

Thailand's Official Statement to
Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
Delivered by H.E.GEN.Anupong Paojinda, Minister of Interior
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Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

2 years ago we have adopted Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Thailand was also pledging her commitment toward sustainable reduction of disaster risk in live, livelihood and economy at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I am honored to share our experience on implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the national and community level. Thailand has been actively implementing Sendai Framework for DRR into our national platform and development plan.

Firstly, we have adopted the principles of Sendai Framework into our legal instruments and development policies.

Disaster risk reduction is now one of the responsibilities of Thai citizen according to our Constitution. Thailand has integrated the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of Sendai Framework into our 20-Year National Strategies, National Social and Economic Development Plan, and National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan. We also appointed DRR focal points at every level of government as well as all the agencies concerned with DRR activities in Thailand.

In this regards, Thailand now has a solid legal framework on disaster risk reduction as well as a systematic mechanisms to implement our DRR efforts at every level: community, provincial, and national.

This is to enhance our capability and build resilience to be ready for the future disasters.

Secondly, it is clear that disaster risk reduction is not solely government's responsibility. DRR required integrated efforts from all sectors. Thailand has been promoting Public-Private-People Partnership during the last few years. Under this principle all sectors are to bear partial responsibility and working closely to build our economy and stability aiming at sustainable development.

Thirdly, I would like to stress on Thailand's recent experiences in flood recovery which reflect the effort of our government in not only effectively manage disaster response but also the efforts in sustainable recovery by using the concept of Build Back Better which is one of the principle Sendai Framework addressed.

Earlier this year, Thailand had encountered one of the worst flooding situations in decades in the southern part of Thailand. The government has instructed all relevant agencies to develop plan both in term of short-term relief and long-term recovery. The government will allocate necessary budget to reduce risks and invest in future preventive measures. The concept of Build back better will be the focal point of our long-term recovery plans. Nothing works better than preventive measure to ensure that the disaster risk will be mitigated and we are ready to confront the next disaster.

Lastly, Thailand would like to call everyone attention toward the issue of Risk information management, the utilization of standards in collecting risk data for policy analysis, and information sharing platform as well as early warning information.

It's been such a challenge to us in making decision on disaster risk reduction measures without detailed information and baseline data on the risks our country and region are facing. We would like to see this issue be given the full attention as without risk information database

and sharing platform we would not be able to achieve our goals in Sendai Framework effectively.

Thank you for allowing me to address this honorable and distinguished assembly. Please rest assured that Thailand has adopted the Sendai Framework to the fullest extent and will continue to promote the implementation of Sendai Framework in our policies and initiatives.

Hopefully, we will have more chances to exchange knowledge and experiences on this topic further.

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