

Twelfth meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC12)

Agenda Item 7. (d) Meeting to exchange views on national adaptation goals/indicators and how they relate to indicators/goals for sustainable development and for disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework

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In March 2015 UN Member States agreed on the first of the three main 2030 development agendas. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030ⁱ. UNISDR is tasked with the responsibility to help UN Member States implement actions that contribute to the implementation of the Sendai Framework and also work towards reaching the coherence of the Sendai Framework with the other two main agendas, the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

Building on the work of the 10 year Hyogo Framework of Action Member States leaped forward when they recognized in Sendai that a greater focus was needed regarding dealing with current and more importantly future risks.

The Sendai Framework establishes seven Global Targets, four of which are outcome focused. These agreed targets focus not only on reducing existing risks but also on preventing new risks and strengthening resilience, bringing the DRR focus closer to the core concerns of the CC agenda.

These Outcome Targets are objective and measurable allowing international benchmarking of progress relative to a quantitative baseline 2005-2015.

To agree on the development of indicators to monitor the progress of the Sendai Framework an Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction was established in June 2015 and concluded its work at the end of 2016. OIEWG recommendations are contained in Report A/71/644ⁱⁱ (Dec 2016) and was endorsed by the UNGA Resolution A/RES/71/276ⁱⁱⁱ (Feb 2017).

Comprised of experts nominated by Member States, this working group focused on the development of a set of possible indicators and terminology to measure global progress in the implementation of Sendai Framework in coherence with the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs).

The work of this working group was supported by technical papers and non-papers on indicators produced by UNISDR at the request of Member States – addressing computation methodology, data collection and availability, disaggregation, etc. These are documents available online^{iv}.

Furthermore, UNISDR has worked to ensure explicit links between the monitoring of the Sendai Framework to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, having contributed to the agreement of common indicators, and now welcomes working towards ensuring a same level of coherence with the implementation and reporting of the Paris Agreement (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change).

After carrying a data readiness review ^v, which assessed the current capabilities and data availability that Member States currently have in terms of data, and also developing a prototype ^{vi} of the Sendai Framework Monitoring System UNISDR is now developing the web-based system itself which will be ready in the first quarter of 2018. UN Member States will be able to report their progress using agreed global and custom indicators.

The UNISDR team developing this system is based here in Bonn. UNISDR has just been through a 1-year reorganization aiming at being in a position to support the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda and strengthening the team in Bonn, closer to the work led by UNFCCC, was one of the key decisions put forward at the beginning of the reorganization to ensure UNISDR is fit for purpose.

Relevant to the work being carried out by the Adaptation Committee UNISDR has already included a specific action towards ensuring coherence in reaching the common 2020 targets which are the development of the NAPs and Sendai's Target E - The development of National and Local Risk Reduction Strategies. UNISDR is finalizing a Technical Guideline on this topic and has planned an Expert Meeting here in Bonn for the 27th and 28th November 2017.

UNISDR will also organise a pre-launch event of the Sendai Framework Monitoring System here in Bonn from 6 – 8th December 2017 which will include a session on the coherence between the monitoring of Sendai and the Paris Agreement. This will help advance our understanding and be able to contribute to the shaping of the meeting being planned by this AC for 2018, which will be to exchange views on national adaptation goals/indicators and how they relate to indicators/goals for sustainable development and for disaster risk reduction in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

We welcome joining UNFCCC in organizing and ensuring this meeting will be a success.

ⁱ The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 - <http://www.unisdr.org/we/coordinate/sendai-framework>

ⁱⁱ Report A/71/644 - http://www.preventionweb.net/files/50683_oiewgreportenglish.pdf

ⁱⁱⁱ UNGA Resolution A/RES/71/276 - http://www.unisdr.org/files/resolutions/N1702972_en.pdf

^{iv} Technical guidance for monitoring and reporting on progress in achieving the global targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (Draft)- <http://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/54970>

^v Data Readiness Review - <https://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/53080>

^{vi} Sendai Framework Monitoring System Prototype - <http://4d49ne.axshare.com/#g=1&p=welcome>