

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Inclusion as a Right for All

May 14th, 2019/ 16:00-17:00, ROOM 2 (Projections in Rooms 3 & 4)

Organizers	<p>WB/GFDRR, UNDP and EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mare Lo (GFDRR – Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist) - Stefanie Afonso, UNDP - Chiara Mellucci, EU DEVCO
Context	<p>The 4th edition of the World Reconstruction Conference addressed the theme of “Inclusion for Resilient Recovery” and shared experiences on different dimensions of social inclusion, with a view to advance the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. The latter promotes an inclusive approach that leads to social cohesion and builds resilience of communities exposed to disaster and supports the achievement of more equitable outcomes in recovery.</p> <p>Disasters compound social exclusion and existing vulnerabilities, disproportionately impacting the poor, women, children, the elderly, disabled, minority groups, and those marginalized in other ways. Reconstruction and recovery interventions can increase, reinforce, or reduce existing inequalities. The unevenness of these impacts is often highlighted but the recovery process is potentially more uneven, and is more insidious and dangerous as it tends to be less visible while having both chronic and devastating effects. If reconstruction and recovery programs are to achieve the goal of making communities more resilient to future hazards and climate change, three things are required: (i) a clear understanding of the pre-existing social, political, environmental and economic factors that contribute to the vulnerability of the poor and marginalized before a disaster hits; (ii) recognition and understanding of how relief, recovery, and reconstruction interventions can reduce, reinforce or increase those vulnerabilities; (iii) and investment in actions to ensure these groups are effectively reached, protected, empowered and included in their own recovery. The most effective approach on a global scale would be to enforce a rights-based paradigm to ensure protection from all forms of vulnerability and foster accountability among governments, development partners and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Understanding the disproportionate impact of disasters on the most vulnerable, necessitates not only a risk-informed and rights-based approach but also the identification of priorities to lessen the impact of disasters such as expanding financial inclusion, disaster risk and health insurance, social protection and adaptive safety nets, contingent finance and reserve funds, and universal access to early warning systems.</p>

	<p>The session will bring together development partners and high level representation from government and academia, to recommend concrete steps that need to be taken to take both the dialogue and implementation of a rights-based framework forward.</p>
<p>Session Objectives and expected Outcomes</p>	<p>The closing plenary will have two-fold objectives: (1) to arrive at a globally-shared and comprehensive view of various forms of inclusion (or exclusion) that need to be addressed and integrate these insights into a rights-based framework (2) to provide guidance and outline actions to make sure the focus on execution and implementation of a rights-based global compact is translated into initiatives at the local, national, regional and global levels.</p> <p>The session will identify approaches enabling the realization of a rights-based paradigm and guide inclusive recovery systems in order to: (1) Ensure the full and meaningful participation of all groups and individuals in identifying and reducing risk. (2) Provide institutional guarantee that those at risk of being excluded are included in the recovery process (3) Appreciate and respond to their diverse characteristics, capacities and vulnerabilities. (4) Contribute to resilience for everyone by removing barriers that keep excluded people out of the planning and decision making process and transforming existing power relations.</p>
<p>Key elements for the discussion</p>	<p>The session will deliberate on the following questions and issues:</p> <p>On the policy subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to integrate the pledge to leave no one behind in the context of inclusive recovery strategies, plans and budgets through equity-focused and rights-based approaches ? <p>On the inclusion subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to facilitate a rights-based approach to policy-making that is conducive to meaningful participation, civic engagement and supporting the role of people, communities and civil society organizations to shape public decisions and hold government accountable account to realize their rights ? • How to promote equity-focused and rights-based laws, policies, public information campaigns and frameworks to address stigma and discrimination ? <p>On the recovery practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to work with governments, national human rights institutions and civil society to institutionalize community feedback mechanisms and collect people-centred data ? • How to encourage establishing monitoring mechanisms to understand how rights of affected people are addressed at the central, regional and local levels?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to promote learning from successful policies and interventions around the world to improve the opportunities and capabilities of the furthest behind people, groups and communities, and respective governments ?
Speakers/ Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandra Ocles, Minister of Disaster Risk Management, Ecuador • Governor of Hyogo Prefecture Japan, Mr. Toshizo Ido • Asif Saleh, Senior Director, BRAC International, Dhaka, Bangladesh • Prof. Fatou Sow Sarr, Director of the Gender and Scientific Research Laboratory, University of Dakar, Senegal
Discussion agenda and structure	<p>Introduction, icebreaker with audience and agenda setting by Moderator Dr. Maitreyi Das, Manager, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice; Global Lead for Social Inclusion, World Bank (5 min)</p> <p>Plenary Session (60)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Toshizo Ido Governor of Hyogo Prefecture Japan (5 min) - Prof. Fatou Sow Sarr, University of Dakar, Senegal (5 min) - Asif Saleh, BRAC Bangladesh (5 min) - Alexandra Ocles, Minister of DRM Ecuador (5 min) - Q & A (30 min) - Conclusion & Closing / Moderator (5 min)
Expected number of participants	1000
Technical Equipment Required	<p>Video projector, screen, sound, computer, lapel microphones for panelists + 1 moderator, Panel set-up, 1 podium, interpretation booth (French-English)</p> <p>Projections in Room 3 and 4</p> <p>International sign language</p>