

Fifth Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction



From Risk to Resilience: Accelerating Local Action for Disaster Risk Reduction

8 – 11 November 2021

Under the theme “*From Risk to Resilience: Accelerating Local Action for Disaster Risk Reduction*,” the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Regional Office for Arab States (UNDRR ROAS), the Kingdom of Morocco, and the League of Arab States organized the Fifth Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, a ministerial-level conference. The platform was organized virtually and hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco.

The platform assessed the progress made in the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2030 in the region, identified viable approaches and mechanisms to advance the implementation of the Arab Strategy, and defined regional priorities for the following two years.

For four days and throughout 25 sessions, 55 countries and more than 100 experts and 500 participants – representing the Arab States countries, UN organizations, Arab and intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, women, youth, civil society, partners, stakeholder groups, and media – gathered in a ministerial level, multi-stakeholder, inclusive, innovative, and interactive platform.

OUTCOMES

THE RABAT DECLARATION FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The ministers and heads of delegations of the Arab Member States of the United Nations and representatives of regional, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations participating in the Fifth Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco, announced the adoption of Rabat Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction, calling upon all Arab governments, partners, and stakeholders to integrate and align disaster risk reduction strategies and programmes with sustainable development policies at all relevant social, developmental, and health levels.

Read the full declaration [here](#).

“The Rabat Declaration embodies the political commitment of governments to advancing the work of disaster risk reduction. We expect it will be put into action to prevent and reduce risk in the region, to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2030, to serve as a reference for monitoring progress, to increase regional cooperation, and to boost government investments in disaster risk reduction.” Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR

LAUNCH OF THE REGIONAL ASSESSMENT REPORT ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN THE ARAB REGION (RAR-ARAB STATES)

The Fifth Arab Regional Platform witnessed the launching of the first Regional Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab Region (RAR-Arab States). The report is a go-to guide for governments, policy experts, disaster risk reduction practitioners, and all stakeholders in the Arab region.

RAR-Arab States is influenced by the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2019 (GAR19), and offers an update on progress made in implementing the Sendai Framework’s goal, targets, and priorities while identifying entry points for improving coherence with climate change adaptation and sustainable development. It also provides an analysis of region-specific systemic risk drivers, including a contextualized discussion on vulnerability, rapid urbanization, conflict, and food security.

Explore the report [here](#).

VOLUNTARY ACTION STATEMENTS AND PRIORITIZED PLAN OF ACTION (2021 – 2024)

The Regional Platform resulted in determining a set of five renewed voluntary action statements from the Major Stakeholder Groups for Disaster Risk Reduction on implementing the Sendai Framework, and a prioritized Plan of Action (2021-2024) for the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction 2030 offering a clear direction for the short term.

The discussions and outcomes of the Fifth Arab Regional Platform will inform the Mid-Term Review of the Sendai Framework and feed into the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022) hosted by the Government of Indonesia in Bali from 23 to 28 May 2022.

IN NUMBERS

516 Participants from **55** countries [19 Arab countries]

Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Comoros, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, and Yemen.

381 Stage visitors | **284** Sessions visitors | **65** Expo visitors | **185** Networking visitors

Time spent by all participants > **6,665** hours

Average time spent > **579** minutes

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[Opening Session](#)

[Ministerial Statement Session 1: Official Statements of UN Member States](#)

[TS1: Progress in Implementing the Sendai Framework in the Arab Region: Achievements and Challenges](#)

[SS1: Reducing Disaster Risk in the Health Sector: In the Post COVID 19 Era](#)

[SS2: Role of Science and Technology in Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab Region](#)

[TS2: National and Local Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction: A Foundation for Local Resilience in the Arab Region](#)

[SS3: Climate Risks and Displacement in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities](#)

[SS4: Food Security Risks Under Growing Water Scarcity in the Arab Region](#)

[Ministerial Statements Session 2: Official Statements of UN Member States](#)

[Special Side Session: The Kingdom of Morocco Experiences in Combating Disasters and Reducing Their Effects](#)

[SS5: Promoting Community Engagement and Participation in DRR Actions in the Arab Region](#)

[TS3: Building a Better Future: Financing Disaster Risk Reduction for Climate Adaptation and Resilience in the Arab Region](#)

[SS6: Nature-Based Solutions for Increased Resilience in the Arab Region](#)

[SS7: Scaling up Disaster Risk Reduction in Fragile and Conflict Contexts in the Arab Region](#)

[Plenary Session 1: Stakeholders Engagement: A Roadmap to Local Level Support in the Arab Region](#)

[TS4: Unpacking \(Reducing and Managing\) Systemic Risk at the Local Level in the Arab Region](#)

[SS8: Women's Resilience to Climate Change/DRR and Migration as Linked Agendas: Practice from the Frontline](#)

[SS9: Making Cities Resilient 2030: Arab Cities Towards Resilience](#)

[TS5: Building Back Better: Post-Disaster Recovery as an Opportunity to Build Resilience](#)

[SS10: Measuring What Matters: Translating Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Early Warning to Action](#)

[SS11: Regional Assessment Report for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab Region](#)

[Plenary Session 2: Mid-Term Review Consultation on the Sendai Framework in the Arab Region](#)

[Summary Plenary Session: Presentation of the Outcomes](#)

[Closing Ceremony: Present Declaration followed by Closing Remarks](#)

READ THE DOCUMENTS

- ❖ [Prioritized Plan of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction 2021-2024](#)
- ❖ [Rabat Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- ❖ [Voluntary Action Statement of the Arab Youth Advisory Group for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- ❖ [Voluntary Action Statement of Major Arab Civil Society Group for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- ❖ [Voluntary Action Statement of Arab Private Sector Stakeholder Group for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- ❖ [Voluntary Action Statement of Arab Scientific and Technical Advisory Group \(STAG\)](#)
- ❖ [Voluntary Action Statement of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Group on DRR, Climate Change, and Migration](#)

* Documents are available in Arabic, English, and French.