

High-Level Symposium on Coastal Resilience

The Road to Sendai

Partnerships Dialogue in Support of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR), Sendai, Japan - March 2015

Final Program

Thursday, September 25th, 2014

9:30am – 11:30am

Ford Foundation: 320 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017

Background

The High-level Symposium will bring together international experts on coastal resilience to inform coastal protection strategies in Japan during the week of the UN General Assembly in New York. The Symposium will include Heads of State and Government, the First Lady of Japan, Ministers, as well as including high-level policymakers, scientists, engineers, industry representatives, and environmentalists, to discuss how they have approached coastal protection in vulnerable places such as New York, the Netherlands, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. The event will provide a learning platform about the various approaches to coastal protection worldwide. Information exchanged at the symposium will inform and support Japan's efforts to become more resilient, especially in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, and spur innovative ideas that can be applied to coastal communities worldwide.

8:30 – 9:30am:

Registration - Ford Foundation: 320 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017

9:30 – 9:40am:

Welcoming Remarks

- Mr. Amir Dossal – Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum
- Mr. Dan Zarrilli, Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resilience

9:40 – 9:45am

Opening Remarks

- Ms. Irene Hirano Inouye – President, US-Japan Council; Chair, R3ADY Asia-Pacific Advisory Council



9:45 – 10:05am

Keynote Address

- ❖ Her Excellency Madam Akie Abe, First Lady of Japan

10:05 – 10:40am

Panel I: International Perspectives

- H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni - Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, and former Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- H.E. Mr. Stuart Beck, Ambassador for Oceans and Seas, Republic of Palau
- Mr. Gary Fowlie, Director, International Telecommunication Union, New York
- Mr. Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief of Communication and Outreach, Division of Sustainable Development, United Nations

10:40 – 10:50am

Special Remarks

- Ms. Margareta Wahlström – Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

10:50 – 11:20am

Panel II: Multi-Sectoral Perspectives

Introductory Remarks: Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact

- Dr. Holly A. Bamford, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration
- Mr. Timothy W. Manning, Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Luigi Piantadosi, Vice president, International Operations, Finmeccanica
- Mr. Mark Tercek, President, The Nature Conservancy

Moderated by: Ms. Jennifer Field, Director of Social Impact, GLG

11:20– 11:25am

View From The Top

- Mr. Parker Liautaud, Fellow, Directorate at Yale Climate & Energy Institute and Polar Explorer

11:25– 11:30am

Closing and Next Steps

- Ms. Jainey K. Bavishi – Executive Director, R3ADY Asia-Pacific (<http://r3ady.org>)

VIP Attendees:

H.E. Xavier Prens – Minister Plenipotentiary of Curacao

Ms. Bahia Tahzib-Lie – Special Envoy for UN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

