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## SESSION 3

**The role of regional stakeholders and international cooperation in the implementation of the Sendai Framework.**

### PANEL 2

**The role of international cooperation in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.**

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#### 1. Introduction

**The Americas continues to be one of the most vulnerable regions facing natural hazards**, and one of its main gaps is the need to integrate disaster risk reduction within the development planning processes and the related sectoral efforts.

This task is one of the biggest challenges for the region, and its advancement will only be possible if governments, civil society and the private sector integrate disaster risk reduction as a key element of their development planning and investment.

In this context, by adopting the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (March, 2015, Sendai, Japan), the United Nations Member States commit to address disaster risk reduction and increased resilience to disasters with a renewed sense of urgency in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

The structure of this new Framework includes, among others, a set of principles, goals and priorities with global, regional, national and local lines of action. The new Sendai Framework thus aims to achieve the following outcome in the next 15 years:

*"The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses caused by disasters, both in terms of lives, livelihoods and health as well as economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of individuals, companies, communities and countries."*

To attain the expected outcome, the Framework suggests pursuing the following goal:

*"Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk through the implementation of integrated and inclusive economic, structural, legal, social, health, cultural, educational, environmental, technological, political and institutional measures that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience."*

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The achievement of this outcome requires the strong commitment and involvement of political leadership in each country at all levels both in the implementation and follow-up of the present Framework as well as in the creation of the necessary conducive and enabling environment. To this end, the National Emergency Secretariat of Paraguay (SNE) jointly with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), through its Regional Office for the Americas, aims to promote a discussion of ministerial representatives and high-level authorities of all countries of the Americas, to identify a regional action plan for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in the Americas.

## 2. Background

Why is this topic important and why does it justify a work session?

The Sendai Framework 2015-2030 clearly states that international cooperation in its various modalities plays a vital role in supporting the efforts of developing countries to reduce disaster risk. Recognizing the trend of increasing vulnerability in developing countries, particularly in the least developed countries and Small Island States, the Sendai Framework calls on the need for *"... urgent strengthening of international cooperation and ensuring genuine and durable partnerships at the regional and international levels in order to support developing countries to implement the present Framework, in accordance with their national priorities and needs."* Also, one of the seven global targets set by the Sendai Framework 2015-2030 specifically refers to the issue and establishes the need for *"... Substantially enhance international cooperation to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the present Framework by 2030."*

International cooperation includes a variety of sources and is a vital element in supporting disaster risk reduction efforts at all levels. As stated in the Framework of Sendai, *"... In the context of increasing global interdependence, concerted international cooperation, an enabling international environment and means of implementation are needed to stimulate and contribute to developing the knowledge, capacities and motivation for disaster risk reduction at all levels, in particular for developing countries."*

This panel intends to address challenges and opportunities as well as the mechanisms and roles to achieve the goals set in the Sendai Framework from the perspective of international cooperation.

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### 3. Objective of panel 2

Identify opportunities, challenges and priorities to achieve the objectives outlined in the Sendai Framework 2015-2030 and how cooperation in the region may support these efforts. After this panel participants should:

- Understand the opportunities and challenges of cooperation in supporting capacity building, sharing of knowledge and technology between countries and funding for the implementation of the Sendai Framework.
- Knowing what would be the priorities for action to strengthen cooperation to achieve the goals set by the Sendai Framework.

### 4. Session outline and issues to address

<b>Structure and discussion agenda</b>  75 min.	<p>Panel: The role of international cooperation in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome and presentation of the panel (5 min.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ronald Jackson</b>, Executive Director, CDEMA</li></ul></li><li>2. Development cooperation and Disaster Risk Management: (56 min.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hitoshi Baba</b>, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA-Japan)</li><li>• <b>Sidney Velado</b>, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA/USAID)</li><li>• <b>Cecilia Ugaz</b>, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations, Paraguay</li><li>• <b>Horst Pilger</b>, Chief of Sector, Climate Change at the Regional Programme in Latin America Unit, DEVCO, EU</li><li>• <b>Fernando Infante</b>, Director and Representative, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), Paraguay</li><li>• <b>Hori Tsuneki</b>, Disaster Risk</li></ul></li></ol>
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3. **Questions (14 min.)**