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Live Streaming

# International Recovery Forum 2021

国際復興フォーラム2021



## Building Back Better from Compound Disasters: Practical Cases and Lessons for Recovery from Natural Hazards and COVID-19

複合災害からの復興：自然災害とCOVID-19パンデミックへの取り組みとより良い復興 (Build Back Better) のための実践と教訓



Session 1 : Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient  
in the Context of a Pandemic

Session 2: Practical Cases and Lessons for Sustainable  
from the Impacts of Compound Disasters



**ORGANIZERS:**

International Recovery Platform (IRP); The Cabinet Office, Government of Japan; Hyogo Prefectural Government; Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC); United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)



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## BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 global health crisis has undoubtedly impacted many aspects of society and the economy. The unprecedented socioeconomic impacts that it has caused have undermined development progress and threatened the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Simultaneously, countries are confronted by the challenges of managing compound risks from the COVID-19 pandemic and natural hazards.

The International Recovery Forum 2021 will feature discussions on lessons for governance, planning, financing, and other key areas which can be applied to the COVID-19 recovery. Building on the IRP COVID-19 Recovery Policy Brief, panelists will consider the unique challenges and opportunities for recovery and building back better from the pandemic and compound disasters.

The online Forum 2021 will have two panel discussions that aim to achieve these objectives:

### 1. Examine priorities and opportunities to build back better, greener, and more resilient from COVID-19 and compound disasters

The first panel will discuss strategies for building back better, greener, and more resilient from the COVID-19 pandemic and natural hazards. Discussions will include consideration for institutional, financial, and implementation support for launching a green and resilient recovery while balancing immediate recovery needs and goals with priorities for longer-term resilience. Speakers will reflect on lessons from recent and past recovery experiences that can inform priorities and opportunities to build back better.

### 2. Assess social and economic impacts and identify early lessons learned for sustainable recovery from pandemics and compound disasters

The second panel will delve into cases and early lessons learned for recovery from disasters in countries most affected by the pandemic and natural hazards. It will provide insights from assessing social and economic impacts, as well as planning and financing a sustainable recovery. It will address key issues for vulnerable groups, and consider measures for managing compound risks from the pandemic and natural hazards.



## AGENDA:

### Opening

14:00 - 14:25

**Mr. Jared MERCADANTE**  
Chair of the International Recovery Platform Steering Committee (World Bank)

**Mr. OKONOGI Hachirou**  
Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

**Mr. IDO Toshizo\***  
Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

### Keynote Session

14:25 - 15:20

**Mr. KAWATA Yoshiaki**  
Executive Director of the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI)

**Mr. Stéphane HALLEGATTE**  
Lead Economist, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), World Bank

### Panel Discussion 1: Building Back Better, Greener, and More Resilient in the Context of a Pandemic

15:20 - 16:20

**Moderator:**  
**Ms. Rita MISSAL\***  
Recovery Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery for Building Resilience Team, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Panelists:**

- Ms. María Alejandra MUÑOZ SEMINARIO**  
Vice President, Republic of Ecuador
- Ms. Bambi KRAUS**  
National Tribal Affairs Advisor, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Government of the USA
- Mr. Vijay PADMANABHAN**  
Director, Urban Infrastructure, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank
- Mr. Joy ELAMON**  
Director General, Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Kerala, India

### Panel Discussion 2: Practical Cases and Lessons for Sustainable Recovery from the Impacts of Compound Disasters

16:25-17:20

**Moderator:**  
**Ms. Paola ALBRITO**  
Chief of Branch, Intergovernmental Processes, Interagency Co-operation and Partnerships, UNDRR

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Malcolm DALESA**  
PDNA and Recovery Strategy Coordinator, Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Vanuatu
- Mr. Ronald JACKSON**  
Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery for Building Resilience Team, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Mr. Mark JOVEN**  
Undersecretary, Department of Finance, Government of the Philippines
- Ms. Bernadia Irawati TJANDRADEWI**  
Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments, Asia Pacific

### Closing

17:20-17:30

**Ms. Mami MIZUTORI**  
Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

**Mr. MURAKAWA Soshi**  
Director, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, on behalf of Co-Chair of the International Recovery Platform Steering Committee

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English and Japanese with simultaneous translation



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