

Chairing a UN Working Group

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GDRC's Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga has been appointed to lead the UNISDR working group on DRR Governance and Accountability as part of its Development of Sendai Framework "Words into Action" Implementation Guides initiative.

The Sendai Framework, adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on 18 March 2015, is a roadmap that will chart the global course over the next 15 years. During the consultations and negotiations that led to its finalization, strong calls were made to develop practical guidance to support implementation, ensure engagement and ownership of action by all stakeholders, and strengthen accountability in disaster risk reduction. In order to support that process, a number of targeted Sendai Framework implementation guides shall be developed and in this context, "Words Into Action" constitutes practical guidance on how responsibilities can be carried out, where mutual reinforcement can be reached, and will be a fundamental tool for the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

UNISDR working group on DRR Governance and Accountability consists of representatives of governments, UN and other international, regional and national organizations, civil society, the private sector, academia, civil society and youth, and experts or concerned users or practitioners of a particular "service", with the appropriate geographical and gender balance. Existing networks and World Conference organizing teams are encouraged to participate, in the interests of continuity.

GDRC's Professor Richard Haigh is also a member of this working group.

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