



Concept Note

Working session: Disability and Displacement in Early Action

Type of Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Plenary <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Working Session <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Title of the Event	Disability and Displacement in Early Action
Relevant Conference Plenary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plenary 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary 2: <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary 3: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-Cutting Issue
Background and Rationale	<p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 recognizes the disproportionate impact of disasters on groups in vulnerable situations. Individuals and groups in vulnerable situations, such as persons with disabilities and displaced persons, are disproportionately impacted by disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. Displaced persons with disabilities are particularly vulnerable. Accordingly, the needs and perspectives of those most affected by disasters must be integrated into all aspects of disaster risk reduction (DRR). The participation and leadership of affected individuals and communities must be promoted and implemented in all aspects of DRR.</p> <p>The engagement of affected communities in the planning and implementation of DRR policies and plans is key to effectively reduce disaster and climate risks. Involving affected persons such as displaced persons or persons with disabilities, and strengthening their leadership, ensures that their unique needs and capacities are considered. This participatory approach not only enhances the relevance and effectiveness of DRR measures but also empowers communities to lead and own these processes. It is particularly important to employ inclusive data collection methods to capture the diverse experiences of all community members and provide a comprehensive understanding of vulnerabilities to inform targeted interventions.</p>

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Session Objectives	<p>This working session aims to bring together governments, international organizations, civil society actors, including national/regional organizations of persons with disabilities, and other relevant stakeholders to accelerate progress in advancing people-centred, disability and displacement sensitive DRR.</p> <p>The working session aims to highlight effective practices to reduce the vulnerability and build the resilience of marginalized groups in the context of disasters. Examples of how governments and other stakeholders in the region have addressed and integrated</p>
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	<p>disability and displacement considerations into their DRR measures will be provided during the session so participants can learn from each other and exchange experiences.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared experience in integrating disability and displacement considerations into DRR measures • Promoted inclusion and integration of disability and displacement considerations into the Windhoek Declaration. • Provided evidence of the disproportionate impacts of disasters on groups in vulnerable situations • Promoted solutions-based planning to ensure the consideration of the needs of displaced people and people with disability and their perspectives into all DRR policies, actions and plans. • Acknowledged the challenges faced by women and children with disabilities and/or when disasters occur and promoted gender-sensitive strategies, • Overall, the approach ensures that DRR strategies are inclusive, addressing the needs of all community members and enhancing overall community resilience.





<p>Structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and Opening Remarks - Representative of the Government of Kenya (7 minutes) • Scene Setting Presentation: Displacement in the context of disasters (speaker TBC - 7 minutes) • Keynote Presentation: Advocacy and Grassroots Strategies for Disability Inclusion in DRR: Lessons learned from SAFOD’s Regional Initiatives - Ashllah Mussi, Program Manager SAFOD (7 minutes) • Davos Style Discussion among panelists and Q&A session with the audience on barriers and enablers, gaps and opportunities relating to the integration of displacement and disability into DRR in the Africa region (60 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRR and engagement of local civil society organizations: how well are we capturing progress and gaps in ensuring disability inclusion in early warnings across Zimbabwe? Ms. Elisa Revenga, FODPZ. - Learning from the regions: what African efforts on disability and displacement inclusive DRR can offer to the Global Platform 2025? Mr. Adessou Kossivi, GNDR. • Conclusion and closing remarks by the Moderator (7 minutes).
<p>Moderator of the Session</p>	<p>Homela Slinganiso - Regional Program Coordinator, CBM Zambia</p>
<p>List of Panellists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Duncan OCHIENG, MBS, Director, National Disaster Management Unit (NDMU) • Ashllah Mmusi - Program Manager, SAFOD (Southern Africa Federation of the Disabled) • Elisa Revenga - Disability Inclusion Specialist, Federation of Organizations of Disabled People in Zimbabwe (FODPZ) • Adessou Kossivi - Regional Lead Africa, GNDR
<p>Reference Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cbm.org/ • https://disasterdisplacement.org/news-events/kenya-becomes-chair-of-pdd/ • • https://disastermanagement.go.ke/ • https://www.gndr.org/project/making-displacement-safer/ • https://www.internal-displacement.org/ • https://www.safod.net/ • https://www.facebook.com/FODPZ/





Public narrative [For the website]	<p>The working session: “Disability and Displacement in Early Action”, jointly led by Christoffel-Blindenmission e.V (Christian Blind Mission, CBM) and Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), this session will showcase effective practices and examples of people-centred DRR throughout the Africa region, as well as areas for further action. Featuring a disability and gender balanced group of speakers, it will particularly focus on the integration of disability and displacement considerations in Early Action. It will call attention to the specific needs of persons with disabilities linked to early warnings and early action and present practical examples of disability inclusive early warning in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It will also highlight Kenya’s engagement on early action and disaster displacement, showcasing that integrating displacement considerations into DRR strategies and plans can reduce vulnerability and help build the resilience of people at risk.</p> <p>The session will advocate for the integration of disability and displacement considerations into national and local DRR policies and plans. This holistic approach ensures that DRR strategies are inclusive, addressing the needs of all community members and enhancing overall community resilience. This initiative aligns with the Nairobi Declaration and contributes to building resilient, equitable, and sustainable communities across Africa.</p>
Interpretation	English, International Sign

