



14-18 March 2015
Sendai, Japan

Programme for Children and Youth

The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDRR) will take place from 14 to 18 March in Sendai, Japan, where an agreement on post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction will be adopted. This framework will guide and support our collective efforts to build resilient nations, cities and communities to disasters. Further, the World Conference is expected to be one of the largest global gatherings of leaders and stakeholders committed to disaster risk reduction and resilience building ever held.

Registration OPEN UNTIL 20 February

There are several ways For Children and Youth to be registered and participate at the UN World Conference:

- i. Be registered as part of the National Government delegation – Children and Youth then need to contact national counterparts directly;
- ii. Be registered as part of the Children and Youth Major Group – Children and Youth then need to contact the Organizing Partner, namely Children and Youth International.

Children and Youth that intend to participate as part of the Children and Youth Major Group need to contact Mr. Aashish Kullar (aashish@childrenyouth.org) with copy to Ms. Christel Rose (rosec@un.org).

Accommodation: There is an official booking system organized by Sendai city, which is now open ‘only’ for registered participants.

Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve. To reserve your rooms, you can use the following link:

https://mice.jtbgmt.com/2015sendai_hotel/.

A specific guest house was booked for children and youth outside Sendai. Special transportation is being arranged between the guesthouse and the conference venue (For more details please contact Ms. Tomoko Takeda: takeda@un.org)

Contacts: Mr. Kazuyuki Numata (kazuyuki_numata@city.sendai.jp) and Mr. Atsushi Yanagisawa (atsushi_yanagisawa@city.sendai.jp) from Sendai City.

Meeting Points: The Children and Youth Forum at the Tohoku University Kawauchi South Campus rooms (No 1 up to 6) and the Children and Youth booth at the Sendai International Conference Centre.



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Below is a program overview of Children and Youth-related discussions that might be of interest to Children and Youth representatives and that they may consider attending. There are far more sessions and events than what is indicated herebelow. For the detailed agenda please visit the website at : <http://www.wcdrr.org/>

13th March

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
10:00-12:00	Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall	Civil Society Meeting	This session will discuss civil society's contribution to the WCDRR and to a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.	Preparatory Meeting	Open to all accredited participants
14:30-19:30	Sendai International Center, Main Hall	Disability Stakeholder Meeting	This session will discuss the promotion of disability-related issues throughout the World Conference and in support of the implementation of a post-2015 framework disaster risk reduction.	Preparatory Meeting	Open to all accredited participants
18:00-20:00	Tohoku University Katahira Sakura Hall	Children and Youth Forum - Opening Ceremony	Launch of the Children and Youth Forum with the participation of Government officials.	Public Forum	Open to all

14th -18th March : Children and Youth related booths

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
9:00-18:00	Sendai Mediatheque	Children in a Changing Coalition booth	Child-centred organizations displaying information and materials on children's	Booth/ Public Forum	Open to all



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	5, 6 floor		work in disaster risk reduction and climate change.		
9:00-18:00	Sendai Mediatheque <i>5,6 floor</i>	Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education sector	Display of global activities around disaster risk reduction education, school safety, public awareness for disaster risk reduction.	Booth/Public Forum	Open to all
9:00-18:00	Sendai International Conference Centre <i>2nd floor</i>	Children and Youth Major Group booth	Children and Youth displaying their work, achievements and materials on disaster risk reduction.	Booth/Major Groups	Open to all
9:00-18:00 (14-15 March only)	Gallery Space	UNICEF Japan (JCU)	Display of UNICEF materials and work, including UNICEF Japan	Booth/Public Forum	Open to all

14th -17th March 2015 : Children and Youth Forum

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
9:00-18:00	Tohoku University, Kawauchi South Campus, <i>Rooms 1 to 6</i>	Children and Youth Forum	Variety of thematic sessions throughout the week (Full programme of the Children and Youth Forum available at http://www.wcdrr.org/conference/programme/publicforum and http://www.sendaichildren and youthforum.org)	Public Forum	Open to all



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Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
11:00-11:30	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 2	Opening Ceremony			Open to all
13:00-16:00]	Sendai Park Bldg. TKP Garden City Sendai Kotodai Hall 3	Psychosocial support for children and their care givers - Child friendly emergency relief works~ Save the Children Japan		Public Forum	Attendance open to all
14:00-17:00	Tokyo Electron Hall, Main Hall	UNICEF Symposium: Building Resilient Society with Children - Japan Committee for UNICEF		Public Forum	Attendance open to all
17:00-20:00	Sendai Park Bldg. TKP Garden City Sendai Kotodai Hall 3	Lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami through Manga: Cases of Child- Centered Disaster Risk Reduction Education, Save the Children		Public Forum	Attendance open to all
17:00-20:00	TKP Garden City Sendai Kotodai Hall 1	World Youth Forum - Let's Think About Disaster Risk Reduction - International Youth Exchange Division, Cabinet Office, Japan		Public Forum	Attendance open to all



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15:00- 16:30	Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall	Risk Identification and Assessment	The most valuable tools for providing the risk information are the hazard and risk assessments. But conducting risk assessments as a basis for disaster risk reduction policies and investments is still a rare practice all around the world. This session presents the gap in disaster risk identification and assessment needs to be identified.	Working Session	Open to all accredited participants
15:00-18:00	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1	Mobilizing Women's Leadership in DRR	The roundtable will explore how the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction can be utilized to expand and strengthen opportunities, and make full use of the leadership of women in disaster risk reduction. The session will look at social, institutional, economic capacity and public awareness aspects.	High Level Partnership Dialogue	Attendance open to all accredited participants
17:00-18:30	Sendai International Centre, main hall	Commitments to Safe Schools	The session will announce commitments to the Worldwide Initiative for Safe School, a global partnership led by Governments to facilitate the implementation of safe schools globally. Particular successes on safe schools implementation, innovative partnerships and approaches to safe schools will be highlighted in support of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.	Working Session	Open to all accredited participants
19:00-20:00		Reception hosted by Government of Japan		Reception	Only by Invitation



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15th March 2015

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
10:00-11:30	Sendai International Conference Centre, Main Hall	Governance and Development Planning at National and Local Levels	The session will undertake a critical analysis of successes and shortfalls of implementing Priority 1 of the HFA and will identify successful models to facilitate the development of effective risk governance arrangements for the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction	Working Session	Open to all accredited participant.
13:00-20:00	TKP Garden City Sendai Kotodai Hall 6	Power of Youth in Tohoku and Asia - Young survivors' voices - Global Fund for Education Assistance BEYOND Tomorrow		Public Forum	Open to all
14:00-15:30	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1	Resilient Cultural Heritage	This session aims at increasing the recognition about a relationship between resilient cultural heritage and resilient communities, as a mean to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited participants
13:00-16:00	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus B102	The Future We Want - Children in a Changing Climate Coalition		Public Forum	Open to all
16:00-17:30	Sendai	Ecosystems	This session considers how partnerships	Working	Attendance



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	International Center, Hagi Hall	Management & Resilience	between science, business, government and communities can enable better identification of risks and introduce solutions that restore and protect ecosystems that are the roots of resilience.	Session	open to all accredited participants
to be confirmed	Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, (to be confirmed)	Reception hosted by Sendai City		Reception	By invitation only

16th March

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
10:00-11:30	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1	Education and Knowledge in Building a Culture of Resilience	The session will report on progress made on education programmes and plans since the 2005 Hyogo Framework of Action. Increased cooperation with Ministries of Education and public awareness campaigns must be part of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The session will reach out to younger generations to involve them more systematically in building resilient communities. The session will highlight how ICT will significantly contribute to further education and knowledge of disaster risk reduction through wireless internet access, smart mobile device, web mapping and other swift forms of information dissemination.	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited participants



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12:00-13:30	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1	Communities Addressing Local Risks	The session will look at the human face or people-centered approach of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The session will introduce proposals and commitments to ensure that communities and citizens are fully aware, informed and educated	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited participants
13:00-16:00	Tohoku University, Kawauchi-kita Campus B103 –	Launch of the Looking Beyond Disasters Youth Toolkit - Joint Publication by UNESCO & Youth Beyond Disasters,		Public Forum	Open to all
18:00-19:00	Sendai International Center, Main Hall	Risk Award Ceremony	The 2015 RISK Award will go to a proposal that focuses on disaster risk reduction. It may be a technical proposal, a plan optimizing a legal framework, e.g. affecting building codes, or social work. What is important is that it exhibits a tangible and sustainable approach to serving people, reducing risks or preventing new ones.	Ceremony	Attendance only for accredited participants
19:30 - 21:00	Kokusai Hotel Sendai	Private Sector & Local Governments Reception	This is a special reception hosted by the city of Sendai and Kokusai <i>Kogyo</i> to mark the launch of “Resilient Cities E-Xchange” developed by UNISDR, Government of Netherlands and Japan Innovation Network.	Making Cities Resilient Event	By invitation only



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Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
14:00-15:30	Sendai International Conference Centre, Exhibition Hall 1	Children and Youth – “Don’t Decide My Future Without Me”	The session will be an opportunity for a continued dialogue between children and youth, decision-makers and private sector to produce commitments, plans and actions to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. Children and youth from the tsunami-affected areas in Japan will be brought into the discussions.	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited participants.
16:00-17:30	Sendai International Conference Centre, Exhibition Hall 1	Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction for All	The session will look at positive contribution of persons with disabilities to the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and the requirements to be set up to ensure the implementation of disaster risk reduction for all. Based on successful experience and lessons learnt, the session will determine clear and practical recommendation to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in disaster risk reduction at all levels and in all projects, contributing to strengthening the resilience of society.	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited participants.
16:00-17:30	Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall	From Crisis Response to Building Resilience	The session will highlight innovative practices in preparedness that have emerged from country experiences over	Working Session	Attendance open to all accredited



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			the past decade and will demonstrate how whole of society preparedness measures can help reduce the mortality during emergency crises in support of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.		participants
18:30-20:30	Sendai International Center, Main Hall	Sasakawa Award Ceremony	The purpose of the theme "Shaping the Future" is to bring out cases of individuals or organizations that have shown convincing examples of leadership to guide our actions in ways that will make us more safe, healthy, wealthy and resilient now and in the years to come	Ceremony	Open to registered participants

18th March 2015

Time	Location	Session Title	Session details	Session type	Session status
10:00-12:00	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 2	Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR			Open to all
12:00-13:00	Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 2	Closing Ceremony			Open to all



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City Information

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 or 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.

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



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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.

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.

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.

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.

HELP LINE

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

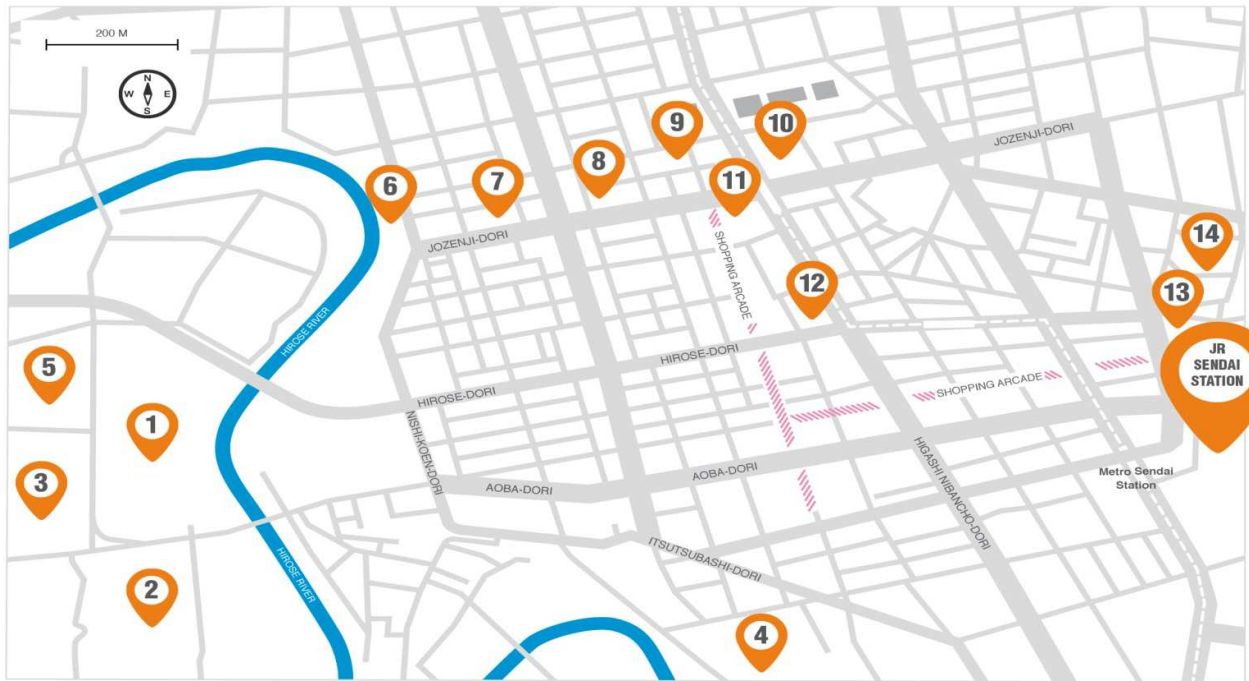


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CITY MAP AND CONFERENCE VENUES

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 bad-

ges. 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 [▶](#)



1
SENDAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
Aobayama,
Aoba-ku, Sendai
(Access with conference badge)



2
SENDAI CITY MUSEUM
26 Kawauchi
Aoba Ward, Sendai
(Access with conference badge)



3
TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Central Hall
40 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



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



5
TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Kawauchi Campus
41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



4
Katahira Campus
2-1-1 Katahira Aoba-ku
Sendai



6
SENDAI CIVIC AUDITORIUM
4-1 Sakuragajoka Koen,
Aoba-ku, Sendai



7
SENDAI MEDIATHEQUE
2-1 Kasuga-machi,
Aoba-ku, Sendai



8
TOKYO ELECTRON HALL MIYABI
3-3-7 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



9
TKP GARDEN CITY SENDAI KOTODAI
3-6-1 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



10
KOTODAI PARK
3 Honcho, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



11
L-PARK SENDAI
5th, 6th Floors, 141 Building
Aoba-ku, Sendai



12
**SENDAI CITY SUPPORT CENTER FOR
CIVIL ACTIVITIES**
4-1-3 Ichibancho, Aoba-ku,
Sendai



13
**SENDAI CITY INFORMATION & INDUS-
TRY PLAZA 5/6(AER), TKP GARDEN
CITY SENDAI 21/30F (AER)**
1-3-1 Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai



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

