

# UNDRR ONEA & GETI NEWSLETTER

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## Experts from eight countries and the UN meet in Incheon to discuss factors of public health system resilience

A workshop co-organized by Baylor University, Hiroshima University, WHO Kobe Center and UNDRR ONEA & GETI in Incheon, Republic of Korea on 14-16 March brought together 29 experts from the academia, local governments and international organizations to discuss the final results of a WHO-funded research project launched in 2021 to assess factors of community health resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies across different countries.

Participants presented the results of the application of the [Public Health System Resilience Addendum](#) to the Disaster Resilience City Scorecard in Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Nepal, Slovenia, Türkiye and the US. The discussions brought to light some of the main challenges faced by public health systems in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and other emergencies across the participating countries, including in the areas of mental health impacts, community engagement and access to public health information, or continuity of care for people with preexisting chronic health conditions. Issues relating to the resilience of health facilities and consideration of specific health needs of vulnerable populations were also raised by the participants.

The workshop concluded a two-year long series of public health scorecard assessments conducted through 13 workshops involving over 280 participants across eight countries. A policy brief will be developed after the workshop to bring together recommendations identified through the project and the final consultation in Incheon to promote strategies to strengthen public health system resilience across communities and countries.

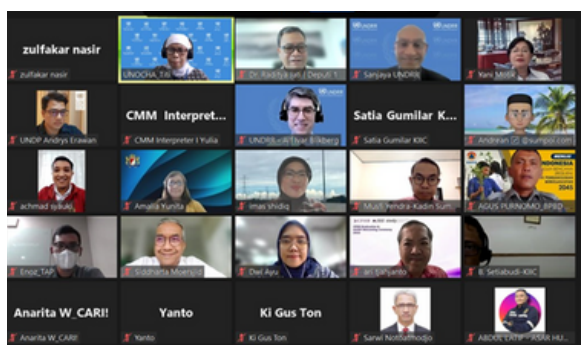


## Sharing Experiences on the Korean School Safety Programme

UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia (ONEA) organized a virtual meeting on 14 February where the implementing partners of the Korean School Safety Programme (KSSP) shared their experiences as facilitators and discussed areas of improvement for future implementation of the programme. 94 instructors of the Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS) from all cities and provinces of Korea who had delivered the programme in 2022 participated in the meeting and shared their experiences, feedback, and recommendations for improvement of the

programme. The meeting provided an opportunity to present the programme's achievements in 2022 and to introduce the newly developed training module of the KSSP. The new module helps students to share knowledge learned from the KSSP with families, draw a risk map, prepare a guidebook for prevention, preparation, mitigation based on the risk map, develop a disaster risk reduction action plan and share their overall experiences throughout the activities. Participants also discussed DRR education needs in schools for children with disabilities, as well as capacity development strategies for instructors.

Participating instructors were able to learn from each other by sharing their experiences, good practices, and how they adapted tools and teaching methodologies. Presenters from different cities and provinces underlined the importance of scaling up the programme, using more local context-specific cases, strengthening existing education materials, and developing customized programmes for special education schools. UNDRR ONEA expressed its commitment to continue collaboration with CCS as one of the key implementing partners of the KSSP and to strengthen the implementation of the programme in the future based on the recommendations made at the meeting.



## Introduction to disaster risk reduction for the private sector in Indonesia

On 22 February, in partnership with the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN), GETI delivered an introductory course on disaster risk reduction for over 120 participants from the private sector in Indonesia. The training covered topics including trends and concepts in disaster risk reduction, the business case for investing in resilience, and good practices by businesses in addressing disaster risk. Participants also learned about pitfalls to avoid and discussed how individual businesses could effectively address disaster risks while also considering the specific vulnerabilities and needs of employees, customers, suppliers and communities.



## SUNY Korea DTS Seminar Series: Using technology to reduce disaster and climate risks

On 9 March 2023, UNDRR ONEA & GETI delivered a talk on the use of technology for disaster and climate risk reduction as part of the Technology and Society Seminar Series of the State University of New York in Incheon, Republic of Korea (SUNY Korea). The seminar, attended by undergraduate and graduate students of the Department of Technology and Society at SUNY Korea, introduced key concepts and major global policy frameworks for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development, discussed the impacts of disasters on society, and showcased effective practices from different regions of the world in applying innovative technological solutions for disaster and climate risk reduction.



## TCS and UNDRR ONEA joined efforts to strengthen youth engagement in DRR in Northeast Asia

As part of the annual Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) Youth Ambassadors Program 2023, UNDRR ONEA and TCS partnered to organize an introductory workshop on disaster risk reduction for youth representatives from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea. The workshop, hosted by UNDRR ONEA in Incheon, Republic of Korea on 16 February 2023, brought together 25 participants from undergraduate and graduate institutions across China, Japan and the ROK. The interactive programme included an introduction to key concepts around disaster risk and resilience, examples of disaster risk reduction measures implemented in the three countries, an overview of tools for youth education and awareness raising presented by the Korean Ministry of Interior and Safety, and an exchange of ideas on youth engagement in disaster risk reduction.

Through different group activities and lively discussions, the Young Ambassadors from the three countries had an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of disaster risk reduction challenges, and reflect on cooperation for disaster risk reduction between the three countries and on the role of youth in promoting awareness and action for disaster risk reduction. The young ambassadors identified in particular the role of youth in supporting communication and information sharing with their communities and globally to help increase public awareness and shift perceptions of risk, and to disseminate effective practices from Northeast Asia to other parts of the world. The workshop was introduced by the Ambassador for International Relations of Incheon Metropolitan City, Mr. Jehak Jang, who stressed the crucial role that young people will play in dealing with common problems facing humankind in the future, noting that “disasters of such massive scale call for joint efforts by citizens around the globe”. The workshop ended with a visit of the IFEZ Promotion Center and the Incheon Smart City Operation Center, where the young ambassadors learned about Incheon’s disaster risk reduction measures.

For more information: <https://www.undrr.org/event/tcs-undrr-young-ambassador-program-2023-introduction-disaster-risk-reduction>



## Fuvahmulah city completes the disaster resilience self-assessment and embarks on the journey to resilience

MCR2030 continues to serve as an important vehicle supporting national-local linkage and city-to-city exchange in the Maldives. On 6-8 March 2023, UNDRR GETI and ROAP extended support to the Maldivian National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Local Government Authority (LGA) to organize and facilitate an Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient workshop for Fuvahmulah City, the only island-atoll located in the south of Maldives and the second Maldivian city in MCR2030. The workshop welcomed participants from the city council, health care providers, schools, civil protection, airport and airline operators as well as telecom company representatives, who jointly assessed its city resilience progress using the online Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities - preliminary assessment. Through the workshop, participants identified at least 6 potential projects the city can take forward to reduce vulnerabilities and improve resilience. Fuvahmulah City also benefited from the participation and experience sharing from Kulhuduffushi City, the first Maldivian city in MCR2030.



## Comprehensive Climate and Disaster Risk Management (CRM) for the Arab States

On 20-22 March, government officials from the Comoros, Djibouti, Mauritania and Sudan participated in a workshop on Comprehensive Disaster and Climate Risk Management (CRM). The workshop was held in a hybrid format, with participants gathered in Incheon as well as online, and focused on how interventions in the fields of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction can be better integrated. As part of the workshop, participants also received a briefing on Incheon Metropolitan City's journey to becoming a Resilience Hub, including its heatwave policy, and took part in a field trip to study water management and sewage treatment in Incheon.

## Self-paced online training course available!

### [UNDRR-UNITAR] Resilience of Local Governments:

### A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management



This self-paced course online training course is provided in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, SDG 11.B and SDG 3.D, this e-Learning Course aims to contribute to strengthening the capacity of local government officials for risk reduction and resilience planning inclusive of health threats management.

Find out more and register here: <https://bit.ly/UNDRR-UNITAR-LocalResilience>

## Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training & Events:

### Training:

**10-11 April 2023**

**MCR2030 China Guangzhou capacity building workshop**

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, ICLEI EAS

**11-18 April 2023**

**Online Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction, Risk-informed Governance, Finance Mechanisms and Innovative Solutions for Local Resilience**

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, UNDESA/DPIDG/UNPOG & UNITAR CIFAL Jeju

### **2 May 2023**

#### **Introduction to Sendai Framework and MCR2030 for Boryeong Mayor and city officials**

Organizers: UNDRR ONEA & GETI, MOIS

### **2-15 May 2023**

#### **Introduction to Disaster Risk Reduction**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, SCP

### **8-12 May 2023**

#### **Urban resilience and scorecard training with AIT for 5 MCR2030 cities**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, MCR2030, AIT

### **15-18 May 2023**

#### **Urban Resilience training for Nepal and Bhutan Cities**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAP, MCR2030

### **7-27 Jun 2023**

#### **UNDRR-UNOSSC-WHO-PAHO joint certificate training**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNOSSC, WHO, PAHO

### **22-23 Jun 2023**

#### **UNDRR-KOICA training on DRR and Climate Action for African countries**

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, KOICA, NDTI

**For updates on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, please visit:**

<https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr-where-we-work/incheon#CalendarofEvents>

## **Useful Resources:**

- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Annex for Inclusion of Persons with Disability - now available in 6 additional languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish)**  
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disability-inclusion-scorecard>
- **The Report of the Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**  
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/report-midterm-review-implementation-sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030>