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From 13 - 18 March 2015, GDRC's Dilanthi Amaratunga and Richard Haigh will be attending the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.



14-18 March 2015
Sendai, Japan

General Assembly resolution 68/211 of 2013 established an Open-ended Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee to review organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference. The Preparatory Committee's first session (14 - 15 July 2014) agreed on a draft agenda and proposed rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference. A second session (17 - 18 November 2014) met to approve the Conference programme of work and develop the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. A third session, in Sendai, Japan (13 March 2015) will consider and transmit the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction to the World Conference. Other key objectives of the UN World Conference include:

- To complete the assessment and review of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations as well as relevant regional agreements under the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- To adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;
- To identify modalities of cooperation based on commitments to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;
- To determine modalities for periodic review of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

The Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction provides for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies. Accordingly, the Conference will be convened at the highest possible level, including Heads of State of Governments and other representatives, and will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document. Over 10,000 participants are expected.

GDRC will be very active in Sendai via several work streams and further details will be available in the coming weeks.

Detail of the Third UN conference is available at: <http://www.wcdrr.org/home> (<http://www.wcdrr.org/home>)

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