



October 7, 2021

## Invitation to JIIA Webinar

[“International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction” Commemorative Webinar]

### **Disaster Risk Reduction from Today into the Future: SDGs/Climate Change Perspectives and Japan’s Leadership**

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), the United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo (UNIC Tokyo), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Office in Japan, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) will co-host an open webinar entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction from Today into the Future: SDGs/Climate Change Perspectives and Japan's Leadership”.

Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, will give the keynote speech, followed by discussions among front-line practitioners and experts on such topics as cooperation between the United Nations and Japan in disaster risk reduction, Japan’s contributions to global efforts for disaster risk reduction, and the international community’s expectations of Japan.

Japan and the rest of the world are facing increasingly severe and frequent climate-related hazards in recent years due to climate change. Disaster risk reduction has been a significant area of focus in Japan’s diplomatic efforts, in which Japan can leverage the knowledge, experience, and technology it has garnered over a long history of battling disasters. The adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the same year (2015) as the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement indicate that disaster risk reduction is closely related to climate change countermeasures. This webinar will look at the future of disaster risk reduction and the ways in which Japan can demonstrate leadership within the international community going forward.

1. **Date/Time:** **October 19 (Tue), 2021, 5:00 - 6:30pm (JST)**
2. **Registration:** Please register from the link below.  
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3. **Program:**
  - (1) Opening remarks **Tomiko ICHIKAWA**, Director-General, JIIA
  - (2) Keynote speech  
“Building Global Resilience – the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Achievement of the SDGs and Expectations for Japan” (TBC)  
**Mami MIZUTORI**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR
  - (3) Panel discussion  
Moderator: **Kaoru NEMOTO**, Director, UNIC Tokyo  
Panelists: **Mikio ISHIWATARI**, Visiting Professor, The University of Tokyo  
**Ibrahim UVAIS**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Maldives to Japan  
**Kazuko KORI**, Mayor, Sendai City (Miyagi Prefecture)  
**Keiichi HARA**, Deputy Assistant Minister/Deputy Director-General for Global Issues, MOFA

**Mami MIZUTORI**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for  
Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR

4. **Language:** Japanese (Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation available)

- When entering the webinar, please write the same name as you used when you registered.
- Please note that we are unable to provide sufficient support for the operation of Zoom due to our limited support system.
- There is a possibility of audio and video problems depending on your equipment and connection conditions.

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