
Ministerial Roundtable (W) (By invitation only) Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges 10:00-13:00		Ministerial Roundtable (W) (By invitation only) Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings 15:00-18:00			
Working Session Business & Private Sector: Investing in Resilient Infrastructure 10:00-11:30	Working Session Disaster Risk in the Financial System 12:00-13:30	Working Session Economic Aspects of DRR 14:00-15:30	TV Documentary Film Festival Ceremony 16:00-17:00	Risk Award Ceremony 18:00-19:00	
Working Session Underlying Risk Factors (HFA) 10:00-11:30	Working Session Towards a Resilient Tourism Sector 12:00 -13:30	Working Session Preparing for Disaster-Induced Relocation 14:00-15:30	Working Session Land-Use Planning for DRR 16:00-17:30		

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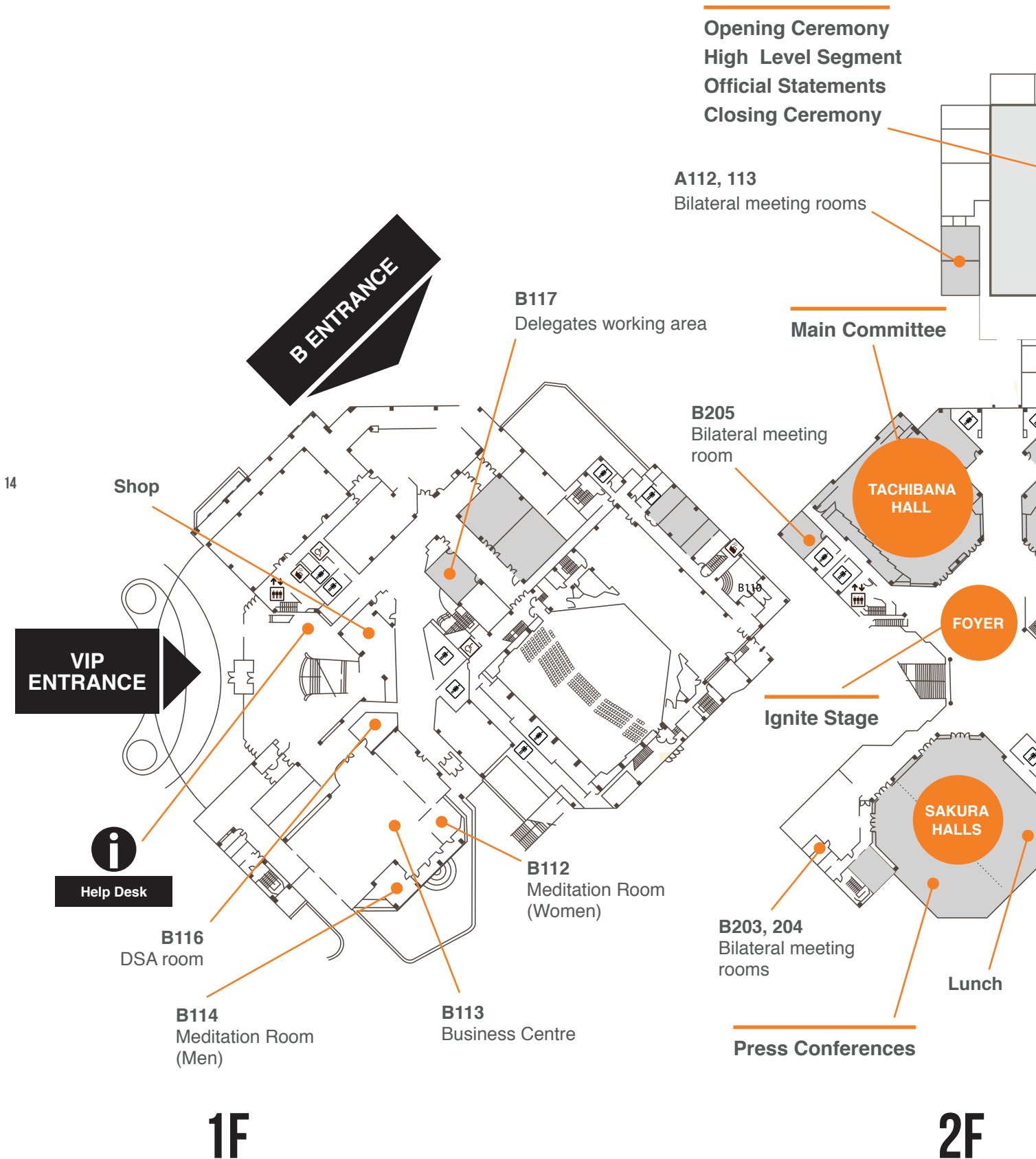
Wednesday 18 March

Spillover 10:00-13:00	
Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR (C,W) 10:00-12:00	Closing Ceremony (C,W) 12:00-13:00
Spillover 10:00-13:00	
Spillover 10:00-13:00	

SENDAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The Sendai International Centre includes a Reception Building where accreditation, badging and screening will take place and two main buildings which will host the Intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder segments as well as a media centre, a

business centre, a restaurant and the offices of the conference secretariat and conference services. Each floor of each building is indicated by first floor (1F), second floor (2F) or third floor (3F).



Registration Centre
Study Tours Registration
ATM & Post Office

RECEPTION
BUILDING

High Level Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues
Preparatory Committee III
Spillover Room

A104
First Aid Room

Ministerial Roundtables

EXHIBITION
HALL 2

EXHIBITION
HALL 1

ROOM 1&2

A ENTRANCE

Working Sessions

HAGI HALL

B210, 211, 212, 213
Bilateral meeting
rooms

MAIN
HALL

SHIRAKASHI
ROOMS

Working Sessions
TV Documentary Film
Festival Ceremony
Risk Award Ceremony
Sasakawa Award Ceremony
Spillover room

Media Centre
Media Interview



Help Desk

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FORMAT

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is organised in three main segments:

IG PLENARY SESSIONS

Delegations will have the opportunity to deliver five-minute official statements at allotted times in the plenary segments according to the official speakers list. Delegations are also encouraged to submit written statements for circulation whether or not they deliver an oral statement.

IG MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLES

Five ministerial roundtables will be held in parallel to plenary meetings and will provide an opportunity for focused discussions among ministers and high-level representatives on key priorities and actions in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, as it relates to each topic.

These five ministerial roundtables are not open to all accredited participants but will be webcast on-site and on the conference website.

IG HIGH LEVEL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUES

Three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be held to provide opportunities for interactive discussions on key priorities, commitments and actions in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

The partnership dialogues will be open to all accredited participants.

MS WORKING SESSIONS

As part of the multi-stakeholder segment of the Conference, the working sessions will be open to all accredited participants to support the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction with commitments, partnerships, progress and innovations.

The sessions will be organised through four main themes: Progress on Existing HFA priorities, Emerging risks, Commitments to Implementation, and Accelerating Implementation.

MS PREPARATORY DAY & STAKEHOLDER PREPARATORY MEETINGS

Friday 13 March 2015 will consist in a preparatory day where stakeholders and partners will have the opportunity to meet and prepare their contributions and inputs.

The same day, the third session of the preparatory committee will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 to officially forward the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction to the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

MS STUDY TOURS

Several study tours will be organised for all accredited participants around Sendai and during the Conference.

See details on page 19.

IG INTERGOVERNMENTAL

The Intergovernmental Segment will include nine plenary meetings, opening and closing ceremonies as well as five ministerial roundtables and three high level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues. All sessions will take place in the meeting rooms of the Sendai International Centre.

MS IGNITE STAGE

The Ignite Stage is a special venue where participants have 15 minutes to present a disaster risk reduction topic, project or initiative. The aim is to widen the array of topics beyond those that are presented in the main sessions and events.

The Ignite Stage will take place in the foyer of the 2nd floor of the Sendai International Centre and will be open from 12:00 to 18:00 on March 14, 10:00 to 18:00 on March 15, 16 and 17 and 10:00 to 12:00 on March 18, 2015.

MS CEREMONIES

Several ceremonies will take place during the Conference.

The 2015 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction, presented by the Nippon Foundation and UNISDR will highlight individuals or organizations that are visionary and able to anticipate future disaster risk reduction needs.

The Risk Award Ceremony, presented by Global Risk Forum, Munich Re Foundation and UNISDR was established in 2012 to help improve disaster risk management by providing financial support to projects dedicated to the topic "Disaster risk reduction: people-centered, innovative and sustainable".

The TV Documentary Award Ceremony will award four TV documentaries produced between 2005 and 2015 which have been particularly relevant in advancing the disaster risk reduction agenda.

INTERPRETATION

The six official languages of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Opening and closing ceremonies, statements made in the plenary, ministerial roundtables and high level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interpreted in the six official languages and also in

Japanese. English and French interpretation will be provided for press conferences. Statements made in any of the six official languages will be interpreted into the other official languages. Any representative may make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation should provide either an interpretation or a written text of the statement

in one of the official languages. The interpretation or written text will be considered by the Secretariat to represent the official text of the statement and will be used by United Nations interpreters as the basis for interpretation into the other official languages. The Working Sessions are not officially interpreted. Interpretation arrangements are made by the organisers.

MS MULTI-STAKEHOLDER

The Multi-Stakeholder Segment will take place for the duration of the Conference and includes working sessions, Ignite Stage, study tours and excursions. The events in this segment will be open only to accredited conference participants.

MS EXCURSIONS

The Sendai Committee will offer six excursions after the Conference (from afternoon 18 to 20 March). Participants will have opportunities to experience the richness of nature, culture, history and daily life in the Tohoku region. The excursions will also include visits to disaster affected areas and are open only to accredited participants of the Conference and their spouses. The fees and details will be available at: www.bosai-sendai.jp/en/study-tours.html

City of Sendai will also operate “the Sendai Sightseeing Bus”, which will travel around historical spots of Sendai City daily. The sightseeing buses are free and open only to accredited participants. Reservation for the sightseeing buses will not be required.

There are also bus tours conducted by travel agencies and universities. More information are available at: www.sentaibi.jp/date-naomotenashi/en/bus

PF SIDE EVENTS

Around 350 side events will be held over the period of the Conference. The main objectives are to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and building the resilience of nations and communities and to contribute to knowledge promotion. There will be particular reflection and lessons from the reconstruction and recovery of the Tohoku region following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 March 2011.

PF PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum will be held over the period of the Conference and will be open to the accredited participants and the general public. It will include a large range of events and activities which will be held in several venues throughout Sendai City.

The complete list of side events with venues is available on the conference website.

PF EXHIBITION BOOTHS

The main exhibition and presentation space at the Conference will be in the Sendai Mediatheque. Over 200 countries and organizations will present their latest work and will be ready to engage in discussions and form new partnerships. Displays include national, regional and private sector booths, as well as civil society and expert networks.

The exhibition will take place from 14 to 18 March at the Sendai Mediatheque (2-1 Kasuga-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai) and the Sendai Civic Auditorium (4-1 Sakuragaoka Koen, Aoba-ku, Sendai).

PF POSTER EXHIBITIONS

There will be an exhibition of posters on which governmental organizations, international organizations, local governments, academic/research institutes, NGOs, businesses and community groups will present their activities and research results on disaster risk reduction, recovery, and rehabilitation.

The exhibition will take place from 14 to 18 March from 10:00 to 20:00 on the 5th Floor of Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi (3-3-7 Aoba-ku, Sendai). The exhibition will close at 15:00 on March 18.

PF CHILDREN & YOUTH FORUM

The Children & Youth Forum will showcase strengths, skills and abilities of young people to lead change in reducing risk and building resilience to disasters.

Through open discussions and exhibitions, the Forum will provide space for children and youth to share views, ideas and experiences in reducing disaster risk and in building community resilience

The forum will take place from 14 to 17 March at the Tohoku University Kawauchi and Katahira campuses.

PF HFA CELEBRATION VIDEO CLIPS

The Conference will highlight how the Hyogo Framework for Action has helped to change attitudes and policies towards disaster risk reduction over the last decade. A selection of video clips will demonstrate good practices or cases that highlight the success of the Hyogo Framework for Action. The clips will be displayed on the screens of all conference venues including public forum, on the conference website and also in the Sendai City Museum for all accredited participants.

MEDIA

A media centre including press conference room and interview room will be dedicated for media organizations in the Sakura Hall and the Shirakashi room of the Sendai International Centre.

Regular press releases will be distributed during the Conference and the sessions of the intergovernmental segment will be webcasted. The Department of Public In-

formation will provide comprehensive print, television, radio, webcast and internet coverage of the plenary meetings, ministerial roundtables, high level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues, briefings and press conferences.

On site, media accreditation is reserved for members of the press-print, photo, radio, TV, film, news agencies, and online media.

No double accreditation will be allowed (e.g. as press and delegate, or as press and NGO). All fees linked to travel and accommodation remain the responsibility of the media organization.

Additional requests concerning media accreditation can be addressed to:

 leonib@un.org

PF TANGIBLE EARTH EXHIBITION

The Tangible Earth is the world's first interactive digital globe that allows users to view and understand the condition of our planet. During the Conference, the Earth Literacy Programme replicates in the Sendai City Museum its well known "Tangible Earth Museum" from Marunouchi, Tokyo, Japan. The Tangible Earth Exhibition is composed of five digital globes, presenting the new global risk and disaster data that underpin the 2015 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The exhibition will be open to accredited participants and will take place from 14 to 18 March at the Sendai City Museum (26 Kawauchi, Aoba Ward, Sendai).

PF SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL RESILIENCE

Making Cities Resilient Campaign of UNISDR with the support of Rebuild by Design along with other partners and cities will organize an interactive exhibition featuring solutions for city resilience.

The exhibition aims to showcase practical solutions that cities worldwide could adapt and implement to reduce risks and address sustainability. Based on the successes of Rebuild by Design, the exhibits and solutions developed by international experts will promote and inspire innovative interventions to promote resilience.

The exhibition will be open to accredited participants and will take place from 14 to 18 March on the 2nd floor of the Sendai City Museum (26 Kawauchi, Aoba-ward, Sendai).

PF DRR INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

A disaster risk reduction industry exhibition named the BOSAI Industry Fair will be organised at Yume Messe Miyagi, which was recovered from the damage of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

This business expo will introduce and present a large panel of innovations related to disaster risk reduction and 145 exhibitors will present technologies and products for earthquake resistant and seismic isolation.

The exhibition will take place from 15 to 17 March in Halls A, B, and C at Yume Messe Miyagi (3-1-7 Minato, Miyagino-ku, Sendai).

PF GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE FORUM

The Forum will consist of ten sessions jointly organized by the Government of Japan and Sendai Committee, which invite prominent speakers from Japan and abroad. These sessions will be held over five consecutive days under the theme of "Sharing Experiences and Lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake with the World" with the aim of cultivating a view of building back better and a new level of disaster resiliency and sustainability.

The forum will take place from 14 to 18 March at the Tohoku University Centennial Hall.

PF THEMATIC PAVILIONS

Civil Society Collaboration and Disaster Risk Reduction: Several symposia, workshops and exhibitions will be conducted by civil society groups to tackle challenges that became apparent after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Collaboration between the affected areas and international organisations will be showcased.

The pavilion will take place from 14 to 17 March at the Support Centre for Civil Activities (4-1-3 Ichiban-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai).

Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction: Various organizations working on disaster risk reduction from the perspective of gender equality will conduct a series of symposia. They will set up a space for the exchange of views and information that participants can visit during the Conference.

The pavilion will take place from 14 to 18 March at the 5th and 6th Floor of L-Park Sendai (141 Building, Aoba-ku, Sendai).

PF TOHOKU RECONSTRUCTION & DRR PAVILION

A large exhibition will be hosted to showcase the efforts, knowledge, and lessons from the experiences of the Great East Japan Earthquake with a focus on reconstruction efforts. Visitors will experience the actual scale of the mega disaster through photographs and infographics projected on a 40m large space.

The four affected prefectures of Tohoku (Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima) and Sendai City will exhibit their own

damages status and reconstruction plans. The pavilion will take place from 14 to 18 March on the ground floor of the Sendai Mediatheque (2-1 Kasuga-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai)

PF OUTDOOR EXHIBITIONS

The Sendai Committee will hold two outdoor events open to all.

The Sendai Disaster Prevention Square 2015 will include an exhibition of fire-fighting vehicles, a music stage, the projection of pictures under the theme of reconstruction from the Great East Earthquake, and various private sector booths.

The International Exchange Square will include the World Kitchen, a place where you can enjoy world cuisines and interact freely with people from all over the world and a JICA booth, with opportunities to participate in workshops and presentations related to international exchange activities. Also, a NGO's «People's Pavilion» information center, Wi-fi access, gathering space, free shared-office and seminar space will be available.

The outdoor exhibitions will take place on 14-18 March from 10:00 to 15:00 at the Kotodai park (3-9 Honcho, Aoba-ku, Sendai).

PF EVENTS BY MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

Four prefectures in the Tohoku region: (Aomori, Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi Prefectural Governments) will organize symposia for the purpose of sharing their experiences and lessons learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake. All details, venues and dates will be made available on the conference website.

STUDY TOURS

The Sendai Committee will organize a wide range (25 tours to choose) of study tours during the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. In these tours, participants will visit affected areas and places in and around Sendai City as well as Iwate and Fukushima prefectures, and have a chance to share the experiences and lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Participants will see the efforts undertaken by stakeholders including both public and private sectors. The study tours will be free and open only to accredited participants of the Conference.

Reservations for the study tours can be made before 20 February on a first come first serve basis on the following website



Subject to availability, last minute reservations will be accepted until noon of the day prior to departure. On site, registration for study tours will take place at the 2nd floor of the Reception Building of the conference venue.

Study tours themes: (1) **Experiences and lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami**, (2) **Actions of multi-stakeholders**, (3) **Build back better**.



Development of renewable energy, Fukushima.



Tsunami evacuation tower.



Wastewater treatment plant damaged by the 2011 tsunami.

1. **Multiple Defense Measures against Tsunami:** Lessons Learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake
2. **Resurrection of the Natural Environment in Tsunami-Affected Areas**
3. **Agricultural Challenges in Tsunami-Affected Areas**
4. **Resilient Urban Infrastructures:** Wastewater Treatment Plant & Gas Plant
5. **Visit a School Devastated by the Tsunami**
6. **New Concept of Our Town:** Installing both disaster-resilience and eco- friendliness
7. **Recovery of Residents and Business in Ishinomaki:** One of the Most Severely Damaged Cities
8. **Tohoku University Guided Tour**
9. **Efforts of the Private Sector for Disaster Risk Reduction:** Case of a Brewery in a Tsunami-Affected Area
10. **Disaster Prevention Education for Youth**
11. **Disaster Risk Reduction Education for Children with Special Needs**
12. **Efforts of the Private Sector for DRR:** Experience a Disaster Drill in a Department Store
13. **Yuriage:** A Historical Fishing Port Making Steady Progress in Recovery
14. **Experience Yuriage:** Japanese Morning Market
15. **'Hills of 1000 Years Hope',** Hills for Tsunami- Evacuation, and Efforts of Local Residents to Build a Resilient City
16. **Joint Public and Private Action for Regional Disaster Prevention and Advanced Disaster Prevention Technology for Housing:** Working Together to Build a Disaster-Resilient Town
17. **Aratozawa, the Trace of the Greatest Landslide Disaster:** Lessons Learned from the Iwate-Miyagi Inland Earthquake in 2008
18. **'Bosai' Industry Fair in Sendai:** The latest DRR technologies and products
19. **Fukushima's Recovery:** Coastal Region Course -Efforts to recover from tsunami damage and restart the fishing industry
20. **Fukushima's Recovery:** Central Region Course -Safe, worry-free food
21. **Accelerating the reconstruction with the latest technology and passing on memory of the disaster to future generations:** Rikuzentakata's large-scale land-raising projects and Ofunato's disaster memorial
22. **«The Miracle of Kamaishi» and local authorities horizontal supplementation:** Disaster prevention education measures in Kamaishi, and logistic support activities in Tono
23. **Reinvention every 1000 Years:** Security measures being taken at the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant, using lessons learned from past disasters
24. **Operation Tomodachi:** witness the impressive restoration of Sendai Airport and Business Continuity Management at the JX Nippon Oil Refinery
25. **Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station:** Decontamination and Decommission

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

10:00 – 13:00	Preparatory Committee III (part 1)	Exhibition Hall 1
10:00 – 13:00	National Platforms Forum	Main Hall
10:00 – 16:00	Inter-Parliamentary Union Meeting	Tachibana Hall
14:30 – 16:30	Towards a Safer World	Hagi Hall
15:00 – 18:00	Local Governments Meeting	Room 1&2
15:00 – 18:00	Preparatory Committee III (part 2)	Exhibition Hall 1
18:00 – 19:00	Official Opening of the Children & Youth Forum Tohoku University Katahira Campus	

The complete list of preparatory meetings is detailed on the conference website: www.wcdrr.org

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

11:00 – 11:30	Opening Ceremony	Exhibition Hall 2
11:30 – 13:30	Opening of the Conference and Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
13:00 – 14:30	Disaster Risk Transfer & Insurance	Hagi Hall
13:00 – 14:30	Technological Hazards: From Risk Reduction to Recovery	Main Hall
15:00 – 18:00	Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
15:00 – 18:00	Mobilizing Women's Leadership in DRR	Exhibition Hall 1
15:00 – 16:30	Uniting Nations, Actions and People for Resilience	Main Hall
15:00 – 16:30	Disaster Risk Identification and Assessment (a)	Hagi Hall
17:00 – 18:30	Early Warning (b)	Hagi Hall
17:00 – 18:30	Commitments to Safe Schools	Main Hall
19:00 – 21:00	Reception hosted by Japan (By invitation only) (Venue Tbc)	

SUNDAY 15 MARCH

10:00 – 13:00	Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
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10:00 – 13:00	Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better	Room 1&2
10:00 – 11:30	Lessons from Mega-Disasters	Exhibition Hall 1
10:00 – 11:30	Building Resilient Futures for Rural Areas	Hagi Hall
10:00 – 11:30	Governance and Development Planning at National/Local Levels	Main Hall
12:00 – 13:30	Integrated Water Resource Management	Hagi Hall
12:00 – 13:30	Global Risk Trends	Main Hall
12:00 – 13:30	Earth Observation and High Technology to Reduce Risks	Exhibition Hall 1
12:30 – 13:30	TV Talk Show with private sector	Sakura Hall
14:00 – 15:30	Disaster Risk Management for Healthy Societies	Hagi Hall 1
14:00 – 15:30	Applying Science and Technology to DRR Decision-Making	Main Hall
14:00 – 15:30	Resilient Cultural Heritage	Exhibition Hall 1
15:00 – 18:00	Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
15:00 – 18:00	International Cooperation in Support of a post-2015 Framework for DRR	Room 1&2
16:00 – 17:30	Ecosystems Management and Resilience	Hagi Hall
16:00 – 17:30	Reducing Disaster Risk to Alleviate Poverty	Main Hall
16:00 – 17:30	Reducing Risk of Epidemics & Pandemics	Exhibition Hall 1
19:00 – 21:00	Reception hosted by Sendai City (By invitation only) Hotel Metropolitan Sendai	

MONDAY 16 MARCH

10:00 – 13:00	Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
10:00 – 13:00	Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges	Room 1&2
10:00 – 11:30	Business and Private Sector: Investing in Resilient Infrastructure	Main Hall

- P** Plenary Session
- MR** Ministerial Roundtable
- C** Ceremony / Reception
- PD** HL Partnership Dialogue
- WS** Working Session
- O** Other Event

10:00 – 11:30	MS WS Underlying Risk Factors	Hagi Hall
10:00 – 11:30	MS WS Education and Knowledge in Building a Culture of Resilience	Exhibition Hall 1
12:00 – 13:30	MS WS Disaster Risk in the Financial System	Main Hall
12:00 – 13:30	MS WS Towards a Resilient Tourism Sector	Hagi Hall
12:00 – 13:30	MS WS Communities Addressing Local Risks	Exhibition Hall 1
14:00 – 15:30	MS WS Economic Aspects of DRR	Main Hall
14:00 – 15:30	MS WS Preparing for Disaster-Induced Relocation	Hagi Hall
15:00 – 18:00	IG P Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
15:00 – 18:00	IG MR Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings	Room 1&2
15:00 – 18:00	IG PD Risk-Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships	Exhibition Hall 1
16:00 – 17:30	MS WS Land-Use Planning for DRR	Hagi Hall
16:00 – 17:00	MS C TV Documentary Film Festival Ceremony	Main Hall
18:00 – 19:00	MS C Risk Award Ceremony	Main Hall
19:30 – 21:00	MS C Private Sector & Local Governments Reception (By invitation only)	Sendai Kokusai Hotel

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

10:00 – 13:00	IG P Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
10:00 – 13:00	IG PD Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together	Exhibition Hall 1
10:00 – 11:30	MS WS Disaster and Climate Risk: Accelerating National and Local Initiatives	Main Hall
10:00 – 11:30	MS WS Measuring and Reporting Progress	Hagi Hall
10:00 – 12:00	MS O DRR Champions Meeting	Room 1&2
12:00 – 13:30	MS WS Preparedness for Effective Response	Hagi Hall
12:00 – 13:30	MS WS Food Security, Disaster Resilient Agriculture and Nutrition	Main Hall


14:00 – 15:30	MS WS Children and Youth - "Don't Decide My Future Without Me"	Exhibition Hall 1
14:00 – 15:30	MS WS Standards for DRR Including Building Codes	Hagi Hall
15:00 – 18:00	IG P Official Statements	Exhibition Hall 2
15:00 – 18:00	IG MR Public Investment Strategies for DRR	Room 1&2
16:00 – 17:30	MS WS Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Inclusive DRR for All	Exhibition Hall 1
16:00 – 17:30	MS WS From Crisis Response to Building Resilience	Hagi Hall
18:30 – 20:30	MS C Sasakawa Award Ceremony	Main Hall

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

10:00 – 12:00	IG P Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR	Exhibition Hall 2
12:00 – 13:00	IG P Closing Ceremony	Exhibition Hall 2

GREENING

Meeting the objectives of a sustainable conference will require the collective commitment of the Conference secretariat and individual participants to advance the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the Conference.

A number of measures are being implemented to minimize the environmental impact and to maximize the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the Conference. UNISDR is promoting a Paper Smart Conference with a target of reducing paper use at the Conference by at least 50% or more. UNISDR is deploying a «Conference Box» system for electronic delivery of documents, in addition to access of all documents through the Conference website. Sendai City has made tablets available for loan to a limited number of delegates without devices, on a first come first served basis. UNISDR is reducing paper by promoting electronic version use. UNISDR is also encouraging voluntary carbon offsetting to reduce the carbon footprint related to the Conference. 

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