

3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Schedule of Disability-related Events in connection with The Nippon
Foundation

Projects and Events in connection with The Nippon Foundation

Grant project - Making the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its process disability-inclusive

The Nippon Foundation is supporting UNISDR in a number of ways to include persons with disabilities in WCDRR and the preparation processes so that their perspectives and experiences can be reflected, by ensuring accessibility to preparatory meetings and actual conferences, as well as access to information, inviting persons with disabilities, holding sessions, and issuing reports in accessible formats.

Related Event - Post-2015 Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction: Building Resilient Society through the Whole-community Approach including Persons with Disabilities

- Organizer : The Nippon Foundation, Sendai City, Sendai City Welfare Association for the Disabled
- Venue : Hall B, TKP Garden City Sendai
- Date : 17 March

9:30-9:50 Opening ceremony

Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman of Nippon Foundation)

Miyato Takahashi (Chief of Health and Welfare Bureau, Sendai City) and other guests

9:50-12:00 Session One: Panel discussion I

“Proposal for Disaster-prepared Community Building from the Perspectives of Persons with Disabilities”

Coordinator: Seiichi Takahashi (Professor, Tohoku Fukushi University)

Panelists:

Kazuhiko Abe (Chairman of the Sendai City Social Welfare Association/professor, Tohoku Fukushi University)

Kiyoharu Shiraishi (Representative of the JDF Disaster Area Support Center for People with Disabilities Fukushima)

Shigeo Tatsuki (Professor, Doshisha University)

Hideto Kawakita (Representative member of the Committee on the Development of Human Resources to Manage Support Centers for Disaster-affected People)

Marcie Roth (Director of Office of Disability Integration & Coordination, the US Federal Emergency Management Agency)

(12:00-13:00 Lunch break *Refreshments will be provided)

13:00-15:00 Session Two: Panel discussion II

“Community-wide Efforts to Achieve Inclusive Disaster Preparedness”

Coordinator: Shigeo Tatsuki (Professor, Doshisha University)

Panelists:

Ádám Kósa (Member of the European Parliament/member of the legal committee, World Federation of the Deaf)

Akiie Ninomiya (Director of the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD))

Junko Murano (Specialist, Oita Prefecture Social Welfare Council)

Mitsuaki Aoyagi (Chief Manager, Disaster Relief Team and Social Innovation Promotion Team, Nippon Foundation)

Scheduled panelists:

Lena Dominelli (Former president of the International Federation of Social Welfare/professor of Durham University, UK)

15:00-15:15 Closing ceremony

Main Conference - Working Session : Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Inclusive DRR for All

- Organizer : United Nations
- Venue : Exhibition Hall 1, Sendai International Center
- Date : 16:00 - 17:30 on 17 March (planned)

Moderator: Mr. Monthian Buntan, United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Opening: Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation, Japan

Speakers: Mr. Paul Njoroge, Senator, Kenya, Ms. Sonnia Margarita, World Federation of Deaf Blind, Latin America, Ms. Marcie Roth, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States of America, Ms. Satoko Akiyama, Urakawa Bethel's House, Japan, Mr. Setareki Macanawai, Chair, Pacific Disability Forum, Fiji

Closing: Mr. Rihards Kozlovskis, Ministry of Interior, State Fire and Rescue Service, Latvia

- Physical and information accessibility in disaster reduction and recovery
- Call for international partnerships to work on disability inclusiveness in regional disaster prevention and the implementation of the post-Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA2)

Sasakawa Award Ceremony

- Organizer : UNISDR
- Sponsor : The Nippon Foundation

- Venue : Main Hall, Sendai International Center
- Date : 18:30 -20:30 on 17 March
18 : 30-19:30 Award Ceremony 19:30-20:30 Cocktail Reception

Disability-related Events Co-hosted by The Nippon Foundation

15 March (Sun.)

Related Projects - DESA Forum

Taking Action towards a Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR) Framework (HFA2) and its Implementation

Organizer: UN-DESA

Co-host: The Nippon Foundation

Venue: TOHOKU UNIVERSITY, B200, SENDAI, JAPAN

OPENING (10am-10:45am): AN OVERVIEW OF DISABILITY-INCLUSION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION: CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES

The Opening segment will discuss the status of DIDRR in the context of the on-going work toward a post-2015 development framework. It will include an overview of disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction (DIDRR) framework and its progress; challenges and obstacles in disability-inclusion in disaster risk reduction, resilience and reconstruction at both policy and programme levels.

Session I (10:45am-12.30pm): Experience and Lessons related to the advancement of Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience and Reconstruction: EXPERIENCE OF JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES

This session will consist of sharing experiences and lessons learned on the ground to advance the DIDRR, in particular, the experience of the 2011 Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami and DIDRR. This Session will be led by the Japan Disability Forum, in collaboration with DESA/DSPD and followed by an interactive discussion.

Session II Present and Future of DIDRR

(1) DIDRR policies, programme and implementation (1.30pm-2:30pm): This segment will discuss how to successfully advance DIDRR policies and their implementation in the global, regional, national and local contexts. The discussion will include good practice in removal of physical, social and cultural barriers to DIDRR as well as “emerging DIDRR issues”, such as mental health and mental well-being, social groups with increased vulnerabilities and promotion of the use of DIDRR technologies.

(2) A Way Forward: steps toward realization of DIDRR (2:30pm-4:00pm)

This segment will focus on “next steps” in preparation for the implementation of the HFA II.

It will examine the role of governments, the UN system, organizations of persons with disabilities and other disability and civil society organizations, expert/academic communities, private foundations as well as the private sector and how they can go beyond “boundaries” to achieve the goal of disability-inclusion in disaster risk reduction, resilience and reconstruction. The discussion will also explore and take stock of ways and means to strengthen global/regional/national and local networks and build new partnerships for concrete results in implementing DIDRR.

Closing session: summary and recommendations (4.00pm-4.30pm): The session will include presentation of summaries of the preceding sessions as well as the recommendations for next steps to implement the DIDRR in the global, national, regional and local contexts.

16 March (Mon.)

Related Event - UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015”

UN Forum in Rikuzentakata, Japan “Resilience for Tomorrow: Creating an Inclusive City out of Devastation”

Organizer : UNDP, JDF, Rikuzentakata City

Co-host : The Nippon Foundation

Venue: Community Hall, City of Rikuzentakata

13:00 Opening Greetings / Speeches (Three organizers, Singapore Government, etc.)

- Announcement of Rikuzentakata City Action Plan
- Panel Discussion

One of the panelists will be Yasunobu Ishii (BHN Team Leader, The Nippon Foundation)

15:30 Closing