



**WORLD TSUNAMI
AWARENESS DAY**
5 NOVEMBER

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United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
(UNDRR)

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
(UNESCO IOC)

Permanent Mission of Japan

invite you to the opening reception

Tsunami: Sea Change for Resilience

exhibition

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Tuesday 5 November 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

at

Delegates Dining Room

United Nations Headquarters, New York



Australian Government



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to the United Nations
New York

1:00 – 1:15 pm Opening segment and launch of the exhibition

- H.E. Mr. Yamazaki Kazuyuki, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations
- (tbc) H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang, President of the General Assembly
- Representative from UNESCO
- Recorded message from Mr Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

1:15 – 1:20 pm UNDRR - Documentary Video

1:20 – 2:00 pm Panel Discussion: "Building Future Resilience: Youth Empowerment and Education in Tsunami Preparedness"

- H.E Ambassador Ali Nasser Mohammed, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations
- (tbc) H.E Ambassador Cherdchai Chaivaivid, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations
- (tbc) UN System Representation
- Ms. Glorymar Gomez-Perez, UNESCO-IOC International Tsunami Information Centre's (ITIC) manager for the Tsunami Braille Pilot Project
- Dr Stephan T. Grilli, Ph.D, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Ocean Engineering, Rhode Island University
- Japanese Student Chair

2:00 – 2:30 pm Intervention from the Floor

2:30 – 2:35 pm Closing Segment

- (tbc) H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends for Disaster Risk Reduction
- H.E. Mrs Paula Narváez Ojeda, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations

2:35 – 3:00 pm Viewing of the Exhibition



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Tsunami: Sea Change for Resilience

Commemorating the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, 20 years on

On 26 December 2004, an earthquake in the Indian Ocean caused a devastating tsunami that killed around 230,000 people in 14 countries. It remains one of the deadliest disasters in recent human history.

The people who lived through this tragedy are forever changed by it.

That is why this year, World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is honouring the memory of the Indian Ocean Tsunami on its 20th anniversary and highlighting major advances in protecting people since.

This exhibition tells the powerful accounts of tsunami survivors alongside contemporary and historical artworks that capture the sea change of perspective that the aftermath brought, with unprecedented global collaboration on disaster resilience.

Everyone must be tsunami ready - recognise the warning signs, be protected by early warning systems and be able to act quickly and get to high ground. We must have resilient infrastructure so livelihoods are not destroyed and build back better when tsunamis hit.

Tsunamis are rare but the deadliest of all natural hazards. Ensuring every person is ready in case one strikes is the central objective of this exhibition co-organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. World Tsunami Awareness Day is kindly supported by the government of Japan.



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