

**“BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH INTEGRATED CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION”**
CONCEPT NOTE



Date and time: Wednesday 16th November, 9:30-11am

Venue: UNDP Event Space, Blue Zone (Pavilion 4), COP22 Venue

BACKGROUND

Climate change is happening now with very real consequences on people’s lives, especially those vulnerable due to their geographic location, socio-economic conditions, age or gender. As climate change is expected to lead to more extreme events both in magnitude and frequency, our understanding of past vulnerabilities is no longer sufficient for assessing risk levels. As reiterated by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, there is a need for integrated and comprehensive risk management approaches in order to reduce the human and economic losses and sustaining development gains. Integrated solutions ensure greater efficiency and effectiveness under conditions of constrained resources, and allow for mutual learning of what has worked.

Building resilience is at core of UNDP’s development efforts. UNDP together with key partners supports over 100 countries in setting up institutional, policy, planning and budgeting framework that offer a range of integrated climate and disaster risk management options at multiple scales and levels. Working closely with local communities, their leaders, the governments and other partners, over the past decade UNDP has mobilized over US\$ one billion in adaptation grant finance to support countries to save lives and secure livelihoods in the face of climate change and climate-induced disasters, contributing to the reduction of social vulnerability and eradication of poverty. Drawing on the experience and lessons learned over the past decade of work in the areas of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, entry points for integrated approaches have been identified across the spectrums of policy and institutional development; information and knowledge management; stakeholder engagement and partnerships; and financing mechanisms.

OBJECTIVE

The high-level side event aims to highlight the importance of an integrated approach between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction to build resilience and ensure sustainable development. The event will facilitate a dialogue among member states, concerned organizations and development practitioners on their experiences and lessons learned resulting from an integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction approach. The event will also seek to identify priority areas and means for scaling up comprehensive and integrated risk management solutions as to ensure that development decisions are risk informed and climate resilient within the context of promoting coherence and synergies among the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

FORMAT

The event will be a 90-minute panel discussion followed by questions and answers from the audience. The format of the Q&A session will feature responses to questions collected before the session through a registration form. Additional questions will guide the panel discussion. The event will feature panelists coming from diverse backgrounds.

Panelists will present their good practices with integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation based on real life examples and localized solutions. This will include recommendations on the essential

elements required to enable risk management at multiple time scales such as risk governance and finance, preparedness and early warning and resilient livelihoods.

PANEL COMPOSITION

Panel speakers will include representatives of countries where UNDP with its key partners have been actively supporting the integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction interventions are at an advanced stage, showing tangible results. Representatives from international development agencies, development banks, private sector and academia may also be invited to share their experiences and lessons learned.

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction from Moderator: (2 minutes)

Ms. Matilde Mordt, Team Leader, Sustainable Development and Resilience, Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP

Welcome the participants to the side-event, inform the objective of the event, introduce panelists and speakers, announce and invite the UNDP representative to provide the opening remarks

Keynote Remarks: (8 minutes)

Mr. Magdy Martinez-Soliman, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP

Highlight the need to promote coherence and synergies across key global agreements such as those set in Sendai and Paris and their contributions to the 2030 agenda and emphasize the importance of the integrated approach to development and share key principles for enabling effective integration that UNDP has been promoting through country support.

Panel Discussion (40 minutes – 8 minutes each):

- 1. Dr. Simon Papyan, First Deputy Minister of Nature Protection, Republic of Armenia**
Share concrete experiences and lessons learned in mainstreaming integrated CCA and DRR into local planning and budgeting process and how the integrated approach promotes efficiency and effectiveness in ensuring sustainable development.
- 2. Mr. Bubu Pateh Jallow, Climate Change Chief Technical Advisor, Islamic Republic of the Gambia**
Highlight experiences on establishing and enhancing early warning and climate information systems [through private sector engagement, an innovative mean of communicating risks to the remote communities]
- 3. Mr. Lilik Kurniawan, Director of Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate, National Agency for Disaster Management, Republic of Indonesia**
Demonstrate the use of loss and damage accounting systems and how it contributes to evidence-based planning and budgeting processes
- 4. Ms. Esther Baur, Head EMEA Global Partnerships, Swiss Re Management Ltd.**
Share experience and lessons regarding the implementation of risk insurance schemes from the perspective of the insurance industry.
- 5. Dr. Fatoumata Nafo-Traore, Regional Director for Africa, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)**
Share best practices and lessons learned in implementing integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures to generate resilient and sustainable livelihoods at the community level.

Q&A (40 minutes) To be facilitated by the moderator

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Keynote Speaker

Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán

**United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Magdy Martínez-Solimán is Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, and UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. Prior to this appointment he was the Deputy Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP. He is a lawyer by training, a former practicing barrister and Assistant Professor of International Law. He has worked and written on Political Systems and provided legal counseling in Constitutional and Administrative Law. In his professional career, he has been State Secretary for Youth in the Spanish National Government, CEO of two public corporations and member of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games in Barcelona 92. He was also Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, in charge of relations with the Parliament of Andalusia, and elected member of the Municipal Council of his hometown Malaga, the fourth city of the country. Mr. Martínez-Solimán has been working for the UN for 20 years, focusing on electoral assistance, public financial management, democratic transitions and national dialogue. He was posted in Burundi, Togo, Bangladesh and Senegal. He was UNDP's Senior Governance Adviser for the 18 West African countries from 2000 to 2003, and until 2006, he was the Practice Manager of UNDP's Democratic Governance Team at Headquarters. That year he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as the first Executive Director of the UN Democracy Fund. From January 2008 until February 2012, he was the UN Resident Coordinator in Mexico and UNDP's Resident Representative. He is UNDP's senior focal point for the 2030 Agenda and the Co-Chair of the UN Development Group's SDG Task Force. Mr. Martínez-Solimán initiated his Law Studies at the University Complutense of Madrid, holds a degree in Law (Juris Doctor) from the Universidad de Malaga and has been a Member of the Spanish Bar Association since 1984.








Panelist

Dr. Simon Papyan

**First Deputy Minister of Nature Protection
Republic of Armenia**

Dr. Papyan is a recognized expert in Environmental Affairs, Climate Change, World Economy and International Relations, educated in Armenia and in Russia with honours and received the PhD degree in economics in Moscow. He was the Chairman of the Board of the Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus, Deputy Head of Scientific Research Institute of "GeoEconomics". Worked in Armenia in Russia on number of national and regional environmental and geological projects in the last 40 years. Being First Deputy Minister of Nature Protection for more than 20 years Dr. Papyan contributed to the establishment of the appropriate environmental legislation in Armenia. He is awarded with Armenia's highest environmental

	award – Golden Medal, as well as Anania Shirakaci medal by the President of Armenia and number of other awards.
	<p>Mr. Bubu Pateh Jallow Climate Change Chief Technical Advisor, Islamic Republic of the Gambia</p> <p>Mr. Bubu Pateh Jallow is currently serving as the Chief Technical Adviser to the UNDP-UNEP Climate Change Early Warning Project in the Gambia from 2011. Before that he was manager of the Manager of the UNDP-UNEP sub-Saharan CC-DARE from 2008 to 2011. Prior to this he served the Government of the Gambia in various positions rising to the Director of the Department of Water Resources in 2000, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources from 2005 to 2006 and Permanent Secretary Ministry of Forestry and Environment from 2006 to 2008.</p>
 <p>Panelist</p>	<p>Ms. Esther Baur Head Global Partnerships, Europe, Middle East and Africa Director Swiss Re Management Ltd.</p> <p>Esther Baur is responsible for the EMEA region in Swiss Re's Global Partnership team. The group focuses on building and deepening relationships with the public sector, governments and NGOs to develop innovative insurance solutions which help society create effective responses to major risks, such as natural catastrophes, agriculture production, infrastructure financing and longevity risk. From 2007 to 2011 she was a director in Communications, leading the Issue Management & Messages team responsible for steering the corporate position and creating communication strategies on key global topics, such as natural disasters, climate change and food security, advising business leaders on stakeholder relations and global platforms, and producing numerous publications. Prior to that, she led the Issue Management team at the Swiss Re Centre for Global Dialogue and organised various stakeholder conferences. From 2001 to 2005, she was a Senior Strategy Manager in the Group's Strategy Development department. Esther Baur joined Swiss Re's Economic Research & Consulting department in 1992, where she held various positions in Zurich, New York and Latin America. Esther holds a degree in Economics from University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). The Swiss Re Group is a leading wholesale provider of reinsurance, insurance and other insurance-based forms of risk transfer. Swiss Re deploys its capital strength, expertise and innovation power to enable the risk taking upon which enterprise and progress in society depend.</p>
	<p>Mr. Lilik Kurniawan Director of Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate, National Agency for Disaster Management Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Lilik Kurniawan started his civil servant career in 1996 at the National Technology Study and Application (BPPT) and became a Senior Researcher Sector Disaster Mitigation. In 2009, he moved to the National Agency for Disaster Management (NDMA/BNPB) and currently take the position as the Director for Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate. He has supported the formulation of several books; science and technology as One of Principles in</p>

<p>Panelist</p>	<p>Disaster Relief and Indonesia among Blessing and Disasters (published by Kemenristek), Index Disaster-Prone Indonesia 2011, Disaster Risk Assessment for Disaster Management Plan of 2012, the National Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2013 and Indonesia Disaster Risk Index in 2013 (published by BNPB). At the global and regional level, he also contributed as the Delegation members of the Republic of Indonesia at the meeting of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 in Geneva, meeting of ISO Technical Committee 223 in Cape Town in 2014, the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2014 in Tokyo, 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2014 in Bangkok. As the Director of DRR directorate, he was responsible to coordinate the preparation of National Disaster Management Plan 2010-2014 and the preparation of documents National Disaster Management Plan 2015-2019 as well as managing a partnership project between BNPB and UNDP Indonesia called Safer Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>
 <p>Panelist</p>	<p>Dr. Fatoumata Nafo-Traore Regional Director for Africa International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)</p> <p>Dr. Fatoumata Nafo-Traoré joined the IFRC as Regional Director, Africa, on 1 March 2016. Dr. Nafo-Traoré most recently served as the Executive Director of Roll Back Malaria, the global platform for coordinated action against malaria. She has more than 25 years of experience in national health development, and regional and international public health. Dr. Nafo-Traoré started her career at the community level, training and supervising rural health workers and responding to health emergencies in her home country of Mali. Building on this experience she played a lead role in the overhaul of her country’s health care system. Between 2000 and 2002, she served as Mali’s Minister of Health and as Minister of Social Affairs, Solidarity and Elderly. She was then appointed the first Roll Back Malaria Executive Secretary in 2003, before working in a number of roles with the World Health Organization, including as representative in the Republic of Congo and Ethiopia. Dr. Nafo-Traoré is currently a Board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC) and Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV). She is fluent in both French and English.</p>
 <p>Moderator</p>	<p>Ms. Matilde Mordt Team Leader, Sustainable Development and Resilience, Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP</p> <p>Matilde Mordt is the team leader for the Sustainable Development and Resilience Group at the UNDP Regional Hub in Panama. She holds a PhD in Human and Economic Geography, a Masters in Business Administration and International Economics, and a BA in Social Sciences from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. As part of her doctorate, she studied at the Sustainable development PhD Program at the Amazon Studies Institute of the Para’s Federal University, Brazil. Dr. Mordt has 25 years of experience in Latin America and the Caribbean, having worked with the United Nations, Regional Banks, bilateral development agencies and as an independent consultant. Between 2011 and 2014, she served as Practice Manager for the Environment and Energy Group in the Bureau for Development Policy in UNDP, overseeing global portfolio environment, climate and energy. Her areas of expertise are climate change, sustainable management of natural</p>

	<p>resources, environmental management and rural development. In her current role, she leads a regional team that provides technical assistance and policy advice in the areas of Sustainable Development Goals and poverty reduction, environment and climate change, and risk management.</p>
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