









# UN Climate Change Conference - COP 30 - Belém, Brazil

# Showcase of Highlighted Results & Solutions "Scaling Early Warnings for All: Governance & Local Action"

# **Concept Note**

DATE: 11 November 2025 TIME: 12:30-13:30 ROOM: Thematic Hub

Organized by







United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Water at the Heart of Climate
Action Initiative

Risk-informed Early Action Partnership

#### **Event Description:**

Comprehensive risk management and water-centred early action strengthen governance, bridge climate and disaster agendas, and deliver inclusive resilience globally. The session will highlight real-world examples and locally led solutions to scale-up Early Warnings for All, with a focus on water-related hazards.

#### **Headline:**

A holistic, systemic approach is required to manage climate and disaster risk and protect sustainable development through Early Warnings for All.

#### List of speakers:

- Moderator: Catalina Jaime, Head of REAP Secretariat
- Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Loretta Hieber Girardet, Chief, Risk Knowledge, Monitoring and Capacity-Development Branch,
   United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- **Stefan Uhlenbrook**, Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- Dires Desyibelew, Deputy Secretary General, Ethiopia Red Cross Society
- Representative from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (tbc)
- Government or National Agency Representative from Americas and the Caribbean or SIDS (tbc)











- Government or National Agency Representative from Asia, especially Mekong Basin Countries (tbc)
- Loyce Pace, Regional Director for the Americas, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

### **Target audience:**

Policy-makers, national and local government representatives, international organizations, climate and disaster risk experts, donors, and practitioners from across the DRR, climate adaptation, and water management communities.

#### **Organisers:**

- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Water at the Heart of Climate Action initiative (WHCA)
- Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)

## **Key results:**

- Demonstrated integration of disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and water governance under a unified Comprehensive Risk Management framework and a cross-border initiative, WHCA.
- Elevate interdisciplinary thinking, such as water's role in climate adaptation and resilience, through sharing lessons learned from WHCA's first operational year.
- Launch of the Global Synthesis Report on Comprehensive Risk Management and presentation of scalable models for coherent, inclusive, and locally led resilience planning.

# **Prospective Agenda:**

Timing (60 min)	Segment	Speaker suggestions
5 min	Welcome & Introduction	Moderator: <b>Catalina Jaime</b> , Head of REAP Secretariat
5 mins	Opening remarks	Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
15 mins	<ul> <li>S min presentation of key results of the Global Synthesis Report on Comprehensive Risk Management (and risk knowledge for early warning systems)</li> <li>5 min presentation of the first operational year of the Water at the Heart of Climate Action (WHCA) programme with a focus on 'A new Era of Regional Coordination for Early Action'</li> <li>5 min presentation of the first operational year of the Water at the Heart of Climate Action (WHCA) programme with a focus on WHCA local action</li> </ul>	Loretta Hieber Girardet, Chief, Risk Knowledge, Monitoring and Capacity-Development Branch, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)  Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  Dires Desyibelew, Deputy Secretary General, Ethiopia Red Cross Society











20 mins	Avenues for collaboration Interactive conversation between Representatives from climate vulnerable countries and the moderator about solutions in their national risk-governance and locally-led action.	Representative from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  Government or National Agency Representative from Americas and the Caribbean or SIDS (tbc)  Government or National Agency Representative from Asia, especially Mekong Basin Countries (tbc)
5 min	Q&A	Moderator: <b>Partnership/Initiative: Catalina Jaime</b> , Head of REAP Secretariat
5 mins	Closing: Hope in the midst of hopelessness  • Positive takeaway & motivation to collaborate across disciplines for joint action	International Organisation: Loyce Pace, Regional Director for the Americas, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
5 mins	Buffer	