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# OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

# VIII Session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean "*Science and Technology for the Comprehensive Management of Disaster Risk*" (RP23)

Punta del Este, Uruguay, February 28 to March 2 2023

## Official Statements

### General Information

The VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean will be held in **Punta del Este, Uruguay, from February 28 to March 2, 2023**. The VII Regional Platform represents an opportunity for governments, intergovernmental bodies, private sector, civil society, scientific-technological communities, youth, cooperation agencies and donors, as well as other relevant stakeholders in the Americas and the Caribbean, **to exchange experiences and facilitate decisions on the Regional Action Plan (RAP) for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in the Americas and the Caribbean**, agreed in March 2017 in Montreal, Canada, and revised under the auspice of the Government of Jamaica in November 2021.

Uruguay has proposed a relevant space during RP23 to the topics of science, technology, and Early Warning Systems (Target G of the Sendai Framework), under the slogan **“Science and Technology for the Comprehensive Management of Disaster Risk”**. It is considered necessary to focus on scientific and technological support as a fundamental tool for comprehensive management of disaster risk, particularly regarding its feasibility, development, financing and implementation.

The VII Regional Platform will be developed in hybrid mode, as it will be conducted in person, but also enabling the necessary access for virtual participation in key spaces.

The Official Statements form an integral part of the RP23 Official Programme.

The Official Statements for the RP23 can be submitted via the RP23 website through [this submission form](#) starting from 15 January 2023.

### Who can make a statement?

Member States and representatives of stakeholder groups, such as the United Nations, international or regional organizations, are invited to provide prerecorded or written statements focusing on progress made in disaster risk reduction and best practices of the country or the organization they represent. Please note that only persons authorized to speak on behalf of a specific Member State, stakeholder group, international or regional organizations, can submit a statement. UNDRR will liaise with the person submitting the statement in unclear cases to confirm identity and mandate.

## Statement content

The RP23 represents an important opportunity to take stock of progress and challenges in reducing disaster risk, and to identify good practices to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework at regional level.

Member States and representatives of stakeholder groups, such as the United Nations, international or regional organizations, are invited to consider the following questions when preparing their statements:

- **Where does your country/organization stand?** Are you on track to reach the expected outcomes, goals, and targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction by 2030 and the Regional Action Plan? Which are the key areas of progress and success, and which are the areas where concerted attention is needed?
- **What good practices exist in science and technology?** In which areas of science and technology for DRR is yielding results? Are you achieving synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global policy processes, ensuring that no one is left behind?
- **How do we work together?** How can we strengthen existing, and forge new networks and partnerships on disaster risk reduction?
- **How do we accelerate progress?** What are the foremost priorities for action towards 2030? Are there any specific commitments or announcements your country/organization would like to make?

## Format

Delegations are invited to present Official Statements through a pre-recorded video or in writing. Official Statements will be shared through the RP23 website (<https://rp-americas.undrr.org/>).

**Written statements** are recommended to have a maximum of 1000 words and be presented in one of the 6 official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

**Video statements** are recommended to have a maximum of 5 minutes in length and be presented in one of the 3 official languages of the United Nations (English, French, and Spanish). For Official Statements presented in other languages a transcript in one of the 6 UN languages should be provided together with the video file.

Written statements can be submitted to UNDRR between 15 January and 25 February 2023. Delegations are encouraged to submit their statements as soon as possible. Statements submitted at the latest by 15 February will be available on the website by 20 February. Statements submitted after this may only be available on the RP23 website after **3 March**.

# **ANNEX**

## Audio-Video Guidelines for Pre-Recorded Statements

### **Video**

For file submission video quality preferably:

- HD resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels in an aspect ratio of 16:9 (horizontal format)
- The speaker should be centered horizontally and framed from the waist / chest up, some room should be left above his/her head and his/her eyes/head should be on the top third line. Be mindful of the background to create the right visual environment.

Alternately file submission video quality as a minimum:

- HD resolution of 1280 x 720 pixels in an aspect ratio of 16:9 (horizontal format)

### **Audio**

- The audio must be free of spurious signals such as clicks, noise, hum, and any analogue distortion.
- Use a dedicated microphone and record in a very quiet room, without ventilation, reverberation, or any other disruptive element. Frame from the chest up rather than the waist up, to ensure the camera's microphone is closer to the subject.
- Please kindly refrain from including any background music with the speech statement.

## **How to submit an Official Statement?**

1. Before submitting your video or written file, please use the following template for naming your file (without brackets):  
[Delegation or Country or Presenter Name]\_[DD-MM-YYYY]\_[RP23].[extension] - please exclude the brackets
2. Please submit your written document or video file in the following SurveyMonkey form:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6DZF3SH>

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