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## UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

14-18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan

Dear Partners,

Thanks to the global disaster risk reduction community for making the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction a resounding success.

**The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: 2015-2030** was adopted on March 18 and is now available on the [wcdrr.org](http://wcdrr.org) website

All **conference documents and videos** can be found on the conference website: <http://www.wcdrr.org>

The **mobile conference box** can be accessed for a limited time at: <http://wcdrrbag.info/home.php>

**Conference photos** can be seen on Flickr at: <https://www.flickr.com/search/?q=wcdrr>

**HFA celebration stories and videos** can be found here: <http://www.wcdrr.org/celebrating>

### **Some conference statistics**

- Over 6,500 delegates attended the intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder events and over 40,000 attended the public forum
- 187 States were officially represented
- Over 25 Heads of State, Vice Presidents, and Heads of Government attended

- 100 participants were at ministerial level
- 42 intergovernmental organizations, 236 non-government organizations, 38 UN entities; and over 300 private sector representatives attended
- The international press was represented by 900 accredited journalists

#### **Events**

- 150 intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder events were held
- Over 350 side events were organized in the public forum

#### **The Conference was Green**

- **'Paper Smart'** - Over 2,500 participants used the electronic conference box. More than 3,000 documents were downloaded, and more than 3,100 were e-mailed out. As a result, we estimate that ten million pages-worth of documents were not printed - an equivalent of 124 trees not cut down.
- **Bicycles** - Many delegates used bicycles to travel between venues
- **Garbage segregation** - Delegates segregated their waste at the venues
- **Carbon offset** - A number of participants carbon offset their travel to Sendai

#### **The Conference was Accessible**

- More than 200 persons with disabilities actively participated in the Conference proceedings as delegates, speakers, panelists, and contributors. Thirty-four events from the Official Conference Programme and Public Forum addressed issues of disability.
- At the main venues, closed captioning in English and Japanese were provided for the intergovernmental segment.
- Sign language interpretation was provided on demand for various sessions.
- The venues were made accessible with transportation available that could accommodate wheel chairs.
- In addition to making documents in accessible format, accessibility partner KGS Corporation provided blind participants with a machine that displayed documents in Braille.

Kind regards,

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

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