

TALKING POINTS

Virtual Annual Ministerial Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) – General Assembly High-Level Week

23 September 2020, 8.00-11.00am

1. Stress that to achieve the SDGs and the Vienna Programme of Action, **DRR must be at the core of policies and investments for structural economic transformation and resilient infrastructure** in LLDCs. Emphasize that the Sendai Framework provides governments with a policy blueprint to reduce disaster risk and build resilient economies and societies. Commend Member States on establishing **synergies between the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and the Sendai Framework** in the Political Declaration of the Midterm Review.
2. Call on LLDCs to develop **national DRR strategies**, that are fully aligned with the Sendai Framework. Highlight that DRR strategies can facilitate a **transboundary approach** to ensure the **resilience of transit, communications and trade** networks between LLDCs and neighbouring countries.
3. Call on all countries to apply the Sendai Framework and its core provision of “**Building Back Better**” in **COVID-19 socioeconomic recovery** policies and investments. Emphasize that the application of the Sendai Framework can facilitate a resilient recovery that is informed by current and emerging risks, including pandemics and climate risks and that addresses underlying socioeconomic drivers of disaster risk to prevent future disasters.
4. Note that UNDRR is already implementing activities included in the **UN Roadmap for Accelerated Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action** in collaboration with UN partners:
 - Highlight the **EU-funded programme in five Central Asian** countries to develop national DRR strategies and collect disaster risk and loss data to guide resilient and risk-informed future investments.
 - Note that **56 cities in African LLDCs** participate in the **Making Cities Resilient** campaign.