

TECHNICAL SESSION

BBB in infrastructure: making it stronger and accessible to everyone May 13th, 2019, 11:00 – 12:30 hrs

Context	<p>Crises around the world are multiplying and becoming more complex and protracted. In 2019, nearly 132 million people across the world will need humanitarian assistance and protection.¹ Disasters affect 350 million people on average each year and cause billions of dollars of damage, while conflicts drive 80% of all humanitarian needs, and reduce gross domestic product (GDP) growth by two percentage points per year, on average.</p> <p>At the same time, crises can also be an opportunity for shifts in how we prepare to disasters and respond to them. Making recovery and reconstruction more participatory, including women, makes it more resilient, and provides for increased community stability and resilience, as well as, helps to utilize largely untapped assets in crisis recovery programming.</p> <p>In light of this context, this session will introduce recent initiatives to promote more inclusive recovery and reconstruction, making it more resilient, and share good practices on the integration of BBB approach in post-disaster context, helping design more effective disaster recovery interventions. This session will also come up with practical recommendations to overcome challenges we face in fulfilling our commitments on resilient recovery applying BBB in large scale infrastructure recovery initiatives, resilient infrastructure context and economic cost/benefit of inclusive and resilient recovery.</p> <p>Building back better, BBB, has been advocated since first promoted in 2005 after the Indian Ocean Tsunami. While the notion of BBB is increasingly broadly embraced as a guiding principle, there remains a great need for countries and communities to adequately prepare to build back better before disaster strikes. For most decision makers, it is less of a question of whether to build back better, but how building back better should be done.</p> <p>The session on <i>BBB in infrastructure: making it stronger and accessible to everyone</i> brings together high-level representatives from the national governments in the ECIS Region, representative of different international initiatives and NGOs working on BBB issues and development partners.</p> <p>The distinguished panel of experts will deliberate on the options for practical application and success factors in the application of the principles of BBB, looking not only at safer and stronger reconstruction of infrastructure and physical assets, but also, addressing people's social and human impact of the</p>
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¹ UN OCHA, [Global Humanitarian Overview 2019](#)

	<p>disaster and how to take recovery as an opportunity to improve their quality of live and prospects to the future.</p> <p>Government officials will deliberate on how institutional and legal arrangements, policies and systems in place agreed in an ex-ante approach, could facilitate the management of infrastructure recovery and the application of BBB principles. The discussion will highlight best practices and lessons learnt from the recovery processes in Armenia and Serbia. Authors of recent research such as the <i>BBB: Achieving resilience through stronger, faster and more inclusive post disaster reconstruction</i>, and the <i>Suffering of the rural poor following large earthquakes</i>, the international coalition for Resilient Infrastructure and the work done by NGOs on the ground will add to the need for cooperation and coordination in building back better.</p>																								
Speakers / Panelists	<p>Session to be facilitated by Mr. Armen Grigoryan, Reginoal Cluster Leader of UNDP on DRR, CC and Energy in Istanbul.</p> <p>Panelists as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>SPEAKER</th><th>Title</th><th>Representing</th></tr><tr><td>Ms. Armine Hayrapetyan</td><td>Government of Armenia</td><td>Armenia</td></tr><tr><td>Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic</td><td>Government of Serbia</td><td>Serbia</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. Kamal Kishore</td><td>Government of India</td><td>India</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. Max Wyss</td><td>International Center for Earth Simulation</td><td>ICES</td></tr><tr><td>Ms. Emma Lovell</td><td>ODI</td><td>ODI</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. Joe Leitmann</td><td>Team Leader</td><td>GFDRR</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	SPEAKER	Title	Representing	Ms. Armine Hayrapetyan	Government of Armenia	Armenia	Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic	Government of Serbia	Serbia	Mr. Kamal Kishore	Government of India	India	Mr. Max Wyss	International Center for Earth Simulation	ICES	Ms. Emma Lovell	ODI	ODI	Mr. Joe Leitmann	Team Leader	GFDRR			
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