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Introduction

Almost two years have passed since the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR) was held in Kobe in January 2005, just after the Indian Ocean Tsunami in December 2004.

The WCDR adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) as a guiding framework for disaster risk reduction efforts during the next decade, including the importance of 'Post Disaster Recovery Incorporating Risk Reduction Issues'.

Indian Ocean Tsunami affected countries and Pakistan, which were hit by a devastating earthquake in October 2005 are on the way of recovery aiming for Build Back Better than before.

On the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the WCDR and the Indian Ocean Tsunami together with the 12th anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake which accomplished the 'Build Back Better Recovery', the Government of Japan with Disaster Reduction partners organized an International Forum on Tsunami and Earthquake with the theme 'Recovery from the Indian Ocean Tsunami (and other devastating earthquakes) along the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)'

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Participants : Officials in the field of disaster management and post disaster recovery, experts involved in disaster reduction and post disaster recovery, IRP stakeholders and the general public.

Working languages : English and Japanese

Programme (January 15th)

- 10:30-11:10** Welcome Remarks
Mr. Kensei Mizote, Minister of State, Disaster Management, Japan
Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, Senior Vice-Minister, Foreign Affairs, Japan
Mr. Toshizo Ido, Governor, Hyogo Prefecture
Mr. John Ohiorhenuan, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Senior Deputy Director, BCPR, UNDP
Mr. Sálvamo Briceño, Director, UN/ISDR
- 11:10-11:20** Video Message
President William J. Clinton, Former President of the United States and UN Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery
- 11:20-12:00** Keynote Speech:
Ms. Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard, Senior Advisor, Vice-Presidency for Sustainable Development, The World Bank
- 12:00-14:00** Break
- 14:00-15:20** Tsunami Recovery Status Reports
- Indonesia : His Excellency Dr. Kusmayanto Kadiman, Minister, Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia
 - Sri Lanka : His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister, Disaster Management and Human Rights, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
 - Maldives : His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Mauroof Jameel, Minister, Construction and Public Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives
 - India : Prof. N. Vinod Chandra Menon, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, India
- 15:20-15:40** Progress of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System
Mr. Patricio Bernal, Executive Secretary of IOC, Assistant Director General of UNESCO
- 15:40-16:00** Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30** Panel Discussion
Facilitator: Mr. Sálvamo Briceño, Director, UN/ISDR
Special Speech: Mr. Marco Ferrari, Deputy Head, Department of Humanitarian Aid, Swiss Agency for Development and Coordination (SDC)
Panelists: Mr. Andrew Maskrey, Chief, Disaster Reduction Unit, UNDP/BCPR
Mr. Alfredo Lazarte-Hoyle, Director, International Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO
Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Director for Disaster Preparedness, Public Relations & International Cooperation, Cabinet Office, Japan
Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
Special Commentator: Prof. Ian Davis, Visiting Professor, Cranfield University, UK
Commentator: Country Representatives, WB, UNESCO/IOC
- 17:30** Closing of the Symposium