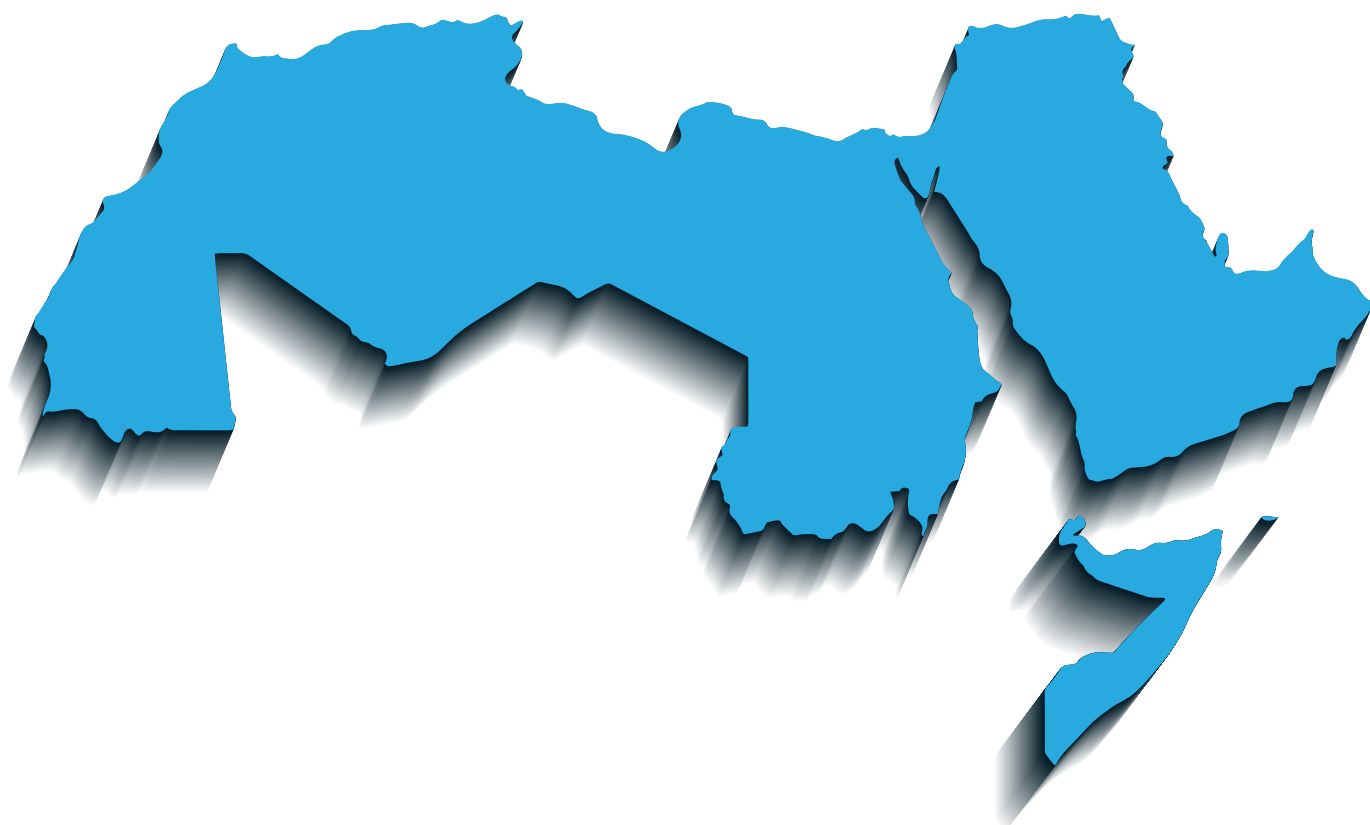




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Regional Collaborations

Final Regional Closing Seminar for Build Back Better from COVID-19 in the Arab States: Applying the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Enabling a Prevention-Oriented and Risk-Informed Approach

21–22 February 2022 | The Final Regional Closing Seminar for Building back Better from COVID-19 in the Arab States: Applying the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Enabling a Prevention-Oriented and Risk-Informed Approach was organized for two days in Sharm El-Sheikh and brought together regional, national, and local governments and stakeholders from the three target countries: Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon.



The activities and achievements made by the Regional BBB Initiative across the three implementing countries were reviewed and shared. The seminar reflected on the main outcomes and lessons learned from the initiative with regional and national stakeholders and partners involved. It was an opportunity to shed the light on the participatory consultative approach that was utilized in updating the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Platforms' structures and to highlight the main challenges that were encountered in each country during the updating process while emphasizing the actionable corrective measures that were utilized to overcome those challenges. [Read more](#)

Seventh Arab Partnership Meeting for DRR at the Global Platform for DRR

Bali, Indonesia, 23–24 May 2022 | On the sidelines of the Seventh Session of the Global Platform (GP2022), the UNDRR Regional Office for the Arab States organized the Seventh Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction. The meeting was organized in alignment with the 2022 Global Platform and provided a unique and timely opportunity to showcase the importance of international solidarity and cooperation, address the Midterm Review (MTR) of the Sendai Framework stock take, identify emerging issues, uncover context shifts, and build coherence with other frameworks, to better address the systemic nature of risk. Additionally, the meeting explored how to strengthen disaster risk governance and how to build stronger systems for managing all types of risks. [Read more](#)



7th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022)

Bali, Indonesia, 23–28 May 2022 | GP2022 was held under the theme “From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World” and was organized across three main sub-themes: disaster risk governance; COVID-19 recovery; and DRR financing. The meeting further addressed the Sendai Framework stocktaking for the ongoing MTR; deliberated on actions to reduce disaster risk for the most vulnerable, including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, and to ensure their full and effective participation in decision-making; and highlighted potential synergies with the sustainable development and climate action agendas and policies. [Read more](#)

UNDRR and FIABCI Sign a Global Partnership Agreement: Toward Resilient Infrastructure

26 May 2022 | The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) signed a global partnership agreement aiming to foster a culture of prevention and resilience in the real estate sector through advocacy and promotion of standards and tools to support sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

The UNDRR will cooperate with the FIABCI on the application of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 in the real estate industry and other disaster resilience-related matters. [Read more](#)

News & Events

Validating the Update of Jordan National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and Platform Structure Workshop

Dead Sea, Jordan, 19–20 January 2022 | The UNDRR Regional Office for the Arab States (UNDRR-ROAS) and the United Nations Development Programme – Jordan Office (UNDP-Jordan), in coordination with the National Center for Security and Crises Management (NCSCSM) in Jordan, have initiated the process of updating the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and Platform structure. This process started with a consultative workshop that included all stakeholders concerned with disaster risk reduction in Jordan, as well as with the participation of all international organizations working in this field. Following this consultation, there were intensive and focused group meetings, situation analysis, group exercises, and many related activities that concluded to producing an updated version of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and Platform structure.



National Consultation for Integration of Biological Hazard in the National DRR Strategy in Lebanon

January 27, 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS and the government of Lebanon organized the National Consultation for Integration of Biological Hazard in the National Disaster Risk Reduction in Lebanon, which is generously funded by the government of Japan. This consultation is part of the project that aims to integrate biological hazards into the national DRR governance structure, as well as into the national DRR strategy by proposing a revised membership on the national DRR committee to include representation/expertise on biological hazards, revising the national DRR strategy (2021-2030) to integrate biological hazards, and facilitating a national consultation process to validate the proposed governance structure.



National Workshop on Sendai Framework Monitor and Disaster Loss Accounting System for Yemen

Aden, Yemen, 31 January – 2 February 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS organized a 3-day national workshop on Sendai Framework Monitor and Disaster Loss Accounting System for Yemen. The workshop came to advocate the importance of DRR governance and to put in place sound institutional arrangements to support DRR efforts and SFM reporting at the country level as well as achievement of Target E. The importance of monitoring the implementation of the Sendai Framework and developing the national capacities in using the Sendai Framework Monitor to report on progress made against the 38 indicators of the Sendai Framework was strongly addressed. Moreover, the workshop tackled the need for disaggregated data on disaster losses to enhance meaningful analysis that informs decision-making on programs and resources to reduce risk and to train the participants on Disaster Loss and Damage Database through introducing “DesInventar-Sendai” system software and its methodology, as well as national systems for the systematic collection, documentation, and analysis of data about losses caused by disasters.



National Workshop “Build Back Better after COVID-19 and the Impact of Climate Change on Sustainable Development”

Cairo, Egypt, 30 – 31 January 2022 | In light of the serious and wide-ranging social and economic impacts of COVID-19 in most countries, the results of the regional review of the Arab countries, which was held in September 2020, concluded the urgent need for technical support to enhance the capabilities of Arab governments in managing successive disasters, especially in the event of the spread of epidemics and other biological hazards. In response to these needs



and with the support of the Japan Government, the UNDRR ROAS, in cooperation with the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC), organized a national workshop for two days as part of Egypt’s national efforts to build resilience to disasters, aiming to reduce risks on sustainable development plans, by integrating biological hazards, as well as the method of adaptation to climate change in policies, plans, and programs at all levels, within the framework of UNDRR in implementing the regional initiative “Building back better after COVID-19”. [Read more](#)

Roundtable Discussion: Mid-Term Review of Climate and Post-2015 Global Agreements

Cairo, Egypt, 14 February 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS and the League of Arab States organized a roundtable discussion to launch a systematic consultation in the region among different stakeholders on the mid-term review and stock-take of the three key post-2015 global frameworks; namely: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Paris Agreement, and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The discussion put forward recommended measures to accelerate the progress towards their achievement by 2030. [Read more](#)



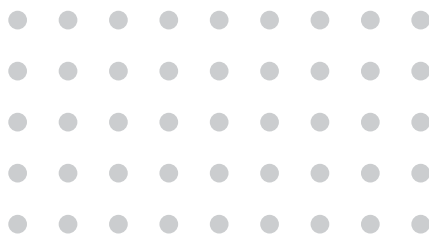
National Workshop on Disaster Loss Accounting System in Iraq

Virtual, 9–11 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS and the government of the Republic of Iraq organized a national workshop on Disaster Loss Accounting System to facilitate the recording of the impact of disasters and decision-making for the design of risk-sensitive strategies and policies. The workshop presented an opportunity to discuss challenges and obstacles faced in accounting for the damage and losses resulting from disasters, and recommendations for the development and improvement of the sustainable disaster information management system at the national level. [Read more](#)



Protecting Humanity and the Planet in the Pandemic

Dubai, UAE, 15 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS participated in the Seventh Edition of the Knowledge Summit, themed ‘Knowledge: Protecting Humanity and the Planet in the Pandemic’. The participation came to emphasize the value of data, the development of Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilient strategies, and the urgency to act timely towards the implantation of Sendai Framework 2015–2030.



Building Urban Resilience to COVID-19 and Climate Change through Innovative Solutions

Beirut, Lebanon, 17 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS supported the organizing of a special session at the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development jointly with UNDP and UN-HABITAT under the title “Building Urban Resilience to COVID-19 and Climate Change through Innovative Solutions.” The session engaged UAE ARISE represented by its board member Dr. Raza Siddiqui, CEO of Arabian Healthcare Group and Executive Director of RAK Hospital, to showcase the private sector role in Building Back Better from COVID-19. [Read more](#)



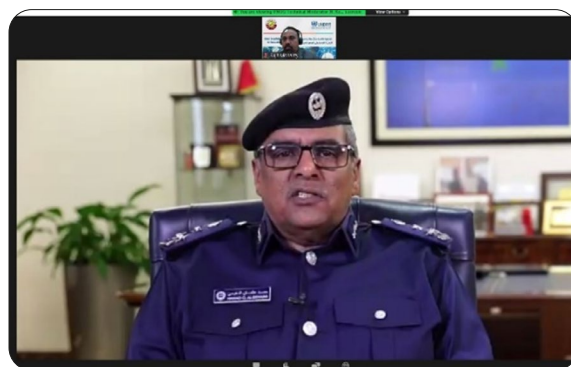
National Consultation Workshop: Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework (SF) 2015-2030 for the Arab Region – Tunisia

Tunisia, 22 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS organized a two-day National Consultation Workshop: Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the implementation of the Sendai Framework (SF) 2015-2030 for the Arab Region in partnership with the Ministry of Environment in Tunisia. The consultation brought more than 30 official actors and stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction and the mid-term review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to put forward recommended measures to accelerate progress towards achieving them by 2030. [Read more](#)



Global Consultation on Principles for Resilient Infrastructure in Doha, Qatar

28–29 March 2022 | The Government of Qatar hosted the Global Consultation on Principles for Resilient Infrastructure led by UNDRR. UNDRR Representatives from over 100 countries moved closer towards finalizing the Principles for Resilient Infrastructure, which set a new global standard for strengthening infrastructure systems and critical services such as energy, digital, transport, water, waste, and others. The UNDRR and the Government of Qatar hosted two-day global consultations where member states and key institutions offered inputs that will soon become a global standard to ensure the resilience of infrastructure and to de-risk investments. [Read more](#)



Comprehensive Risk Management: The How-To in Achieving Coherence at the Middle East and North Africa Climate Week

30 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS and UNDRR Bonn Liaison Office organized an affiliated session on Comprehensive Risk Management (RCM): The How-To in Achieving Coherence. The session addressed the importance of integrated planning, identified Comprehensive Risk Management and how it promotes integrated planning, and the opportunities for integrated disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation planning in the MENA region. The session aimed to provide key recommendations on the needs, challenges, and opportunities in integrated planning in the development of key national plans and strategies. [Read more](#)



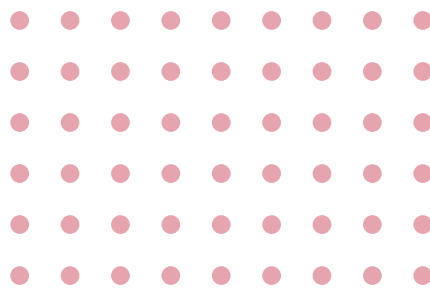
National Consultation Workshop: Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework (SF) 2015-2030 for the Arab Region – Qatar

Doha, Qatar, 30– 31 March 2022 | The UNDRR ROAS organized a two-day National consultation workshop: Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the implementation of the Sendai Framework (SF) 2015-2030 for the Arab Region in partnership with the Civil Defence, Ministry of Interior in Doha, Qatar. The consultation brought more than 25 official actors and stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction and the mid-term review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to put forward recommended measures to accelerate progress towards achieving them by 2030.



Arab States Training of Trainers on Comprehensive Climate and Disaster Risk Management

Virtual, 12 May 2022 | The UNDRR, in partnership with UNDRR Office in Bonn, organized a two-day workshop and regional training on Comprehensive Risk Management in the Arab Region. The workshop provided an overview of the Comprehensive Risk Management (CRM) and enabled the participants to identify beneficial opportunities to strengthen disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation across policies and programmes and to enhance the capacity of governments for cross-sectoral planning while ensuring vertical alignment. The workshop that was attended by more than 40 participants from Comoros, Djibouti, Mauritania, and Sudan representing the National Disaster Management offices, National Climate Change, offices, National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework, National Focal Points for the SDGs, National Focal Points for the Paris Agreement, and UN Country Teams. [Read more](#)



Regional Consultation Workshop: Midterm Review (MTR) of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SF) 2015–2030 for the Arab Region

Cairo, Egypt, 18–19 April 2022 | The workshop came to conduct a regional systematic consultation for the Arab states between the national Sendai Focal Points and stakeholders involved in disaster risk reduction and put forward recommended measures to accelerate progress toward achieving them by 2030. The consultation focused on the retrospective review of what has been accomplished from 2015 to 2022 and the prospective review of 2023–2030. In general, the consultation sought to gain new perspectives and insights through working group discussions and public discussions. [Read more](#)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Head of UNDRR in Egypt

Cairo, Egypt, 8–9 May 2022 | Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Head of UNDRR, paid an official visit to Egypt and met with representatives of the Egyptian government, members of the United Nations team in Egypt, and partners. The visit came to strengthen the successful partnership with the Government of Egypt and explore ways to move forward toward COP27, which will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh in November 2022. Mizutori discussed ways to enhance cooperation with Egypt in a number of areas, including highlighting disaster risk reduction in COP27, enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation, Loss and Damage reporting, and reviewing the priorities of the UNDRR in line with Egypt's Vision 2030. [Read more](#)



UNDRR-Led Real Estate Committee Consultation Meetings

Virtual, 17 May April 2022 and 29 June 2022 | The Consultation Meetings of the Real Estate Committee - which is a UNDRR-led network of private sector entities and operates under the guidance of ARISE-UAE - kicked off. The meetings gathered information and viewpoints from the Real Estate Committee members. The information will be used to inform the vision and scope of the Real Estate Resilience Tool that makes resilience visible, measurable, and valued by the real-estate sector and will provide guidance to both regulators and other relevant actors in the real estate domain including investors and developers with a set of clear indicators that will facilitate the shift from disaster risk management to disaster risk reduction.

The Real Estate Committee will bring together private sector experts in the real estate industry to support and facilitate the development of the Real-Estate Resilience Tool.

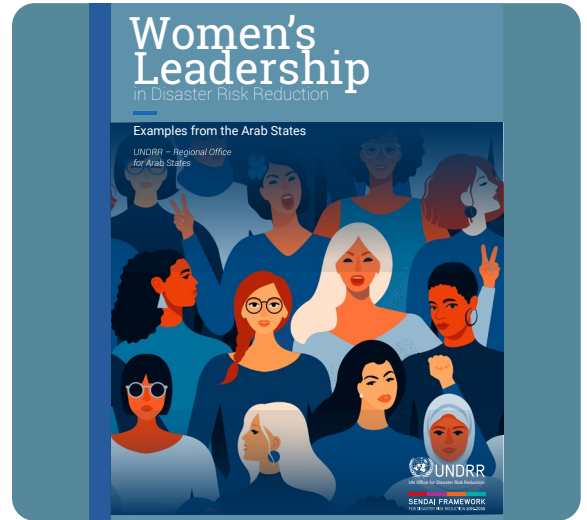


Publications

Launch of Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction: Examples from the Arab States

7 March 2022 | The UNDRR Regional Office for the Arab States (UNDRR-ROAS) launched the Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) publication in commemoration of Women's International Day. The virtual seminar was attended by more than 65 experts and participants from the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Group, Governments of Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, State of Palestine, Somalia, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen, who have contributed to valuable country case studies. [Read more](#)

Women's Leadership in DRR publication can be downloaded [here](#).



Media Center

UAE Forsan interview with Sujit Mohanty, Chief of UNDRR ROAS on the margins of the Knowledge Summit, 'Knowledge: Protecting Humanity and the Planet in the Pandemic' in Dubai. [Watch here](#)



Al Dafrah TV interview with Rania Hammad, External Relations Officer, UNDRR ROAS on the margins of the Knowledge Summit, 'Knowledge: Protecting Humanity and the Planet in the Pandemic' in Dubai. [Watch here](#)



Elena Panova, the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt, on the margins of the 7th Arab Partnership Meeting for DRR at the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction organized by UNDRR. [Watch here](#)



Marc Gordon, Senior Coordinator of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework (MTR SF) at the United Nations, on the margins of the 7th Arab Partnership Meeting for DRR at the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction organized by UNDRR. [Watch here](#)



Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP in Bangladesh, on the margins of the 7th Arab Partnership Meeting for DRR at the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction organized by the UNDRR. [Watch here](#)



Mohamed Abdul Maqsood, Head of Crisis and Disaster Sector, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) for Egypt, on the margins of the 7th Arab Partnership Meeting for DRR at the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. [Watch here](#)



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