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13 OCTOBER
**INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR DISASTER REDUCTION**
REDUCING ECONOMIC LOSSES

'Reducing Economic Losses Caused by Disasters'

Interactive Discussion

15 October 2018, 10.00 – 13.00

Palais des Nations, Room IX, Geneva, Switzerland

PROGRAMME

The interactive discussion – co-organized by UNCTAD, UNISDR and ITC - is part of the celebrations of the [International Day for Disaster Reduction](#) (IDDR), which is marked across the globe every year. This year, IDDR centers on the third target of the [Sendai Framework](#): 'The substantial reduction of economic losses caused by disasters'. The event aims to raise awareness of the need to substantially reduce the economic losses caused by disasters. It will spotlight ongoing efforts to integrate disaster and climate risks into development, trade and financial systems.

Agenda

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| 10.00-10.30 | Opening remarks
Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, ITC |
| | Discussion moderated by Irina Zodrow, Head of Partnerships, UNISDR |
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| 10.30-11.30 | Economic losses in key sectors due to climate-related extreme events and disasters: Setting the scene. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephen J Fevrier, Head of Mission, Permanent Delegation of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)• Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD• Paolo Garonna, Secretary General of the Italian Banking, Insurance and Finance Federation; Professor of Political Economics, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome |
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Questions, comments and interactive discussion



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11.30-13.00 **Panel discussion and interactive debate: Ongoing efforts to integrate disaster and climate risks into development, trade and financial systems.**

- Rowan Douglas, Chairman of Willis Research Network at Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company and Chief Executive Officer of Capital Science & Policy Practice, Willis Towers Watson
- Wadid Erian, Professor of soil science at Cairo University, Senior Advisor for Sustainable Development, Programme Coordinator of the League of Arab States - Climate Risk Nexus Initiative
- Michael Roberts, Head, Aid for Trade Unit, Development Division, WTO
- Alexander Kasterine, Senior Advisor, Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD), Sustainable and Inclusive Value Chains Section, ITC
- Lorenza Jachia, UNECE Focal Point for Disaster Risk Reduction, Secretary to the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, UNECE

Closing remarks

13.00-15.00 **Reception**

Format

Presentations followed by moderated panel discussion and an interactive dialogue. The event will be followed by a reception. The event is open to all.

The interactive discussion will be broadcasted via Facebook Live.

Language

English only.

[Registration online](#) is required for non-holders of a United Nations badge.

