



14-18 March 2015  
Sendai, Japan



## Third World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction Programme related to Persons with Disability 13-18 March 2015 – Sendai, Japan

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) will consider adopting a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The WCDRR will be held from 14 to 18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Japan. This framework will guide and support our collective efforts to build resilient nations, cities and communities and reduce the risks of disasters globally.

The World Conference is expected to be one of the largest global gatherings of leaders and stakeholders committed to disaster risk reduction and resilience, with over 8,000 expected participants from governments, civil society, NGOs, academia and the private sector. [Click here to read more about WCDRR](#)

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### Persons with Disability Meeting Point

#### **Disability Caucus Exhibition Booth**

Sendai International Conference Centre

2nd floor Foyer

#### **Booth: The Disability-inclusive DRR Network Number: 5-19.**

Sendai Mediatheque

2-1 Kasuga-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai

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## Persons with Disability Programme

**Friday, 13 March 2015**

**10.00am – 4.00pm | Tachibana Hall**

**Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Parliamentarian Meeting**

[By invitation only]

The parliamentarian meeting is a special event of the Third UN World Conference for DRR that will focus in two specific areas: Governance and Legislation for Disaster Risk Reduction. The meeting expects to increase the understanding of parliamentarians on the key elements of the post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and it will be also an opportunity for members of parliament to discuss and agree on a set of actions to strengthen governance and improve legislation related to disaster risk reduction.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: MEP Adam Kosa; Monthian Buntan, Disability Caucus; Senator Paul Njoroge, Senator of Kenya; Miss Kerryann F. Ifill, Barbados;**

**2.30pm – 7.30pm | Main Hall**

**Disability Stakeholder Meeting (English Caption, International Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Objectives: To provide information to participants about the Conference, to align on post-2015 DRR framework and develop key recommendations and messages related to the implementation of the framework, and to orient participants towards the program of the Conference.

Provisional agenda includes:

1. Logistic arrangement and general information about the Conference,
2. Update on the negotiation of the post-2015 DRR framework and briefing on key elements included,
3. Regional updates on Disability inclusive DRR implementation,
4. Details about the official WCDRR Program, Public Forum, and Ignite Stage related to disability.

NOTE: 6.30pm-7.30pm is a Briefing of panelists for the Working Session on DiDRR (this will be a closed portion of the Stakeholder Meeting)



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*Participants who have not collected their conference badges yet will be able to collect them at the entrance of the Reception Building until 6pm.*

## Saturday, 14 March 2015

### 11.00am – 1.30pm | Exhibition Hall 2

#### Opening Ceremony (English and Japanese Caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

After the official opening of the World Conference, Heads of States and Government representatives will present their official statements. Updates on Major Group statements will follow soon.

## Sunday, 15 March 2015

### 3.00pm – 6.00pm | Room 1&2

#### Ministerial Roundtable: International Cooperation in Support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

[By invitation only]

Reducing the risk of disasters requires an all-states and all-stakeholders effort. The session will discuss international cooperation and global partnership modalities to support countries with technical assistance and capacity-building in a post 2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: Ms. Maryanne Diamond, International Disability Alliance [participant]**



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**Monday, 16 March 2015**

**10.00am – 11.30am | Hagi Hall**

**Working Session on Underlying Risk Factor**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

This session will examine the causes of risk creation and accumulation, and particularly what must be done to more effectively address the underlying drivers of risk so as to combat rising economic losses and mortality. In so doing the impediments to implementing Priority Action 4 of the HFA will be examined. Such an analysis will help to determine what needs to go into national strategies, plans, and business models to reverse the intensification of exposure and vulnerability.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: Vladimir Cuk, Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance [*intervention from the floor*]**

**3.00pm – 6.00pm | Exhibition Hall 1**

**High-level Partnership Dialogue on Risk-sensitive Investment: Public Private Partnerships (English and Japanese caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Risk-sensitive investments, scaled up efforts and improved business practice are now needed to address disaster risks. Updated evidence, financial analysis, asset and insurance management will be required to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. Measures to adequately price risk and benchmark for effective risk management will be presented as a basis for an agreement of minimum requirements (in terms of information, institutions and incentives) in public investment policy, planning, regulation and business development.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: Hiroshi Kawamura, Nippon Foundation [*intervention from the floor*]**



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## 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Main Hall

### Risk Award Ceremony

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The RISK Award, endowed with 100.000 €, will be assigned to operational projects in the field of risk reduction and disaster management. Organisations from all areas of disaster management had been invited to submit project suggestions dealing with the subject of "Disaster risk reduction – people centred, sustainable and innovative". The winner has been selected out of 145 applications from 60 countries.

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

## 10.00am – 1.00pm | Exhibition Hall 1

### High-level Partnership Dialogue on Inclusive DRM: Governments, Communities & Groups Acting together (English and Japanese caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

How do you promote an inclusive approach to disaster risk reduction? The post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction calls for an inclusive approach and identifies the importance of all stakeholders identifying and reducing risks that they face. The dialogue will illustrate effective and inclusive approaches to disaster risk reduction. Specific suggestions will be identified to promote the inclusive approach to the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF [Panelist]; Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla (ONG Inclusiva) [Panelist]**



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## 10.00am – 11.30am | Hagi Hall

### Working Session on Measuring and Reporting Progress

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Member States and regional intergovernmental organizations have measured progress in implementing the HFA through four bi-annual reporting cycles between 2007 and 2015, using the HFA Online Monitor at national and regional levels. Local governments have measured progress since 2011 using the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool (LGSAT). In addition National HFA Peer Reviews have been undertaken in Europe and Latin America, supported by the UN and the OECD. Member States are negotiating a set of seven global targets in order to support the assessment of global progress in achieving the outcome of the new framework for disaster risk reduction.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: Monthian Buntan, United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [*intervention from the floor*]**

## 02.00pm – 03.30pm | Exhibition Hall1

### Working Session on Children and Youth “Don’t decide my future without me”

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Children and youth will lead an interactive session demonstrating their actions, commitments and priorities on disaster risk reduction. Concrete examples around the globe will be presented on just how capable young people are in reducing the risk we face in disasters. The session will be an opportunity for a continued dialogue between children and youth, decision-makers and private sector to produce commitments, plans and actions to implement the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. Children and youth from the tsunami-affected areas in Japan will be brought into the discussions.

**Participant addressing disability agenda: tbc but there will be most likely a representative addressing the disability topic**



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**04.00pm – 05.30pm | Exhibition Hall1**

**Working Session on Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction for All  
(English and Japanese caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The session looks at positive contribution of persons with disabilities to the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and the requirements to be set up to ensure the implementation of disaster risk reduction for all. Based on successful experience and lessons learnt, the session will determine clear and practical recommendation to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in disaster risk reduction at all levels and in all projects, contributing to strengthening the resilience of society. The session will aim to strengthen partnership among States, civil society organisations, experts and stakeholders through dialogues and discussions.

**Participant addressing disability agenda:** Monthian Buntan, United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [moderator]; panellists: Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation, Japan; Mr. Setareki Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum, Ms. Marcie Roth, Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA; Ms. Satoko Akiyama representative of the Urakawa Bethel's House, Japan; Ms. Sonia Margarita, Vice-President, World Federation of Deafblind, Ecuador; Senator Paul Njoroge, Senator of Kenya; Minister Rihards Kozlovskis, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia State; Responders from the floor: Senator Kerryann F. Ifill, Barbados; Ms. Nada Albustani, Head of the Quality Management Unit in the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority of United Arab Emirates



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**6.30pm – 8.30pm | Main Hall**

**Sasakawa Award Ceremony (International Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The 2015 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction focuses on the theme: Shaping the Future. The purpose of the theme "Shaping the Future" is to bring out cases of individuals or organizations that have shown convincing examples of leadership to guide our actions in ways that will make us more safe, healthy, wealthy and resilient now and in the years to come.

**Wednesday, 18 March 2015**

**10.00am – 12.00pm | Exhibition Hall 2**

**Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR (English and Japanese caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

**12.00am – 1.00pm | Exhibition Hall 2**

**Closing Ceremony (English and Japanese caption, International and Japanese Sign Language)**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]





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**Other WCDRR Events taking place in the week from 14 – 18 March 2015**

**Ignite Stage | Sendai International Centre**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The Ignite Stage is a special venue where participants have 15 minutes to present an innovative and exciting disaster risk reduction topic, project or initiative. The aim is to widen the array of topics beyond those that are presented in the main sessions and events. The Ignite Stage will take place in the foyer of the 2nd floor of the Sendai International Centre and will be open from 12:00 to 18:00 on March 14, 10:00 to 18:00 on March 15, 16 and 17 and 10:00 to 12:00 on March 18, 2015. Read more about the Ignite Stage and find the programme at: <http://www.wcdrr.org/conference/programme/ignite>

Day	Time	Title
Saturday, 14 March 2015	12:45 PM	“Women with disabilities: a major player in DRR”
Saturday, 14 March 2015	3:30 PM	How Disaster Risk Reduction Imperatives guide for pioneering social innovations with stirred conscience and enhanced accountability of citizens and their power of integrated action – An evolutionary dynamism to empower women, girls, persons with disability and older people to develop inclusive resilience?
Saturday, 15 March 2015	2:45 PM	Inclusion Of Person With Disability
Tuesday, 17 March 2015	1:45 PM	PASSA tool: How to build safer communities through inclusive participation of its key stakeholders

**Exhibition Booths | Sendai Mediatheque & Sendai Civic Auditorium**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The main exhibition and presentation space at the Conference will be in the Sendai Mediatheque. Over 200 countries and organizations will present their latest work and will be ready to engage in discussions and form new partnerships. Displays include national, regional and private sector booths, as well as civil society and expert networks. A list of exhibition booths will be made available on the WCDRR website.



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## Study Tours | Sendai & Surroundings

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The Sendai Committee will organize a wide range (25 tours to choose from) of study tours. Study tour themes cover: (1) Experiences and lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami; (2) Actions of multi-stakeholders; (3) Build back better. In these tours, participants will visit affected areas and places in and around Sendai City as well as Iwate and Fukushima prefectures, and have a chance to share the experiences and lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Participants will see the efforts undertaken by stakeholders including both public and private sectors. The study tours will be free and open only to accredited participants of the Conference. Reservations for the study tours can be made before 20 February on a first come first serve basis on the following website: [www.bosai-sendai.jp/en/studytours.html](http://www.bosai-sendai.jp/en/studytours.html) Subject to availability, last minute reservations will be accepted until noon of the day prior to departure. On site, registration for study tours will take place at the 2nd floor of the Reception Building of the conference venue.

Study tour Title	Time	Venue
Monday, 16 March 2015		
S11, Disaster Risk Reduction Education for Children with Special Needs	9:40 - 11:50 AM	Miyagi University of Education's Affiliated School for Special Needs Education-Sendai St.



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## Public Forum Side Events | Various venues in Sendai

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Around 350 side events will be held over the period of the Conference. The main objectives are to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and building the resilience of nations and communities and to contribute to knowledge promotion. There will be particular reflection and lessons from the reconstruction and recovery of the Tohoku region following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 March 2011. The complete list of side events with venues is available on the conference website at: <http://www.wcdrr.org/conference/programme>

### Side Events organized / involving by Persons with Disabilities members

Side Event Title	Time	Organizer	Venue
Saturday, 14 March 2015			
Disaster and Human Rights	13:00 - 15:30	Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE)	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus B102
Sunday, 15 March 2015			
UN DESA Forum on Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Inclusion Saves Lives	10:00 - 17:00	United Nations/Department of Economics and Social Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus B200
Symposium: Disaster Prevention and the Elderly	14:15 -	City of Sendai	Sendai City Silver Center Koryu Hall
Monday, 16 March 2015			
Human Rights and Disaster Reduction	17:00 -	University College London	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus B104
Tuesday, 17 March 2015			
Post-2015 Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (Working title)	9:30 -	City of Sendai	AER TKP Garden City Sendai Hall B
Reflecting on disability-inclusion within the HFA: Transforming commitments into action post-2015.	13:00 -	Disability-inclusive DRR Network (DiDRRN)	Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi 601 Large Meeting Room
Accessible Broadcasting, Communication and	17:00 -	Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita



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Evacuation of Persons with Disabilities in an Emergency: A Planning Guide	20:00	Environments (GAATES)	Campus C105
Universal Design and Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction	9:00 - 12:00	Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES)	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus C105
Working with Disabled Persons Organizations	13:00 - 16:00	Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES)	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus C105
Protecting people's health from disaster risks	9:00 -	World Health Organization	Tohoku University Kawauchi-kita Campus Multimedia Hall

## Children & Youth Forum | Tohoku University Kawauchi & Katahira campuses

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

The Children & Youth Forum will showcase strengths, skills and abilities of young people to lead change in reducing risk and building resilience to disasters. Through open discussions and exhibitions, the Forum will provide space for children and youth to share views, ideas and experiences in reducing disaster risk and in building community resilience. The forum will take place from 14 to 17 March at the Tohoku University Kawauchi and Katahira campuses.

<http://youthbeyonddisasters.org/sendaiforum/>

## Solutions for Local Resilience | Sendai City Museum

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

Making Cities Resilient Campaign of UNISDR with the support of Rebuild by Design along with other partners and cities will organize an interactive exhibition featuring solutions for city resilience. The exhibition aims to showcase practical solutions that cities worldwide could adapt and implement to reduce risks and address sustainability. Based on the successes of Rebuild by Design, the exhibits and solutions developed by international experts will promote and inspire innovative interventions to promote Resilience.

You can experience Tangible Earth which is an interactive globe showing DRR across the globe at the Sendai City Museum.



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## **DRR Industry Exhibition | Yume Messe Miyagi, Halls A, B and C**

[Open to all WCDRR participants]

A disaster risk reduction industry exhibition named the BOSAI Industry Fair will be organised at Yume Messe Miyagi, which was recovered from the damage of the Great East Japan Earthquake. This business expo will introduce and present a large panel of innovations related to disaster risk reduction and 145 exhibitors will present technologies and products for earthquake resistant and seismic isolation.

### **i. Official WCDRR Programme and Handbook**

- ✓ **Read more about the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction:**  
<http://www.wcdrr.org/home>
- ✓ **Find more events and sessions in the Official WCDRR Programme:**  
<http://www.wcdrr.org/conference/programme>
- ✓ **Find key information about WCDRR sessions, events and activities as well as practical information in the WCDRR Conference Handbook:**  
<http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/UN-WCDRR-Conference-Handbook.pdf>
- ✓ **Identify all of your sessions of interest in the consolidated list of official WCDRR sessions:**  
<http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/List-of-WCDRR-Sessions.pdf>

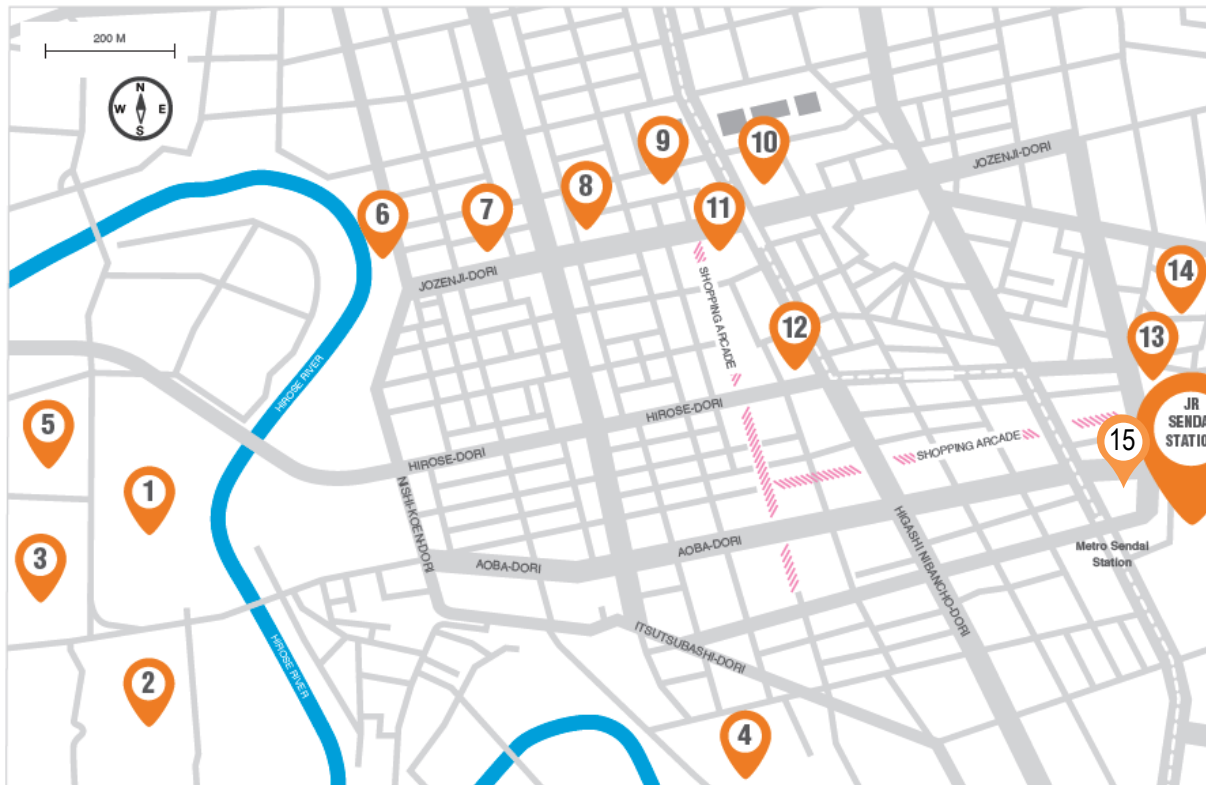


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## ii. Sendai City Map with Conference Venues

The main conference venue is the Sendai International Centre where all sessions of the Inter-governmental and Multi-stakeholder segments will be held. The Sendai International Centre and the Sendai City Museum will be open to WCDRR participants. The other facilities located in Sendai will be used by partners for events at the Public Forum.



**SENDAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE**  
Aobayama,  
Aoba-ku, Sendai  
(Access with conference badge)



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**SENDAI CITY MUSEUM**  
28 Kawauchi  
Aoba Ward, Sendai  
(Access with conference badge)



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**TKP GARDEN CITY SENDAI KOTODAI**  
3-6-1 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku,  
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**SENDAI CIVIC AUDITORIUM**  
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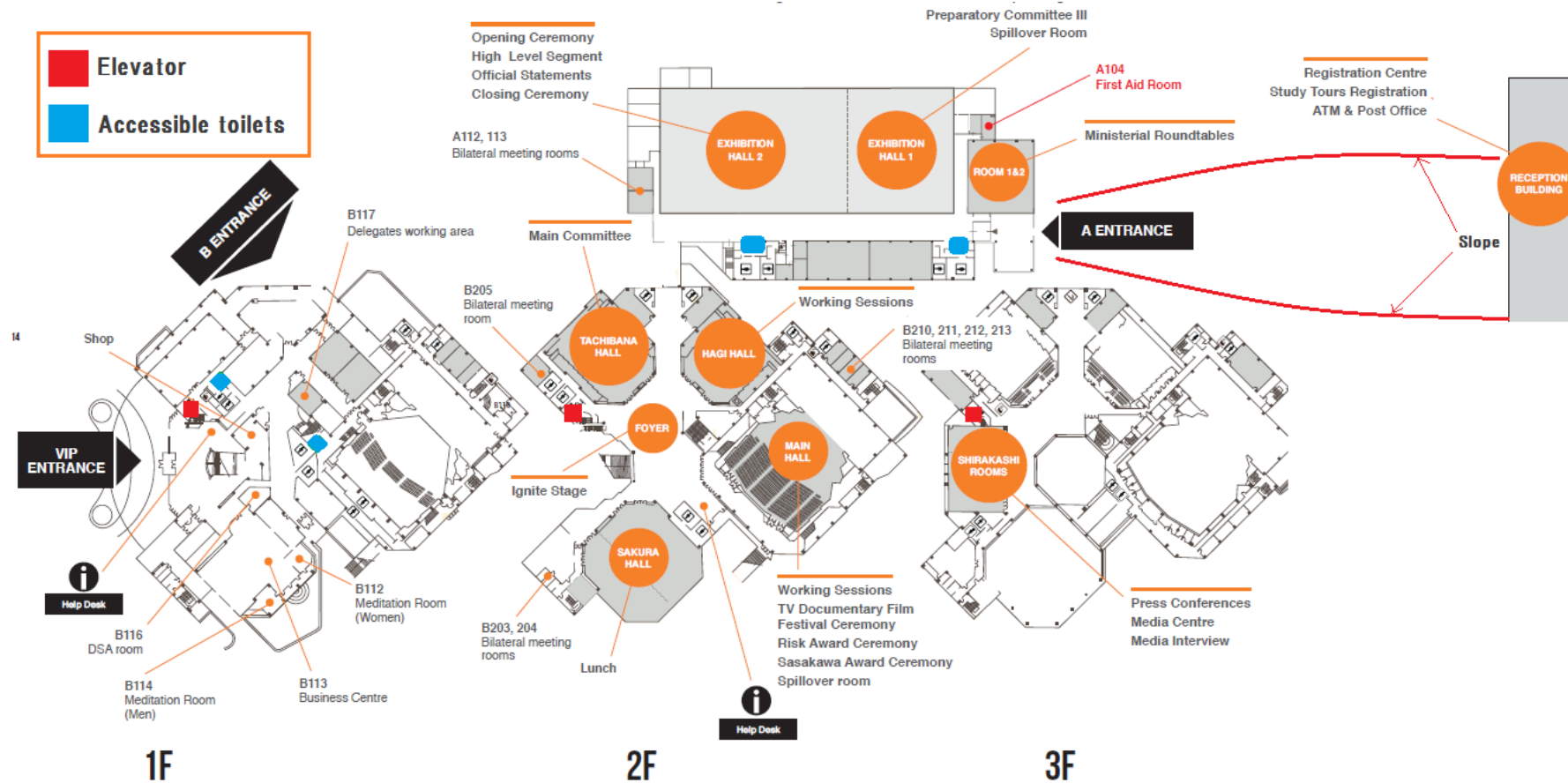


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### iii. Map of Sendai International Centre

The Sendai International Centre includes a reception building where accreditation, badging and screening will take place and two main buildings which will host the Inter-governmental and Multi-stakeholder segments as well as a media centre, a business centre, a restaurant and the offices of the conference secretariat and conference services. Floors are numbered 1F (first floor), 2F (second floor) and 3F (third floor).





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## Information Access Support

### Braille Device Rending

KGS Corporation will lend maximum 10 units of their new mobile braille device, Braille Memo Smart (BMS40), to officially registered WCDRR participants who require braille version of conference documents during the conference.



### Portable Document Reader rending for print disabilities

Shinano kenshi Corporation will lend maximum 10 units of their portable book reader and recorder, PlexTalk Pocket, to registered WCDRR participants who require accessible documents during the conference.

You can read Microsoft Word DOC and DOCX, plain text, html or DAISY text by text-to-speech. With a quick key press when recording, you can insert headers.



### iPad rending for simultaneous captioning

20 units of iPad will be lend to officially registered WCDRR participants who require simultaneous captioning because of difficulty in hearing.

### How to borrow

Participants wishing to borrow the device have to agree to the following articles.

Please send the information below and a copy of ID with photo to [info@atdo.jp](mailto:info@atdo.jp) by 8th March.

Name, E-mail , Telephone , Address , Country, Organization, ID number, Type of ID :

- I pledge that I will not damage the device on purpose.
- I pledge that I myself will come to the Accessibility Help Desk in the Sendai International Center to borrow the device.
- I pledge that I will return the device to the Accessibility Help Desk in the Sendai International Center not later than 1 p.m. March 18.





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## Accessible Documents

You can copy accessible version of the documentation will be available at the Conference Box on the official website. You can also copy the files at the Accessibility Help Desk at the 1st floor of the Sendai International Centre.

When you have any question about the device or you need the latest documents, please drop by at the Accessibility Help Desk

## Arrangement for Welfare Vehicle

Arrangement for a wheelchair ride on vehicle between Aobayama Koryu Hiroba & Parking lots, Sendai Mediatheque, Tohoku University Centennial Hall (Hagi Hall) and Official Hotels is provided during the conference (14 - 18 March).

### I. Outline

1. Sendai committee will provide the vehicle free of charge ONLY between the areas stated below, where official shuttle buses will be operated.

- 1) Between official hotels and Aobayama Koryu Hiroba & Parking lots.
- 2) Between Sendai Mediatheque, Sendai station and Aobayama Koryu Hiroba & Parking lots.
- 3) Between Tohoku University Centennial Hall (Hagi Hall) and Aobayama Koryu Hiroba & Parking lots.

2. In case service is needed outside of the above mentioned times and areas, JTB would like to arrange the vehicles for the prices below;

Car Type	number of passengers	Price**		
		one way (within 30mins.)	4 hours	8 hours
Jumbo Car (wheelchair lift)	1or 2 wheelchairs maximum 7	JPY4,090	JPY32,720	JPY65,440
Small Car (wheelchair slope)	1 wheelchair maximum 2	JPY2,730	JPY21,840	JPY43,680

\*number of passengers do not include a driver.

\*\*10% handling charge is added to the prices below.



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3. For both services 1 and 2, reservation is required in advance. Reservations are accepted at the travel desk until 3pm one day before the service.

Open hours : 14 - 18 March / 8:00 am to 18:30 pm

Place: on 2nd floor of the International Center Station. (Reception building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

## **II. How to reserve**

This service is offered to only the participant. For application you need your Conference ID.

1) Please apply at the travel desk. (Reception building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

You will receive confirmation slip for your booking.

2). The allocation of cars is Sendai Aobayama koryu Hiroba parking lot.

## **III. Notes**

1) Free service (1. 1)-3) ) is provided for one-way only.

2) If you would like to stop over in some place, stand by time must be within 30 minutes. In case it takes more than 30 minutes, please make another reservation.

3) When you delay your departure time more than 15 minutes, depend on the booking schedule your order will be canceled.