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Concept Note and Agenda

Disaster Risk Reduction in the context of the 2030 Agenda

Lessons and Experiences from the Implementation of the Sendai Framework

A side event on the margins of the annual session of the
UNICEF Executive Board

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 1.15 – 2.45 pm

Venue: Conference Room 6, General Assembly Building, UN Headquarters

Co-sponsors: Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic, Permanent Missions of Japan, Permanent Mission of Thailand, UNICEF and UNISDR

INTRODUCTION:

As of 2016, nearly one quarter of the world's children live in countries affected by armed conflict, violence, disasters or chronic crises. That represents an estimated 535 million children. Preventing and reducing risks associated with natural hazards, climate change, epidemics as well as a lack of social cohesion, is central to the 2030 Agenda.

With the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, in 2015, the international community made a commitment to prioritize disaster risk reduction and integrate it in development policies, investments and practices. Together with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Climate Change agreement, the Sendai Framework represents an unprecedented opportunity to provide more coherent and integrated global policy framework for managing disaster risk and strengthening resilience in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In May 2017 in Cancun Mexico, the 5th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction brought together States, UN, IGOs, NGOs, civil society and representatives of stakeholder groups to review early progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

The objectives of this side event are to discuss specific aspects of the Sendai Framework, with particular focus on children and services they rely on, such as water and sanitation, health, and social protection. The event will also discuss the linkages between SDGs and the Sendai Framework implementation and monitoring. The side event will seek to foster a greater coherence in advancing DRR and climate change adaptation as part of a wider prevention agenda. Experiences to be shared include advancing risk assessment, policy change (including in key rescue and social services), including DRR governance on local, national and international level, public awareness and education as well as fostering an inclusive approach which takes into account the specific needs of children and young people.



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AGENDA:

1.15 – 1.30 pm **Opening remarks by cosponsors**

- H. E. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations (5 minutes)
- H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations (5 minutes)
- H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Minami, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (5 minutes)

1.30 – 2.15 pm **Presentations by experts**

- Opening by Chair of the session: Vidhya Ganesh, Deputy Director, Programme Division, UNICEF (5 minutes)
- UNICEF Video (3 minutes)
- Elina Palm, Liaison Officer, UNISDR (7 minutes)
- Iva Brejzová, General Directorate of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Interior (7 minutes)
- Jose Gesti Canuto, Water Specialist, WASH Section, UNICEF (7 minutes)

2.15 – 2.30 pm Interactive discussion with audience

2.30 – 2.45 pm Closing remarks