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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MECHANISM
SENDAI FRAMEWORK
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030

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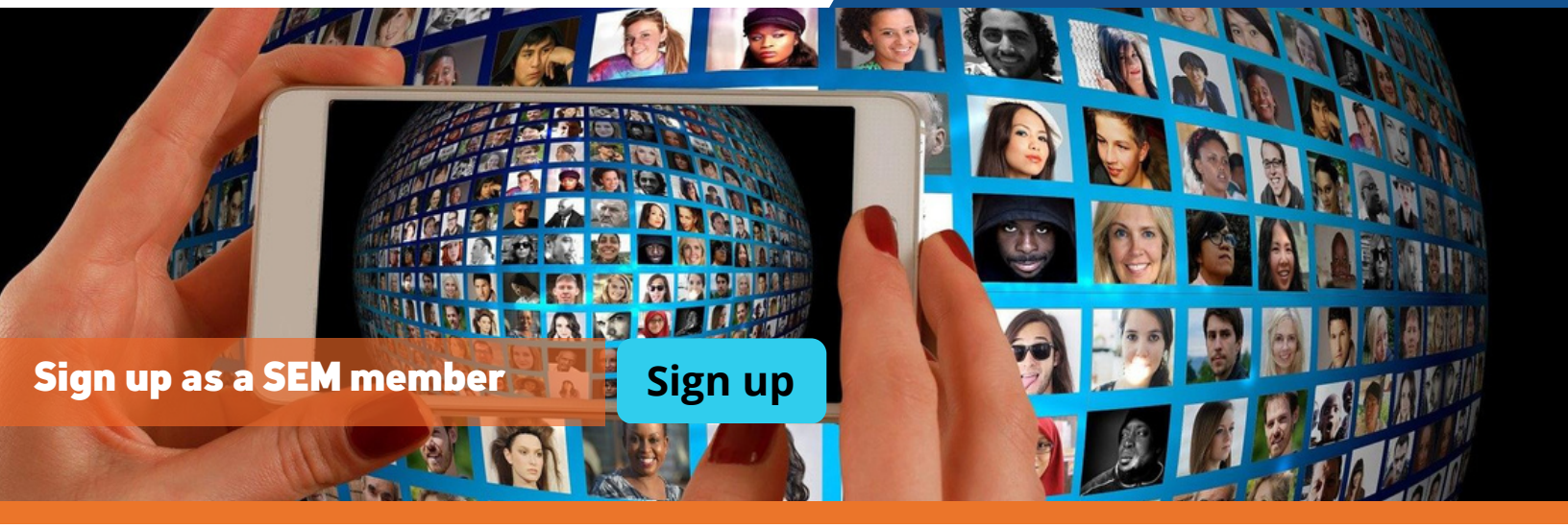

Dear SEM members,

We wish you a happy end of the year 2022 and the start of 2023.

Thank you all for a great collaboration this past year. Together we have enhanced the awareness about disaster risk reduction, influenced policy processes and shared knowledge on good practices. Our membership continued to steadily increase in numbers and in scope along with a growing member interest to contribute to the collective work.

We look forward to continuing our work in the year 2023, and to facilitating an inclusive collective discussion about the future direction of SEM.

Best wishes,
The SEM Advisory Group Focal Points -
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A MEMBER OF SEM

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Alinne is a young scientist from Mexico. She runs projects on the Game Theory and the Set Theory with the University of Tokyo, with the objective to evaluate society's behaviour during emergencies.

Alinne is currently a Focal Point for the Young Scientists Platform on DRR and the children and youth representative in the Advisory Council of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas and the Caribbean.

Read more about SEM here

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT AVENUES

Voluntary National Reviews - Assess the Progress of Agenda 2030 Implementation

The voluntary national reviews (VNRs) aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Member states are encouraged to conduct these reviews and present them in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). There is an avenue for non-state actors to respond to these reviews during the HLPF. SEM has intentions to enhance the engagement within the VNR process during the year 2023.

Do you belong to a VNR country?
Check the list for HLPF Year 2023

Strategy Development of Knowledge Exchange Among DRR Stakeholders from Local, Regional & Global Level

A comprehensive bottom-up consultation processes with stakeholders across demographics and regions have taken place in the later part of year 2022. The objective is to assess the need and develop a strategy of enhanced knowledge exchange among the DRR stakeholders across local, regional, and global level. A first draft of the strategy will shortly be shared, and your contribution is as always welcome. Following a collective agreement on the strategy, the implementation phase will start.

Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework - Review Process, High Level Meeting & Political Declaration

Midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework (MTR SF) assesses progress in achieving the goal of the Sendai Framework by 2030. The findings of the MTR SF will be consolidated in a report on the MTR SF, which will inform a high-level meeting of the General Assembly in New York on 18 and 19 May 2023. The meeting will adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration to renew commitment and accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework, and which will inform the quadrennial review of the SDGs at the ECOSOC High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July of 2023, the SDGs Summit, and the UN Secretary General's Summit of the Future at the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly in September 2023. In the lead up to the high level meeting there are several means to engage and contribute, including learning labs, and online dialogues amongst all. SEM will also directly engage in the preparations of the agenda and will welcome you all to share your thoughts and knowledge in the process.

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FEATURED STORY

The 2nd Stakeholder Declaration for DRR addresses the importance of a whole of society, government and policy approach. The content of the declaration contributed to the Bali Agenda for Resilience. The declaration was developed through an inclusive process in the months leading up to the 7th Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction.

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PAST ACTIVITIES OF SEM

The Sixty-Sixth Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) took place from 14 to 25 March 2022, under the theme *"Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes"*. SEM hosted the side event *"Disaster Risk Reduction: Feminist Perspective on Stakeholder Engagement"*. The event amongst all highlighted the linkages to climate change, COVID 19 pandemic recovery and DRR financing.

Report - Stakeholder Perspectives on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework

A consultative process was held with a wide range of stakeholders, to collate their experience related to the progress, challenges, trends, gaps and good practices of the Sendai Framework implementation. The contribution resulted in a report presenting the stakeholder perspectives, which informed the midterm review consultations held at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 (GP2022).

Read the Report

The Second Stakeholder Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction

The second stakeholder forum on DRR was held as a preparatory event for the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 (GP2022). The Forum brought together stakeholders from all parts of society and from around the world to provide an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge on different approaches to build disaster resilient societies. Participation in the Forum was open to all Governments, UN, international and regional organisations and the stakeholders attending the GP2022. Discussions focused on strengthening the collaboration and the all-of-society approaches in the implementation of the Sendai Framework in coherence with all other frameworks of the wider Post-2015 Development Agenda. The agenda included both formal plenaries, as well as thematic and constituency focused parallel sessions. The constituency sessions contributed to the generation of constituency focused positions for the GP2022. The thematic sessions generated policy recommendations and knowledge sharing which contributed to the GP2022 Chairs Summary.

Read the Key Recommendations from the Second Stakeholder Forum on DRR

The 11th World Urban Forum

The World Urban Forum (WUF) is the premier global conference on sustainable urbanisation, and the 11th WUF took place from June 26-30, 2022 in Katowice, Poland. SEM organised and moderated a WUF11 networking event titled *"Operationalizing an All-of-Society Approach to Reduce Disaster Risk and Build Resilience"*, which brought together a wide range of actors including local authorities and government representatives. All participants emphasized the need to work with partners to achieve results. Other key messages demanded better data and research, as well as nature-based solutions to cope with the sea level rise. SEM representatives co-chaired the Civil Society and Grassroots Roundtable at WUF11, which focused on the governance and financing systems needed to integrate co-creation in sustainable urban development.

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The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. SEM members participated in the HLPF 2022 and actively engaged in both the preparatory process and the forum itself.

- SEM members submitted a para 89 report that shows their contribution to implementation of the Agenda 2030
- SEM generated policy recommendations for the HLPF 2022
- SEM hosted a side event titled “A whole of society for a whole of government: delivering Agenda 2030 from GP2022 to the HLPF to COP27 and beyond”

There were several successes in regards to the SEM engagement this year, including enhanced number of SEM members taking part in the process, increase in number of side events and sessions with speakers from SEM.

Read the Para 89 Report

Read the SEM Policy Brief

Read the Brief Report of SEM Engagment

The 27th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP27)

COP27 took place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on the 6th - 18th November year 2022. SEM members worked together in the lead up and during the COP27 to ensure recognition of the importance of risk reduction to reach the Paris Agreement and, more importantly, to minimise the negative effects of climate change. SEM has enhanced its engagement, both in quantity and quality. Following is a a brief summary of our engagement.

SEM generated policy recommendations to COP27

Read the SEM Policy Recommendations

SEM hosted the formal side event “Localised Solutions to Reduce Climate Induced Loss & Damage for the Most Vulnerable“

Watch the Event Recording

SEM hosted the formal side event “Localised Financing for Climate Change Adaptation: Reducing Loss & Damage and Inequity Cycles“

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SEM co-hosted a side event in the Health Pavilion

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SEM co-hosted side event in the Youth Pavilion, and a workshop in the SDG pavilion, that focused on the expectations from the local leaders towards the global goal on the adaptation and stocktake

Key outcomes of COP27 constitute the recognition of risk reduction, adoption of the Santiago Network text, as well as agreement on the loss and damage financing fund and mechanism.

International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction Year 2022

SEM celebrated the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction by hosting the webinar *"All of society's approach to multi-hazard early warning systems"*. The webinar engaged two discussion segments; *“Implementing early warning multi-hazard systems through of society approach"* and and “Policy Coherence of Sendai Framework and COP27.”

Read the Webinar Report & Key Messages

A GLIMPSE OF SEM MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Disability Inclusive Climate Justice & Policy

Inclusive NGO has produced a series of educational materials so that you can learn what Inclusive Environmental Justice in Disability is.

Watch the Video

A consortium of disability focused organisations has generated a report on disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction (DiDRR) policy and practice, including progress, gaps, and identified good practices.

Read the Report

IFRC Actions for Urban Resilience & Climate Change

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement's highest decision-making body, the Council of Delegates, adopted a resolution on *"Strengthening the resilience of urban communities: Our way forward"* in June 2022. It called upon National Societies to scale up their work on urban resilience.

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Heat Action Day: As climate change is turning up the heat around the world, on June 14, 2022, the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies coordinated 'heat wave flash mobs' in public spaces to raise awareness of heat risks and share simple ways to #BeatTheHeat.

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Stakeholders for Justice in Times of Disaster

One important role of stakeholders that is not often mentioned but, nevertheless, is essential, is the role of the accuser in both the criminal and civil proceedings that arise when juridical clarification is needed about disputed or false (administrative) action (or undue non-action). The C\current cases in Germany and in Switzerland are documented in detail.

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Knowledge Products from the International Council of Science

The International Council of Science has generated several knowledge products throughout the year including the following ones:

- Policy brief: Closing the Gap Between Science and Practice at Local Levels to Accelerate Disaster Risk Reduction
- Briefing Note: Systemic Risk
- Hazard Information Profiles: Supplement to UNDER-ISC Hazard Definition & Classification Review
- Blog: The future of Disaster Resiliency and the Need for a Global Vulnerability

KNOW MORE ABOUT SEM

The UNDRR-SEM offers all non-state actors an opportunity to engage in the follow up and implementation of the Sendai Framework. It creates an open and structured avenue to leverage the voice and action of stakeholders in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework and integration of disaster risk reduction, prevention and resilience, and systemic into the broader 2030 Agenda.

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