



GUIDELINES FOR COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

Country delegations, sub regional, regional, international, non- governmental or private organizations wishing to present a statement to the Sixth Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas (RP18) are asked to submit their written statement to the regional office of UNISDR for the Americas no later than **May 15th** by sending it online through the [RP18 website](#), with the subject:

Country/Organization Statement on behalf of [Name of Country/Organization]

Written Statements: We encourage all delegations to submit a written statement via the [RP18 website](#). In general, written statements are around 500 words.

Oral Statements: In addition to a written statement, all government delegations may deliver oral statements at the Regional Platform. A maximum of 5 minutes is allocated. As such, countries are encouraged to ensure that their statements, when delivered orally, do not exceed 5 minutes.

Member States of the United Nations have reaffirmed their continued commitment to reduce disaster risk and losses by adopting the “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) 2015 – 2030 at the Third United Nations (UN) World Conference on DRR held in March 2015, Sendai, Japan. The Sendai Framework is a 15-year non-binding agreement, which recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and others. It aims for the following outcome:

“The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries”.

In this context, the official statements of the Sixth Session of the Regional Platform "[For Community Resilience](#)" are encouraged to focus on the following:



- The challenges and opportunities to implement the Sendai Framework at the national and local levels (Progress made since the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and national objectives according to the Sendai Framework); and/or
 - Ways to move forward on DRR and community resilience as inherent to sustainable development and as key elements of resilient development policies, planning and investment (Referring to situations related to the global objectives of the Sendai Framework).
- On behalf of the Government of Colombia, host of this session, we thank you for your collaboration and look forward to your participation in the Regional Platform for DRR in the Americas, a key milestone in the path leading to the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Warm regards,

Regional Office of UNISDR – The Americas

Related links:

[Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

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