

OPENING CEREMONY

Leave No One Behind – Making Inclusion A Reality

May 13th, 2019/ 9:00-9:30, ROOM 1

AGENDA

Welcome and introduction to the conference (9:00-9:05)

Chair - Maria Luisa Silva, Director, UNDP Office in Geneva

Welcome address by the World Bank (9:05-9:10)

Mr. Sameh Wahba, Director of Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice

Address by UNISDR (9:10-9:15)

Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Reduction

Address by the United Nations Development Program (9:15-9:20)

Ms. Asako Okaj, Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator, Director of Crisis Bureau, UNDP

Address by the European Union (9:20-9:25)

H.E. Mr. Carl Hallergard, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva

Closing remarks (9:25-9:30)

Chair - Maria Luisa Silva, Director, UNDP Office in Geneva

BIO

Mr. Sameh Wahba
World Bank Group



Sameh Wahba, an Egyptian national, is the Global Director for Urban and Territorial Development, Disaster Risk Management and Resilience at the World Bank Group’s Social, Rural, Urban and Resilience Global Practice, based in Washington D.C, where he oversees the formulation of the World Bank’s strategy and the design and delivery of all lending, technical assistance, policy advisory activities, and partnerships at the global level.

Prior to this, he was Practice Manager for the Urban and Disaster Risk Management unit in Africa and the Global Urban and Resilience Unit, and he served as Acting Director of Operations and Strategy for the Global Practice. He also worked as Sustainable Development Sector Leader for Brazil, based in Brasilia, and worked as an urban specialist focused on housing, land, local economic development, and municipal management and service delivery in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East and North Africa Regions. Prior to joining the Bank in 2004, he worked at the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam and at the Harvard Center for Urban Development Studies.


He holds a Ph.D. and Masters in urban planning from Harvard University, and a B.Sc and M.Sc in Architectural Engineering from Cairo University. He speaks Arabic, French, English, and Portuguese. Most recently, he co-authored the Bank’s flagship publication on “Regenerating Urban Land: A Practitioner’s Guide to Leveraging Private Investment.”

Ms. Mami Mizutori
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk
Reduction



Ms. Mami Mizutori (Japanese) was appointed Assistant Secretary General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2018. She brings to the position a combination of management and leadership expertise as well as 25+ years of experience in international affairs and security.

Ms. Mizutori served for 27 years in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in various capacities, including as Budget Director, Director of the Japan Information and Culture Center (JICC) at the Embassy of Japan in London, Director of the National Security Policy Division, Director of the United Nations Policy Division, Director of the Status of US Forces Agreement Division, and Deputy Director of the Personnel Division. Prior to joining UNISDR she was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK since 2011. Ms. Mizutori has worked in London, Washington D.C., and Mexico City. She has taught courses on governance in East Asia at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and international studies at Waseda University, Tokyo. She Mizutori

	<p>graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo and obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain.</p> <p>Ms. Mizutori’s knowledge about UNDP/UN system (intel from Tokyo office): As an ex-MoFA official, she has an extensive project management experience in UK, but has not had exposure to developing countries/governments at field level. Since she served as Director of Finance in the Foreign Minister’s Cabinet, she is familiar with the financial flows in the UN system through the Japanese contributions to UNDP; as well as the role of UNDP. She was encouraged by the SG to connect with the UN & WB development operations. Thus, stronger collaboration with UNDP, based on our field experiences & capacities, should be welcome under her leadership.</p>
<p>Ms. Asako Okai, ASG UNDP</p> 	<p>Ms. Asako Okai officially began her role as Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator, Director of Crisis Bureau on August 22, 2018. In this role, she leads UNDP’s corporate crisis-related work and drives UNDP’s vision and priorities for crisis prevention, response, and recovery.</p> <p>Ms. Okai has over 30 years of experience in the Japanese Foreign Service and in the United Nations. She possesses an extensive track record in development, humanitarian response, disaster management, and peace building work at both the strategic and operational levels. Throughout her career, she has closely engaged in the evolution of international cooperation frameworks in different capacities, including the forging of historic institutional reforms of the international cooperation apparatus in Japan, and implementing innovative financial mechanisms to support reliable humanitarian funding model as Japan’s Director of Humanitarian Assistance.</p> <p>Ms. Okai has held several diplomatic senior positions worldwide and worked closely with the United Nations Headquarters, both in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN and as a Senior Member of the Office of the President of the 66th UN General Assembly, most recently serving as Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver, Canada. She holds a Master of Arts in History of Art, Emmanuel College, Cambridge University and a Bachelor’s degree in Law, Hitotsubashi University, Japan. Born in 1966, she is married.</p>

H.E. Mr. Carl Hallergard, European Union



Carl Hallergard took up his functions as Deputy Head of Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva on 1 September 2016.

Between 2012 and 2016, Carl Hallergard was Head of Political and Security Council Affairs at the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York.

From 2006 to 2012 he served in the Cabinet of High Representatives Javier Solana and Catherine Ashton with responsibilities focusing mainly on Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans.

Earlier assignments include service in the European Community Humanitarian Office from 1996, as well as in the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit at the Council of the European Union from 2000, which included a stint as Head of Cabinet of the EU Special Representative in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in 2001-2002.

Mr Hallergard is married with two children and holds Master's degrees from the Stockholm School of Economics and the College of Europe in Bruges.

Chair

Maria Luisa Silva
Director of the UNDP Office in Geneva



Maria Luisa Silva is the Director of the UNDP Office in Geneva.

She has over 25 years' experience in UNDP and the UN system, most recently as UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Peru (2014-2015). From 2009-14 she served in UNEP as Executive Secretary of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment in the Mediterranean and its Commission on Sustainable Development. From 2006-09 she was UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. From 1999-2006 she was seconded to OHCHR in Geneva, where she was Team Leader with the Research and Right to Development Branch (RRDB). Before this she was UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Peru from 1996-1998, and held other UNDP assignments in New York, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Belize. Prior to joining the United Nations, she was consultant on European Affairs with Deloitte at their Brussels office, and taught international law at the University of Seville (Spain).

Maria Luisa Silva holds a Master's Degree in International and Public Law from the University of Seville, and a post graduate certificate on European Integration from the College of Europe, in Bruges (Belgium). She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.