**International Recovery Forum 2019**

**Attaining the Build Back Better Dividend**

**BACKGROUND**

'Build Back Better' has been increasingly embraced as a strategy in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. There are many benefits to doing so, including reduction of future losses; improved standards, practices, and technologies; economic stimulus; and progress in other dimensions of development. Yet, critical questions remain for decision makers, including how these benefits can be realized, who should benefit, and how to ensure no one is left behind.

The International Recovery Forum 2019 will draw upon the insights and experiences of governments, the private sector, and international and civil society organizations in addressing these questions. The Forum will feature distinguished keynote speakers and two panel discussions to achieve these outcomes. The first panel will focus on strategic questions to guide how governments and communities build back better and achieve the greatest possible benefits. The second panel will focus on inclusive approaches to Building Back Better - to improve participation, access, and assistance to vulnerable groups and attain more equitable sharing of the benefits of Build Back Better.

The Forum 2019 intends to achieve these objectives:

1. **Define the actual benefits of building back better**
   The Forum aims to define the benefits of building back better by looking back to earlier experiences and by exploring the latest forward-looking research, innovative approaches and technologies.

2. **Discuss strategies to leave no one behind**
   The Forum will discuss strategies to build back better that ensure an inclusive recovery, in which the benefits reduce risks of vulnerable populations and ensure that hard-fought development gains are not lost.

3. **Share best practices**
   The Forum will explore best practices including pre-disaster actions and investment necessary to ensure countries and communities have the plans, capacities, technologies, mechanisms, and financing in place to build back better quickly and inclusively.

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**ORGANIZERS**

International Recovery Platform (IRP)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

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**SUPPORTED BY**

UN-Habitat
UNISDR

**使用言語/LANGUAGE**

English and Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)
Opening

World Bank: Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Josef Leitmann

Mr. Josef Leitmann is a world-renowned economist, known for his work in the field of development and economic policy. His contributions have been widely recognized and have had a significant impact on the field.

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Taku Kodaia
Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management
Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Mr. Taku Kodaia joined the Ministry of Construction in 1988. He has led OCR policies as Director-General, Office of the Director-General for Deteriorative technology of Radioactive Materials at Ministry of the Environment (2013-2015). Director-General for Planning Department, Kyushu Regional Development Bureau at Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism (2015-2017), and Director for River Improvement and Management Division, Water and Disaster Management Bureau at MLIT (2017). He took his current office in August 2018. Currently, as Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, he has been leading policies to reduce risk of expected large-scale disasters through examining and promoting better policies for response against Nankai Trough earthquake, flood and flood disasters, in particular regarding efficient evacuation of citizens.

Panel Discussion 1: Strategies to Realize the Build Back Better Dividend

Mr. Miki Yoshida
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Keynote Session

Mr. Haruo Hayashi
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Luncheon Meeting (UNDP)政策支援プログラム支援 – 政策スピーキング

Mr. Ritsa Missal
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Mr. Ritsa Missal is a Policy Specialist working with the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support in UNDP New York. For the last 7 years, Ritsa has led the global partnership on Post Disaster Needs Assessment with the World Bank and the European Union. As the global focal point for PDNA, Ritsa reviews and provides technical support to assessments conducted globally. In her role as Policy Specialist, Ritsa also works on institutional arrangements and policies for recovery. Her other responsibilities include working on issues of people with disabilities and disaster-related displacement. Ritsa has a dual Master’s in Disaster Mitigation and English Literature.

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Panel Discussion 2: Ensuring an Inclusive Dividend in Recovery

Munir Akram, President of the UN Economic and Social Council

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Closing Remarks

Ms. Setsuko Saya, Co-Chair, IRP Steering Committee
Director, International Cooperation Division, Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office
Government of Japan

Programme

10:00 - 10:25

Remarks
Mr. Josef Leitmann, Chair, IRP Steering Committee
Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)
The World Bank Group

Welcome Remarks
Mr. Taku Kodaira, Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Welcome Address
Mr. Kazuo Kanazawa, Vice Governor, Hyogo Prefectural Government

10:25 - 11:25

Keynote Session
(1) Mr. Haruo Hayashi, President, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience
(2) Report on World Disaster Trends
Ms. Rita Missal, Policy Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

11:25 - 12:55

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Panelists:
(1) Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic, Deputy Director, Public Investment Management Office, Government of Serbia
(2) Ms. Setsuko Saya, Co-Chair, IRP Steering Committee Director, International Cooperation Division, Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
(3) Mr. Miki Yoshida, Deputy General Manager, Urban Solutions Development Social Innovation Business Division, Hitachi, Ltd.
(4) Mr. Shankar Gopal Nair, Chief Executive Officer Habitat Technology, India
(5) Mr. Nobuyuki Kurita, Chairperson, Japan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (JVOAD)

Interactive Discussion
Moderator and Opening Remarks: Mr. Josef Leitmann
Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist
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12:55 - 13:00
Group Photo

13:00 - 14:00
Lunch Break

13:45 - 14:00
Coffee Service

14:00 - 15:40
Panel Discussion 2: Ensuring an Inclusive Dividend in Recovery
Panelists:
(1) Mr. Gombojav Ariunbayan, First Deputy Chief, National Emergency Management Agency, Government of Mongolia
(2) Ms. Sandra Schilen, Executive Director, Hualuori Commission
(3) Mr. Suprayoga Hadi, Primary Planner, National Development Planning Ministry, Government of Indonesia
(4) Mr. Shigeo Tatsuki, Professor, Doshisha University
(5) Ms. Kumiko Fujiwara, Executive Director and Peer Counselor Independent Living Center, Kobe Be Suketto

Interactive Discussion
Moderator and Opening Remarks: Mr. Arghya Sinha Roy
Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

15:40 - 15:50
Reflections of the Forum
Ms. Shoko Arakaki
Chief of Branch, Partnership, Inter-governmental process and Inter-agency cooperation, UNISDR

15:50 - 16:00
Closing Remarks
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