



Permanent Mission of Australia  
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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
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6 March 2023

Excellency,

In our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration of the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and further to our letters on 12 January and 8 February 2023, we have the honour to share the zero draft of the aforementioned political declaration.

We appreciate your considered engagement throughout the small-group consultations, and look forward to your continued support during the informal negotiations in March and April. We are confident that we will adopt by consensus an ambitious and targeted text at the high-level meeting on the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 taking place from 18 to 19 May 2023 in New York.

We wish to draw your attention to the schedule of informal negotiations to discuss comments on the draft text. Where possible, we have strived to ensure that the following dates do not clash with existing and planned meetings of the General Assembly, as well as other intergovernmental processes scheduled in 2023.

**1. Informal negotiations:**

- **13 March 2023 (10:00 am-1:00 pm, Trusteeship Council Chamber)**  
First Informal – presentation of the zero draft
- **20 March 2023 (3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Trusteeship Council Chamber)**  
Second Informal
- **29 March 2023 (10:00 am-1:00 pm, Trusteeship Council Chamber)**  
Third Informal  
*[3pm-6pm, Trusteeship Council Chamber also reserved, to be confirmed by 20 March]*
- **6 April 2023 (10:00 am-1:00 pm, Conference Room 1)**  
Fourth Informal

- **18 April 2023 (10:00 am-1:00 pm, Conference Room 1)**  
Fifth Informal

2. **18 May 2023:** Political declaration adopted during the High-Level Meeting

Delegations are invited to provide feedback on the text, both at informal negotiations and through written comments. We request delegations to submit new language proposals to the text by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, 29 March. To ensure maximum transparency, written submissions will be circulated to the broader membership at the conclusion of each informal.

Proposals should be sent to: amy.prosser@dfat.gov.au; laurence.phillips@dfat.gov.au; immanuel@indonesiaun.org; UNDRR: toni-shae.freckleton@un.org; beynon@un.org.

We look forward to working closely with you and to achieving together a political declaration that renews commitment and accelerates implementation of the Sendai Framework. We remain at your disposal and count on your continued support and active engagement in the coming weeks.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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