

## AFRICA REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

○ TOWARDS DISASTER RISK-INFORMED DEVELOPMENT FOR A RESILIENT AFRICA IN  
A COVID-19 TRANSFORMED WORLD ○

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**Concept Note and Guidelines for a Training Session on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction  
and Climate Change Adaptation into Cooperation Framework**  
*(pre-conference, working sessions, special sessions, plenary sessions)*

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Training Session: UNRCO, UNCT, UNSDCF, MS and UN Agencies</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021: 9:30 to 11:00
<b>Venue/ Room no.</b>	Virtual
<b>UNDRR ROA Focal Point/s</b>	Julius
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<b>Background and Rational</b>	<p>Disasters triggered by natural, biological and technological hazards, and further exacerbated by climate extremes and slow onset events, annually affect a growing number of people, ecosystems and economies. From 2005 to 2015, disasters caused USD 1.4 trillion in damage, killed 700,000 and affected 1.7 billion people. Economic losses are rising, and climate change is increasing the frequency and magnitude of a range of climate-related hazards. It is estimated that by 2050, the number of people in urban areas exposed to cyclones will increase from 310 million to 680 million people, while the number of people at risk of major earthquakes will increase from 370 million to 870 million.</p> <p>Without significant investment in resilience-building, these impacts threaten to not only decelerate but in extreme cases derail progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and realizing the 2030 Agenda.</p>

	<p>Progress towards sustainable development and peaceful societies is undermined by natural, biological and technological hazards that are intensified by persistent risk drivers such as climate variability and change, inequality, poverty, gender inequality, demographic pressures, unplanned urbanization and weak governance. The rapid spread and unprecedented global impact of COVID-19 has demonstrated how disasters create ripple effects throughout the systems that hold societies together and drive development. Even in the absence of a major disaster, accumulating and co-existing risks can unleash cascading impacts across sectors, triggering crises with devastating impact on those already left furthest behind. Managing climate and disaster risks in conflict and displacement situations becomes particularly important to prevent exacerbation of vulnerabilities and erosion of resilience.</p> <p>Therefore, enhancing disaster resilience, preventing climate and disaster-related risks, and protecting those left furthest behind require moving beyond business as usual and engaging all of society in climate and disaster risk management. The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework provides an opportunity for the United Nations development system to demonstrate the value of climate- and disaster risk-informed development to accelerate SDG progress in the decade of action.</p> <p>The Guidance Note on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework was therefore developed by the global UN Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Point Group in 2020, with input from UNCTs from all regions. The Guidance Note suggests actions to take at each stage of the Cooperation Framework cycle to ensure a climate and disaster risk-informed approach – presented both as a simple, printable checklist and longer, in-depth guidance for each action. It is a tool supporting Resident Coordinator Offices and UN Country Teams in ensuring that each stage of the Cooperation Framework is disaster and climate risk informed. It further enables the identification of country programming actions that support risk reduction and resilience-building.</p> <p>The Guidance Note mirror the steps in the UN DCO Companion Package for the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and supplements the UN Common Guidance on Helping Build Resilient Societies.</p>
<p><b>Session Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Orient participants on why the Cooperation Framework should be risk-responsive, and what steps they can take to ensure that it is.</li> <li>(ii) Provide an overview of interlinkages between disaster risk reduction, climate change, reduction of inequality and promotion of human rights that leave no one behind.</li> </ul>

	(iii) Familiarize the participants with the overall Guidance Note on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and the resources available in UNDRR to support the UN System in its Joint Strategic Programming.
<b>Session format and programme</b> <i>(detailed agenda)</i>	Moderated Discussions/Presentation with Interactive Learning/Quizzes Opening & Warm-up Activity (10 mins) Presentation (10 mins): Why risk-inform Cooperation Frameworks? Presentation & Experience Sharing (60 mins): How to integrate DRR and climate change adaptation into Cooperation Frameworks - Guidance & tools - Experience from Wrap-up (10 mins): Key Learning & Takeaways
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	Capacity of UNRCO, UNCT and UNSDCF staff and national government counterparts enhanced
<b>Key messages</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) are the two sides of the same coin and hence there is a greater need for integration of the two to avoid duplication of activities and to save resources.</li> <li>2. DRR and CCA are the bridge to words “community resilience” and hence calling the government to increase investments to reduce disaster and climate risk.</li> <li>3. Adopting UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (CFs) that are risk-sensitive, and that integrate DRR and CCA, member states will accelerate the achievement of SDGs by aiming to eliminate risk barriers</li> </ol>
<b>Proposed Moderator of the Session</b>	Sarah Wade Apicella, Programme Management Officer, UNDRR Global Education and Training Institute
<b>List of Panellists/Speakers and their interventions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RCO Nairobi Office</li> <li>2. RCo Nigeria</li> </ol>
<b>Reference Documents</b>	<b>Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework guidance note and training package</b>



	<a href="https://unsdg.un.org/resources/integrating-disaster-risk-reduction-and-climate-change-adaptation-un-sustainable">https://unsdg.un.org/resources/integrating-disaster-risk-reduction-and-climate-change-adaptation-un-sustainable</a>
<b>Technical Equipment requirements</b>	UNDRR will support the virtual meeting logistics and provide interpretation facilities for both French and English.