



Response to invitation to the Secretary-General: Launch of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction in New York in March 2015

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Dear Ina and Elina,

I am writing on behalf of the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General, in response to the note from SRSG Margaret Wahlstrom to the Chef de Cabinet dated 28 January 2015 (our reference #15-00743; attached for reference), requesting the participation of the Secretary-General at the launch of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction on either 4-5 March 2015 in New York.

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has agreed to participate on 4 March 2015, slotted from 11-11:30am. In this regard, Ms. Alexandra Barahona, Political Affairs Officer in the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General, will continue to liaise with your office to discuss the relevant arrangements for the participation of the Secretary-General.



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Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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Note to Ms. Malcorra

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**PROPOSED PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
IN THE LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT ON DISASTER  
RISK REDUCTION, NEW YORK, MARCH 2015**

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The purpose of this note is to provide the Secretary-General with background information on the proposed Launch of the 2015 edition of the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction and Report, scheduled to take place in New York in early March 2015. UNISDR would like to seek the participation of the Secretary-General in the launch event, on either 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> March, depending on his availability.

**Background**

The Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction is the UN flagship publication on global disaster risk and disaster risk management. The fourth edition of this biennial publication is titled "Making Development Sustainable: The Future of Disaster Risk Management" and highlights that disaster risk reduction will be a precondition for sustainable development in the years to come. Based on new analysis and unique risk data, the report will provide the evidence-base that will be required as the international community moves into the implementation of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction as well as the finalisation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the climate change agreement in 2015. The key messages of the Report are attached to this note.

**New York launch event**

The launch event is planned to take place in the run-up to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, 14-18 March 2015 in order to maximise on the impact of the evidence and once more galvanise international support for the conference and the new framework on disaster risk reduction. Ideally, the event would take place in early March (4 or 5 March 2015) and it will be organised by UNISDR, inviting Member States, UN agencies and relevant public and private sector bodies.

The main launch will be around 1 hour and will feature a focused panel consisting of government representatives and potentially other high-level speakers. In addition, and to increase the media impact, we would like to propose an op-ed to be signed by the Secretary-General and to be published in a major newspaper on the key messages of the Global Assessment Report. My office will be pleased to submit a draft for the consideration of the EOSG.

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The proposed programme elements will be developed in consultation and agreement with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and detailed concept notes will be prepared for additional information.



Margareta Wahlström  
28 January 2015