

From Sendai to Rio: Cultivating a Disaster-Resilient Society for Sustainable Development

April 11, 2012

6:00-8:00pm

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Agenda

6:00-6:15	Opening remarks	Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Columbia University Earth Institute
		H.E. Mr. Jun Yamazaki, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
		Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction
Topic 1: Building Climate and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Cities		
6:15-6:25	Speaker 1: Japan	Dr. Fumihiko Imamura, Professor of Tsunami Engineering, Tohoku University
6:25-6:35	Speaker 2: New York City	Mr. Adam Freed, Deputy Director, New York City Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability
6:35-6:45	Speaker 3: Bangladesh	Hon. Saber H. Chowdhury, Member of Parliament, Government of Bangladesh
6:45-6:55	Topic 1 Questions and Answers	
Topic 2: Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development framework		
6:55-7:05	Speaker 4: UNCSD	Ms. Henrietta Elisabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20
7:05-7:15	Speaker 5: UNISDR	Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Acting Director, UNISDR
7:15-7:25	Speaker 6: Columbia University	Prof. John Mutter, Director, PhD Program in Sustainable Development
7:25-7:35	Topic 2 Questions and Answers	
7:35-7:55	Discussion	
<i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, Head of Climate Impacts Group, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies; Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN)		
7:55-8:00	Wrap up and Closing Remarks	Ms. Helena Molin Valdes, Acting Director, UNISDR