



## **Sentinel Asia has been invited by the UNDRR to make voluntary commitments to the Sendai Framework**

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (the Sendai Framework) is the outcome document of The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. With its seven targets and four priorities for action, the Sendai Framework aims to achieve a substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries during the 15-year period. The Sendai Framework is considered to be one of the most important guiding documents of this period.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) is the United Nations focal point for disaster risk reduction. UNDRR oversees the implementation of the Sendai Framework, supporting countries in its implementation, monitoring and sharing what works in reducing existing risk and preventing the creation of new risk.

While the Sendai Framework recognizes that each member state of the United Nations has primary responsibility to reduce disaster risk, it underlines the shared responsibilities of non-governmental stakeholders, which play significant roles. Thus their voices must be heard, and their contributions must be recognized. With this point in mind, UNDRR launched the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC) online platform in December 2018. The SFVC online platform enables stakeholders to: inform, letting the public know about their work; learn and collaborate, knowing who is doing what and where to explore synergies; and motivate others, allowing good practices to be highlighted. Operationally, stakeholders can also use the SFVC platform as a monitoring tool for their contributions to the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Sentinel Asia in its Step-3 phase has a mandate to contribute to implementing the Sendai Framework. While contributing to the implementation of the Sendai Framework, Sentinel Asia has been strengthening the partnership with UNDRR as well. At the Joint Project Team Meeting (JPTM) held in Awaji, Japan, in 2018, a special session titled “Contribution of Sentinel Asia to achieving global agenda” was organized. Sentinel Asia invited a representative of UNDRR (formerly known as UNISDR) to give a keynote speech on the Sendai Framework. Also a representative of the Sentinel Asia secretariat was invited to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva,

Switzerland, in 2019, organized by UNDRR, to present Sentinel Asia's activities and contributions to the Sendai Framework.

In light of the partnership between UNDRR and Sentinel Asia as well as of the achievements of Sentinel Asia, and the enhanced recognition of Sentinel Asia in the global disaster management community, Sentinel Asia has been invited by the UNDRR to submit its commitments to the Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (SFVC). The voluntary commitment by Sentinel Asia has been now published on the SFVC online platform at: [https://sendaicommitments.undrr.org/commitments/20210621\\_001](https://sendaicommitments.undrr.org/commitments/20210621_001).

Currently, Sentinel Asia's SFVC are about Emergency Observation Request (EOR). Sentinel Asia is to make its best effort to offer support in terms of disaster assessment and response planning, and to activate supporting agencies as required. An EOR represents an appeal for assistance from the disaster-affected country and is the fundamental instrument around which the Sentinel Asia framework is organized and executed. While publishing the initial SFVC, Sentinel Asia will further update and upgrade the SFVC in the future and will continue to be committed to implementing the Sendai Framework through cooperation among Sentinel Asia member organizations.

The screenshot shows the 'Sentinel Asia' commitment page on the UNDRR Voluntary Commitments platform. The page header includes the UNDRR logo and navigation links: Home, Commitments, Highlights, and About. Below the header, there are social media icons and a 'CONTACT FOCAL POINT' button. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Commitment Summary:** A table with columns for Commitment, ID, Duration, Last Updated, Version, and Status. The commitment is 'Sentinel Asia' with ID '20210621\_001', duration 'Jan 2015 - Dec 2030', last updated '19 Aug 2021', version '1.1', and status 'Final'.
- Implementers:** Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAP).
- Scope:** Regional - Asia, Oceania.
- Themes and Issues:** Capacity Development, Community-based DRR, Complex Emergency Disaster Risk Management, Early Warning, GIS and Mapping, Information Management, Recovery, Risk Identification and Assessment, Science and Technology, Space and Aerial Technology.
- Hazards:** Cyclone, Drought, Earthquake, Flood, Land Slide, Tornado, Tsunami, Volcano, Wild Fire.
- Sendai Priorities for Action:** Priority 2: Understanding disaster risk; Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to 'Build Back Better'.
- Selected Sendai Indicators:** E-1 (Compound): National average score for the adoption and implementation of national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030; F-5: Number of international, regional and bilateral programmes and initiatives for the transfer and exchange of science, technology and innovation in disaster risk reduction for developing countries; F-6: Total official international support (ODA plus other official flows) for disaster risk reduction capacity-building; F-7: Number of international, regional and bilateral programmes and initiatives for disaster risk reduction-related capacity-building in developing countries; F-8: Number of developing countries supported by international, regional and bilateral initiatives to strengthen their disaster risk reduction-related statistical capacity; G-1 (Compound): Number of countries that have multi-hazard early warning systems; G-2: Number of countries that have multi-hazard monitoring and forecasting systems; G-5: Number of countries that have accessible, understandable, usable and relevant disaster risk information and assessment available to the people at the national and local levels.
- Sustainable Development Goals:** A graphic showing the SDG icons.
- Umbrella Initiative(s):** Asian-Pacific Regional Space Forum (APRSAP).

Sentinel Asia's SFVC on the UNDRR's dedicated platform