

GENDER PROGRESS REPORT

GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2022 THIRD MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING CONFERENCE (MHEWC-III) and WORLD RECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE 5 (WRC 5)

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KEY RESULTS SUMMARY

At the [Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022](#) (GPDRR 2022), the [Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference](#) (MHEWC-III) and the [Fifth World Reconstruction Conference](#) (WRC 5) held from 23-28 May 2022 in Bali, Indonesia, UN Women secured and supported significant progress for gender equality and women's leadership in disaster risk reduction and resilience so as to advance the gender-responsive implementation of the Sendai Framework, contributing to the gender-responsiveness of all three conference outcome statements:

Box 1: Gender Dimensions of the Global Platform Co-Chairs' summary: Bali Agenda for Resilience

Recommendations for taking the Sendai Framework implementation forward include:

- **Ensuring DRR leadership is more inclusive**, particularly **strengthening gender equality and the participation of women and girls in decision making, implementation, and leadership**;
- **Establishing specific targets and timelines** to achieve **gender balance**;
- **Establishing a gender action plan** to achieve the Sendai Framework;
- **Ensuring policies and programmes** are supported by an understanding of the **gender dimensions of disaster risk**;
- **Increasing investment in women-led civil society organisations and networks** to facilitate their meaningful participation in and influence on decision-making;
- **Recognising that recovery and reconstruction are the most successful when they are community-driven**, and address inequalities through **gender-responsive and human-rights based approaches**.

Box 2: Gender Dimensions of Joint Communiqué on Reconstructing for a Sustainable Future of the WRC 5

WRC 5 resolves to:

- **Promote women as recovery leaders and adoption of gender-responsive recovery governance, strategies, and processes** to address the gender dimensions of disasters, conflict and fragility, and other threats such as COVID-19; to ensure the human rights, needs, and priorities of women and girls in all their diversity for a risk-informed and inclusive recovery. This includes **situating women as leaders in recovery decision-making processes** and **mobilizing finance and technical resources** to enable women's meaningful participation.

Box 3: Gender Dimensions of the Outcome Statement for the MHEWC-III

- **Confirms the urgent and growing need for “effective, inclusive and gender-responsive early warning systems”** noting that *“without gender, age, disability and location data, any pre-emptive action will fail to be inclusive.”*
- **Notes that “women’s full and equal access to early warning information and leadership in early warning communication is crucial for improved early preparation and risk reduction during extreme weather events and health emergencies, enhanced community protection services and referral pathways; and for supporting the realisation of women’s rights and gender equality.”**
- **Shares key next steps** noting that the outcomes of the conference will contribute to *inter alia*: the UN Secretary-General’s plan for *“early warnings for all people within five years;”* validating the Words into Action Guidance on Early Warning Systems (EWS) – to which UN Women has contributed a **gender section**; supporting continuing advocacy for increased support, investment, and adoption of coherent policies for **people-centered, gender-responsive, and risk-informed EWS** that lead to early action.

UN Women's **key conference objectives** included:

- Advocating for a **gender-responsive and inclusive Sendai Framework midterm review process**, as well as the development of a **gender action plan under the Sendai Framework** by leveraging the [agreed conclusions of the 66th Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW66), and ensuring reference to these in the GPDRR [Co-Chair's summary](#); and
- Highlighting UN Women's DRR and resilience portfolio, including the [Women's Resilience to Disaster \(WRD\) programme](#), the [WRD Knowledge Hub](#) as well as the [EmPower programme](#).

UN Women contributed to securing the gender-responsiveness of the outcome statements for all three conferences by: i) leveraging the [agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW66)¹; ii) drawing upon **UN Women's key DRR gender messages**; iii) providing **technical support** for the drafting of the outcome statements' gender paragraphs; iv) providing support to 14 sessions at the three conferences; v) acting as **official co-organizer** of the [Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference](#); and vi) **galvanising the voices and perspectives of gender champions and experts** during the UN Women organised *DRR Gender Champions and Women's Resilience to Disasters Experts Meeting* at the Global Platform.

As a result, the **outcome documents** for the three conferences recognise the need to increase understanding of the gender dimensions of disasters, the importance of incorporating gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for DRR, reaffirm the need for the creation of a gender action plan for the Sendai Framework, and call for commitment to address the gender gaps including women's leadership and meaningful participation in disaster risk reduction and early warning systems, and to strengthen gender-responsive and inclusive DRR and recovery governance, mechanisms, and processes through system-wide change. Gender results are shared in *Boxes 1-3* as follows (full analysis to be found in events summary pages 6-21):

These results were made possible thanks to a strategic combination of the Women's Resilience to Disasters programme global component funded by **Australia** and disaster risk reduction technical and financial support from **Sweden** through the Sida Strategic Partnership Framework (SPFIII).

UN WOMEN KEY ENGAGEMENTS SUMMARY

UN Women **supported a total of 14 events** during [Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 \(GPDRR 2022\)](#), the [Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference \(MHEWC-III\)](#) and the [Fifth World Reconstruction Conference \(WRC 5\)](#):

1. Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022, from 25-28 May 2022

- High Level Dialogue 1: [Where do we stand? Global and regional perspectives on implementing the Sendai Framework](#);
- Thematic Session (TS) 7: [Diversity in Disaster Risk Reduction Leadership](#);
- Thematic Session (TS) 14: [Financing Local Investment Through Risk Informed and Bankable Strategies](#);
- Thematic Session (TS) 12: [Cooperation Across Borders for Strengthened Capacity and Action \(Target F\)](#);
- Side event: [Left behind, left out, left unsafe: A dialogue on Leaving No One Behind in the face of disaster risk](#);
- Side event: [Mainstreaming Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion in Anticipatory Action for DRR in Southeast Asia](#);

Midterm Review Plenary 3: [Rethinking sustainable development; investing with strategic foresight to build resilience](#).

- DRR Gender Champions and Women's Resilience to Disasters Experts Meeting.

2. Fifth World Reconstruction Conference (WRC 5), from 23-24 May 2022:

- Technical Session: [Addressing the Recovery Needs of Women and Girls, People with Disabilities and Other Vulnerable Groups](#); and
- Parallel session: [COVID-19 Whole of Society Recovery Priorities for Health System Strengthening Following a Risk Management Approach](#).

3. Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III), from 23-24 May 2022:

- Thematic Perspective: [Governance and inclusive early warnings](#);
- Thematic Perspective: [Early warning systems driven by risk information](#);
- Side Event: [Gender mainstreaming into the end-to-end Early Warning System for hydro-meteorological events](#); and
- Session: [Converting Gaps and Needs into a Way Forward](#).

UN Women also **provided technical support and conducted strategic advocacy during the GPDRR 2022**, including: delivering an [official statement from UN Women's Executive Director](#), sharing UN Women's [key messages on DRR](#) with Member States, conducting multiple bilateral meetings with Member States and key partners, contributing to the development of the [common UN system key messages](#), as well as to the [Co-Chair's summary](#).

Finally, UN Women also **promoted key gender sessions and messaging on gender-responsive DRR** through strategic and coordinated communication. [Social media cards](#) including UN Women/WINDRR co-branded cards, and motion graphic videos on [women's leadership](#) were disseminated via UN Women and partner social media

channels (Twitter, LinkedIn and/or Facebook), at global, regional and country levels, and via the WRD Community of Practice throughout the GPDRR and its Preparatory Days. In addition, the [WRD programme video](#) was widely shared.

DETAILED EVENTS SUMMARY: UN WOMEN'S POSITIONING AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AT THE GLOBAL PLATFORM ON DRR AND ASSOCIATED CONFERENCES

This section provides a detailed summary of UN Women's engagement and support throughout the Global Platform on DRR and its associated conferences.

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022: 25-28 May 2022

- Guided by the theme *"From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a Covid-19 Transformed World"*, GPDRR 2022 was co-chaired by H.E. Prof. Muhadjir Effendy, Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, and Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction.
 - Emphasized accelerated efforts to achieve 2030 Agenda for SDGs and the Sendai Framework through inclusive and networked multilateralism, international solidarity and cooperation
 - 4000 participants from a total of 185 countries, with **half the panelists and 40 percent of participants women and over 200 persons with disability actively engaged in panels and in discussion**
- **UN Women, through its Executive Director, Ms. Sima Bahous, shared an [Official Statement](#)**, which highlighted the need to *strategically incorporate gender dimensions into the Sendai Framework Midterm review process* to identify and address the causes of gender-specific disaster impacts, and the importance of *leveraging women's voice, agency and leadership for disaster and climate resilience*. Ms. Bahous further shared highlighted opportunities and concrete solutions, such as increasing financing for women's organisations working on DRR and resilience; strengthening gender-responsive risk governance, including through the development and implementation of gender-responsive policies, strategies, plans, and budgets; and fostering cooperation and partnership for gender equality and women's leadership in DRR.
 - **UN Women co-organised three thematic sessions and two side events**, and Ms. Rahel Steinbach (acting WRD Global Programme Coordinator a.i. and DRR Programme Specialist) shared UN Women's perspectives in a plenary on the Sendai Framework Midterm Review, reiterating the importance of continued collaboration to advance gender-responsive DRR and resilience-building through its worldwide partners, UN sister agencies and its network of 500 women's organisations working on DRR and climate resilience, particularly through the WRD Programme.



Participants of Women's Resilience to Disaster expert & gender champion meeting. Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.

- **UN Women also organised a *DRR Gender Champions and Women's Resilience to Disasters Experts Meeting***, which united more than 50 gender champions from across the world from governments, civil society, academia, international financial institutions and international organizations to push for an even stronger focus on gender equality and women's leadership in the Global Platform outcomes, and provide an opportunity for networking amongst the growing family of gender champions in disaster risk reduction and resilience.

- **Ms. Elizabeth Riley, the executive director of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)**, who was secured as a speaker for this session by UN Women, noted during *High-Level Dialogue 1: Where do we stand? Global and regional perspectives on implementing the Sendai Framework*, the need to invest in a multi-dimensional vulnerability index which will facilitate better understanding of vulnerability and risk, as well as the need for transformational-level investments wherein investment is based on genuine engagement with the regions that are to benefit, nationally- and regionally- led, socially inclusive in that it focuses on issues such as gender equality.
- **Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, Executive Director of Diverse Voices and Action for Equality from Fiji**, for whom UN Women secured a speaking opportunity in *Thematic Session 7: Diversity in Leadership*, highlighted that diverse and inclusive leadership was key to recognising multiple forms of knowledge and skills, particularly indigenous and local knowledge. Ms. Nabulivou called for women’s meaningful engagement and leadership in all areas of DRR, recognising the diverse voices and needs of women, the inclusion of issues such as the elimination of violence against women, gender justice, social protection, gender-responsive infrastructure and transport, and the translation of disaster risk reduction strategies in the vernacular.
- At the ***UN Senior Officials’ Lunch hosted by UN DSG Ms. Amina Mohammed, Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Regional Director of the UN Women Asia and the Pacific Regional Office*** highlighted UN Women’s engagements in the GPDRR, and its call to incorporate gender dimensions into the Sendai Framework’s review process as well as



UN Senior Officials’ Lunch Meeting, participated in by Ms. Sarah Knibbs (front-left), Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UNDRR

to leverage women’s voice, agency, and leadership for disaster and climate resilience. She also shared information on the [Gender Guidance Note](#) developed by UN Women through the WRD programme, together with UNDRR and UNFPA, which aims to help Member States integrate gender considerations into their national Sendai Framework midterm review processes. UN Women also emphasised the need to recognise and empower women and girls as powerful change agents, and the need for the UN System to support Member States develop a Sendai Framework gender action plan, building on the CSW 66 agreed conclusions.

- **Ms. Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Regional Director of the UN Women Asia and the Pacific Regional Office** reflected on the key barriers and enablers of change for diverse leadership during *Thematic Session 7: Diversity in Leadership* and called for a move beyond the “vulnerability narrative” to ensuring that women in all their diversity, are recognised as agents of change, and are actively engaged in key DRR processes, and mechanisms, and hold leadership and decision-making roles in DRR. She highlighted key enablers of change including: i) collective influencing and sustained advocacy; ii) system-wide normative and governance changes; iii) systematic capacity development; iv) cooperation and enabling partners, v) increased financing including for women’s CSOs and networks; and vi) increased sharing of good practices and tools. She recommended working with key national stakeholders to secure commitment to building women’s capacity and leadership skills for DRR and transforming these commitments into tangible targets and timelines.

- **On behalf of the Government of Australia, Mr. Jason Andean, Director of Policy and Ministerial Engagement, APMCDRR Taskforce, Humanitarian and Partnership Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT),** recognised during the UN Women organised *DRR Gender Champions and Women’s Resilience to Disasters Experts Meeting* the [joint report](#) produced by UN Women (WRD global component), UNFPA and UNDRR on “*Beyond vulnerability to gender equality and women’s empowerment and leadership in disaster risk reduction*” which “outlines critical actions on disaster risk reduction for the UN” and mentioned that Australia is proud to support the WRD Programme.

Fifth World Reconstruction Conference (WRC 5): 23-24 May 2022

- Theme: “*Reconstructing for a sustainable future: Building resilience through recovery in a COVID-19 Transformed World*”
- Co-hosted by UNDP in collaboration with the World Bank/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), UNDRR and the International Recovery Platform (IRP).
- 1600 in-person and online participants representing regional, national, and local governments, civil society, the private sector, academia, and international organizations from 160 countries

- **UN Women convened two parallel sessions** during the WRC 5, held both onsite and online. In these sessions, UN Women discussed and advocated for the greater inclusion of women in all their diversity in recovery governance, processes, and action.
- **For the session on *Addressing the recovery needs of women and girls, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups*,** UN Women highlighted:
 - i) key barriers, opportunities and enabling factors for addressing the priorities and needs of women, girls, people living with disabilities and other high-risk or marginalised groups;
 - ii) the benefits of securing their empowerment, leadership and the meaningful participation in recovery decision making processes;
 - iii) the importance of ensuring recovery coordination mechanisms at all levels are inclusive of at-risk groups and their organisations;
 - iv) the need to recognise the important role of youth and the major contributions of civil society organisations, including grassroots organisations, to integrate the priorities and needs of the disproportionately impacted and enable their meaningful participation through capacity development and funding;
 - v) the importance of strengthening gender and social inclusion mainstreaming across recovery planning, strategies, processes, and tools – including ensuring that post-disaster needs



Panel of the WRC5 technical session: “Addressing the recovery needs of women and girls, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups”, Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. From right to left: Ms Rahel Steinbach (UN Women’s Peace, Security, Humanitarian and Resilience section); Dr. Enamur Rahman (Government of Bangladesh); Ms. Nina Birkeland (Norwegian Refugee Council); Ms Nur Aisyah Maullidah (Presidium of Girl Ambassadors for Peace (GA4P), Indonesia); Ms Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls (Shifting the Power Coalition Pacific). Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.

assessments are inclusive and gender-responsive. The [women's leadership video](#) was played during the session.

- **For the session on COVID19 whole-of-society recovery priorities for health system strengthening following a risk management approach session**, UN Women supported the development of key messages, shared by the WHO panellist. These emphasised that transformative recovery from COVID-19, required the following: i) better and continued collection, analysis, use and dissemination of disaggregated data; ii) continued information on the pandemic's differentiated impacts; iii) the integration of gender technical into recovery and health risk management decision-making structures; iv) the need to integrate women better at all levels of decision making; and v) continued investments in the health workforce, given the predominance of women.

Third Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-III): 23-24 May 2022

- Theme: *"From Stock Taking to Scaling Up Actions on Sendai Framework Target G: Accelerating the Knowledge and Practice of MHEWS for Risk-Informed Resilience"*
- **UN Women supported and participated in three key sessions** of the MHEWC-III held both onsite and online. UN Women secured Ms. Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, from the Shifting the Power Coalition and a member of the WRD Board to serve as a panellist for the session on *Early Warning Systems driven by risk information*. Ms. Bhagwan-Rolls highlighted: the importance of linking traditional knowledge with climate science and weather information, the exclusion of women in decision making and early warning system (EWS) processes, the creation of Women's Weather Watch in Fiji (and sister projects in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea), and the importance of women-led EWS founded on collaboration and local networks to ensure timely, and actionable information to strengthen local and grassroots action.
- **Together with WMO, UN Women co-convended and facilitated a side event on Gender mainstreaming into the end-to-end Early Warning System for hydro-meteorological events**, which took stock of progress and challenges for gender-responsive and inclusive early warning systems (EWS) and identified opportunities and good practices for accelerating and scaling action. UN Women reiterated that collective action towards mainstreaming gender into EWS for all hazards is crucial, particularly building an enabling gender-responsive governance environment including capacity development and funding.



Ms Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, WRD Board Member from the Shifting the Power Coalition at the Third Multi Hazard Early Warning Conference, Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.

- **UN Women's official statement was played during the MHEWC-III opening ceremony**, highlighting how UN Women is accelerating action on early warning systems by: i) advocating and supporting gender-responsive, inclusive, and people-centred multi-hazard early warning systems; and ii) supporting the use of community and women's networks and women-led initiatives to help diverse groups of women and their communities better prepare, and take early action to withstand multiple hazards in order to save lives and livelihoods.

EVENT PHOTOS



From left to right: Dr Constance Awinpoka Akurugu (University of Business and Integrated Development Studies Wa, Ghana); Ms Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls (Shifting the Power Coalition Pacific); Rahel Steinbach (UN Women's Peace, Security, Humanitarian and Resilience section); Ian Lisk (Sercom, WMO), during MHEWC-III gender side-event. Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Participants of the 3rd Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWCIII) gender side-event organised by UN Women and WMO: "Gender mainstreaming into the End-to-End Early Warning System for Hydro-Meteorological events". Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Participants of the Bilateral meeting between UN Women (Ms. Sarah Knibbs) and the Timor-Leste delegation, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Prim Devakula



Ms Noelene Nabulivou (upper right, on screen), Founder of Diverse Voices for Action (DIVA for Equality), participating virtually from Fiji in technical session on Diversity in DRR leadership at the 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Ms Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), during High-Level Dialogue 1 "Where we stand" at the 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Ms Prim Devakula, Gender and DRR Programme analyst at UN Women Asia Pacific regional office, during GPDRR2022 side-event: Mainstreaming Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion in Anticipatory Action for DRR in Southeast Asia. Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Ms Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Regional Director of the UN Women Asia and the Pacific Regional Office during technical session on Diversity in DRR leadership at the 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.



Ms Rahel Steinbach, WRD Global Programme Coordinator a.i. and Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Programme Specialist, sharing UN Women's statement during Midterm Review Plenary 3: "Rethinking sustainable development; investing with strategic foresight to build resilience", at the 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, Indonesia, May 2022. Photo: UN Women/Agung Parameswara.

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE RESULTS WHICH DRIVE GENDER-RESPONSIVE, DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE, INTERSECTIONAL AND PEOPLE-CENTRED CHANGE (NOT LIMITED TO GENDER)

Conference results, not limited to gender, and which drive gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, intersectional and people-centred change are shared in *Boxes 4-6*.

Box 4: Global Platform Co-Chairs' summary: Bali Agenda for Resilience

Recommendations for taking the Sendai Framework implementation forward include:

- **Drawing upon opportunities to move beyond a hazard-centric focus** towards systematic risk analysis with vulnerability and exposure as core components;
- **Strengthening data ecosystems for disaggregated data**, including through enhanced interoperability across systems, as well as local knowledge feedback and expert opinion;
- **Ensuring DRR leadership is more inclusive**, particularly strengthening gender equality and the participation of women and girls in decision making, implementation, and leadership;
- **Establishing specific targets and timelines** to achieve gender balance;
- **Establishing a gender action plan** to achieve the Sendai Framework;
- **Ensuring policies and programmes** are supported by an understanding of the gender dimensions of disaster risk;
- **Increasing investment in women-led civil society organisations and networks** to facilitate their meaningful participation in and influence on decision-making;
- **Educating youth and partnering with them on disaster risk management** to ensure their participation in resilience building actions is extended to policy making with intergenerational impact;
- **Enabling innovative and decentralised DRR financing** ensuring that resources reach communities and individuals before a disaster strikes;
- **Supporting predictable and sustainable investment in rebuilding and strengthening health systems** particularly at the community level, to ensure equity;
- **Minimising the protection gap** through investments in social protection and affordable insurance solutions through premium and capital support, combined with micro-finance and forecast-based financing;
- **Account for the dynamic nature of vulnerability and intersecting vulnerabilities** in risk assessment, planning, and financing;
- **Recognising the contribution of non-State stakeholders** in building resilience at all levels and the principle to “leave no one behind”, which is the central, transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda;
- **Recognising that recovery and reconstruction are the most successful when they are community-driven**, and address inequalities through gender-responsive and human-rights based approaches; and
- **Ensuring pre-disaster planning and Post-Disaster Needs Assessments** are more effective in ensuring socially transformative outcomes with long-term benefits for reducing poverty and inequality by going beyond damage and loss to include wider socio-economic impacts.

Box 5: Outcome Statement for the MHEWC-III

- **Highlights the accountability of Government at all levels to ensure access to people-centered early warning systems (EWS)** alongside support for inclusive and coherent governance mechanisms and cooperation.
- **Confirms the urgent and growing need for “effective, inclusive and gender-responsive EWS”** noting that “*without gender, age, disability and location, data any pre-emptive action will fail to be inclusive.*”
- **Notes that “women’s full and equal access to early warning information and leadership in early warning communication is crucial** for improved early preparation and risk reduction during extreme weather events and health emergencies, enhanced community protection services and referral pathways; and for supporting the realisation of women’s rights and gender equality.”

- **Confirms that EWS are most effective when they are localised and people-centred and integrate local and indigenous knowledge systems.**
- **Highlights the need for targeted cooperation** to *inter alia* ensure sufficient focus on the “last mile”, and to ensure people-centred early warnings.
- **Shares key next steps** noting that the outcomes of the conference will contribute to *inter alia*: the UN Secretary-Generals’ plan for “early warnings for all people within five years;” validating the Words into Action Guidance on EWS – to which UN Women has contributed a gender section; supporting continuing advocacy for increased support, investment, and adoption of coherent policies for people-centered, gender-responsive, and risk-informed EWS that lead to early action.

Box 6: Joint Communique on Reconstructing for a Sustainable Future of the WRC 5

Resolves to:

- **Promote women as recovery leaders and adoption of gender-responsive recovery governance, strategies, and processes** to address the gender dimensions of disasters, conflict and fragility, and other threats such as COVID-19; to ensure the human rights, needs, and priorities of women and girls in all their diversity for a risk-informed and inclusive recovery. This includes situating women as leaders in recovery decision-making processes and mobilizing finance and technical resources to enable women’s meaningful participation.
- **Use recovery from the pandemic, disasters, conflicts, and other threats as an opportunity** to reset the development pathway drawing upon greener, more resilient and inclusive recovery approaches – which “*does not leave anyone behind;*”
- **Address the socioeconomic effects and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on “hard-won” development gains**, acknowledging disproportionate effects on the most vulnerable populations, which have exacerbated inequalities;
- **Re-think recovery governance** to better plan and manage recovery from complex and interconnected disaster-conflict events in the post-COVID-19 world, drawing upon innovative approaches and good practices identified by participants;
- **Change behaviour and actions to build resilience through recovery, and reconstruct for a sustainable future by:**
 - putting agency back in the hands of affected people;
 - emphasising the need for a shock-responsive universal social protection for all vulnerable groups;
 - Developing and adopting gender-responsive recovery governance, strategies, and processes to address the gender dimensions of disasters, conflict and fragility, and other threats such as COVID-19, and to ensure the human rights, needs, and priorities of women and girls in all their diversity for a risk-informed and inclusive recovery.
 - Situating women as leaders in recovery decision-making processes; and
 - Mobilising finance and technical resources to enable women’s meaningful participation.

UN WOMEN COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

UN Women's global DRR & WRD team established a Global Platform advocacy, communication and social media strategy, which guided the development of social media assets, key messages, and their dissemination to key gender and DRR partners, networks, and stakeholders during the Global Platform and its associated conferences.

Overview

- **Social media cards** (including WRD/WINDRR co-branded cards) and **motion graphic videos on women's leadership, the WRD programme and gender-responsive early warning systems (in collaboration with CREWS Initiatives) were developed and disseminated via different social media channels** (Twitter, LinkedIn and/or Facebook) by:
 - UN Women's main Twitter account; UN Women Executive Director, Ms Sima Bahous; UN Women Caribbean Office; UN Women Asia-Pacific Office; UN Women Pacific Office; UN Women Indonesia office; UN Women Chief of the Women, Peace, Security, Humanitarian Action and Disaster Risk Reduction Section, Ms Paivi Kannisto; and Ms Sarah Knibbs, Deputy Regional Director for UN Women in Asia and the Pacific.
 - DFAT's Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr James Gilling.
- **Ms. Sima Bahous, UN Women Executive Director, recorded an official statement** on gender-responsive DRR, which was published on the Global Platform of DRR website and disseminated via social media.
- **100 post cards** advertising the Women's Resilience to Disasters Programme and Knowledge Hub were distributed to participants and partners during the conferences.
- **A professional photographer** was recruited to take photos of UN Women's delegation and partners during relevant events and sessions.
- **The WRD Twitter account and WRD Community of Practice communities** significantly increased to more than 500 partners.
- **Information emails** on events and sessions co-organised and supported by UN Women were sent to UN Women's "*Women, Peace and Security Community of practice*", the "*WRD Community of Practice*," and other key partners.

Social media cards and videos:

- [UN Women's official statement](#) at the Global Platform for DRR
- [WRD Knowledge Hub Trello board](#)
- [Motion graphic leadership video](#)
- [Full WRD programme video](#)
[WRD Pacific programme video](#)
- [Gender-responsive early warning systems video](#) in collaboration with CREWS

ANNEX 1: Selection of Social Media Posts by UN Women, DFAT and other partners

UN Women @UN_Women · May 23

Investments must be made in understanding the gender dimensions of disaster risk and the indispensable role that women, including grassroots and Indigenous women, play in reducing risks and building resilience.

Statement from @unwomenchief for #GPDRR2022:



unwomen.org

Statement at the 7th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk ...
In a Statement at the 7th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous said: ...

UN Women @UN_Women · May 25

Leaders from Africa, Asia and the Pacific share their thoughts on women's leadership in disaster risk reduction, recovery and resilience! 🌍👏

#GPDRR2022 #DRR
unwo.men/Oz8F50JgQcZ



1,663 views 0:03 / 1:30

Sima Bahous @unwomenchief · May 24

Speaking at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, I emphasised the importance of leveraging women's voices and leadership for disaster and climate resilience.

Thank you to the Australian Government 🇦🇺 and @dfat for this collaboration. #GPDRR2022 @UN_Women @wrthub



understanding the gender dimensions of disaster risk

1,658 views 0:21 / 0:53

James Gilling @AusHumanitarian · May 26

Gender-responsive and disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction remains a key priority for 🇦🇺.

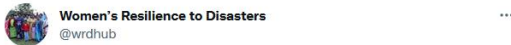
We are proud to support the @UN_Women Women's Resilience to Disasters program, which is empowering Pacific women as leaders of their communities. #GPDRR2022 #DRR

Women's Resilience to Disasters @wrthub · May 24

Women leaders from #Africa, #Asia and the #Pacific share their insights on women's leadership in #DRR, recovery and resilience! #GPDRR2022
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@UN_Women is advocating for gender-responsive Early Warning Systems during #GPDRR2022 preparatory days at #MHEWCIII!

Day 1 Livestream: youtube.com/watch?v=ptKeFH...

Learn more about gender-responsive early warning systems and disaster preparedness: wrd.unwomen.org/practice/systeme...



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Women are key actors in critical decisions regarding economic recovery in post-conflict & disaster-prone settings, including COVID19 pandemic #GPDRR2022

Attend #WRC5 event about Addressing the recovery needs of women and girls & other vulnerable groups: bit.ly/wrc5-vulnerabl...



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Snapshots of @UN_Women delegation during #GPDRR2022 intense first Preparatory Day #WRC5 #MHEWCIII

Women and girls are critical agents of change and leaders in reducing risks, preparing for disasters, and supporting recovery following a disaster. #DRR #RisktoResilience



Sharon Bhagwan Rolls and 8 others

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Fruitful and engaging dialogue today during #MHEWCIII gender side-event organised by @UN_Women & @WMO "Gender mainstreaming into the End-to-End Early Warning System for Hydro-Meteorological events"

#GPDRR2022 #DRR #RiskToResilience



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Women's Resilience to Disasters
@wrldhub

Today, @UN_Women's @wrldhub team & @dfat convened a Women's Resilience to Disaster expert & gender champion meeting to hear diverse perspectives of what women's #leadership means for building resilience & identify opportunities for a gender-responsive #GPDRR2022 co-chair summary.



Sarah Knibbs and 9 others

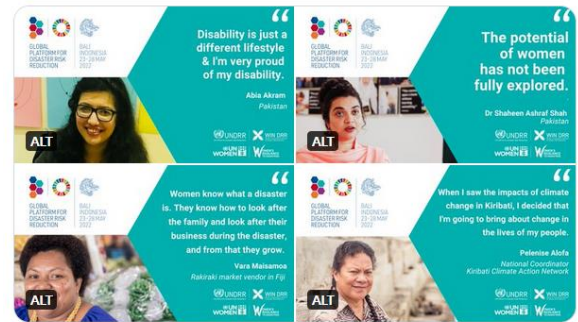
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Women's Resilience to Disasters
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Women's voices & leadership have been missing in #DRR decision making.

The @wrldhub & the @WIN_DRR provide platforms to elevate women's voices, share knowledge, & build women's resilience to disasters. #GPDRR2022

Find here inspiring perspectives from Asia & the Pacific



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UN Women Indonesia
@unwomenid

The #GPDRR2022 ends today, but our work towards gender-responsive #DRR and advancing women's voices and participation in building resilience continues.

@UN_Women remains committed to fostering the cooperation and partnership for gender equality and women's leadership in #DRR.



UN Women Asia and the Pacific
23 de mayo a las 07:00

UN Women is advocating for gender-responsive Early Warning System (EWS) during the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction #GPDRR2022 preparatory days at the 3rd Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference #MHEWCIII

Visit the Women's Resilience to Disaster Knowledge Hub to learn more about gender responsive EWS: <http://unwo.men/jgWP50JbL9U>





UN Women Caribbean
@unwomencarib

The high-level dialogue at #GPDRR2022 "Where do we stand" takes stock of progress on gender-responsive disaster risk reduction and confirms we need women's empowerment, & meaningful participation in resilience.

Attend virtually on May 25 09:00-10:30 Bali:
unwo.men/VIMK50JgYc



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UN Women Caribbean
@unwomencarib

One woman leader from the #Caribbean is also featured in this video, La Fleur Cleopatra Quammie, UN Country Coordination Officer - St. Vincent and the Grenadines @UNBdosandOECs. She shares her insights on women's leadership in #DRR, recovery and resilience! #GPDRR2022

Sarah Knibbs
@Sknibbs2

Speaking at #GPDRR2022, I emphasised how we all need to work together to secure the leadership of women in all their diversity. 2022 has the potential to be a game-changer for closing the gender gaps in #DRR and resilience, and securing transformative and diverse leadership.





PaiviKannisto
@PaiviKannisto

.@UN_Women is advocating for gender-responsive early warning systems & women and girls risk-informed resilience during the first Preparatory Day of the Global Platform for DRR in Bali, Indonesia #GPDRR2022 at #WRC5 and #MHEWCIII!



Shifting the Power Coalition
@STPCoalitionPac

Thanks to the support of @UNDRR & @wrddhub our #regionalhubteam have been sharing #Pacific perspectives at #GPDRR2022 including at the women & youth dialogue with @AminaJMohammed. Read our updates via: facebook.com/shiftingthepow...

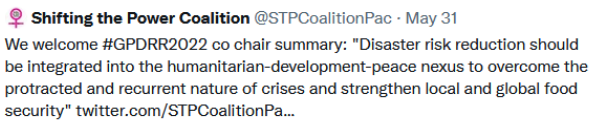


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Tx to @UNDRR @WIN_DRR @wrddhub
4 supporting @sharonfiji
& @stuffandhearts to #GPDRR2022 - here's how we see the Co-chair summary: facebook.com/22620410007289... !



ANNEX 2: UN Women Midterm Review Plenary Statement

- **UN Women recognises the gender dimensions of disasters** including the disproportionate disaster and climate risks and impacts on women and girls in all their diversity, the underlying root causes of unequal risk (notably gender roles, social norms, and discriminatory attitudes), and the structural barriers to women's meaningful participation and leadership in disaster risk reduction and resilience.
- **UN women calls for leveraging the critical progress** made during the recent Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and opportunities presented by the ongoing Mid-term review to incorporate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the review process; and we offer our support for the creation of a gender action plan under the Sendai Framework in line with the CSW agreed conclusions.
- **UN Women calls for increased commitment to address the gender gaps in disaster risk reduction and strengthen gender-responsive and inclusive DRR and recovery governance through system-wide change. This should include** i) leveraging women's voice, agency, leadership, and advocacy for resilience; ii) institutionalising the systematic collection, use, and reporting of gender data and the sharing of good practice, guidance, tools and lessons, including learning from the COVID-19 pandemic; iii) developing gender-responsive normative frameworks and policy coherence founded on the needs and priorities of women in all their diversity; iv) supporting systematic and sustained capacity development for all key gender, DRR and resilience stakeholders; v) fostering gender-responsive coordination mechanisms, and partnerships for coordinated action; and vi) increasing financial resources for gender equality including for the empowerment and participation of women and women's organisations at all levels.
- **Together with our worldwide partners, our UN sister agencies and our network of 500 women's organisations working on disaster and climate resilience, UN Women's supports system-wide change to address gender and inclusion gaps** in global risk and resilience governance architecture and risk management systems. **Our signature DRR intervention – the Women's Resilience to Disasters Programme**, is ensuring that the lives and livelihoods of women and girls are resilient to disasters and threats and that local women leaders in climate and disaster resilience from across the globe have a seat in global normative processes and are supported, including at this important conference.
- **UN women recognises that 2022 has the potential to be a gamechanger for closing gender gaps in DRR and resilience with the recent CSW66 agreed conclusions, the Global Platform on DRR, and the ongoing Midterm review process.** We need to build upon the Agreed Conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66), which constitutes a clear blueprint for the international community to promote women's and girls' participation and leadership in DRR.

- **Let me close by saying** that the growing evidence base is clearly showing that women's leadership and meaningful participation in DRR not only improves outcomes for those who are far too often left behind but ensures a more resilient, safe and sustainable planet.