

2017 BLOG GLOBAL PLATFORM



This year, Mexico hosted the **Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**. The **United Nations Organization (UN)** and **Mexico's National Civil Protection Coordination Unit** were in charge of organizing this event, attended by more than 5,000 people from about 180 countries to discuss the progress of the Sendai Framework.

But, what is the **Sendai Framework**? It is a Disaster Risk Reduction plan with concrete goals, objectives and principles in effect from 2015 to 2030.

Of the seven objectives targeted in the Sendai Framework, I will refer to the point regarding **Infrastructure**:

“Substantially reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services, among them, health and educational facilities, through developing their resilience.” That is, that infrastructure as a whole should be capable of resisting natural disasters. This is a vital consideration which I believe should be include in the strategic planning and in the evaluation assessment of

the federal, state and municipal governments. Furthermore, I believe that the new infrastructure executive projects should ensure, as much as possible, to reduce any potential threat to these properties that could cause considerable damage. Fortunately, I had

the opportunity to convey these ideas during the Leaders Forum held during the Global Platform, which, in besides also strongly emphasized the importance of resilient housing.

Here are some of the thoughts and impressions that remained with me after the 2017 Global Platform:

1. Our great pride in Mexico's outstanding role in this event. I heard comments that this was, by far, the best Global Platform ever organized, subsequently corroborated in the official evaluations.
2. Mexico's leadership in disaster risk reduction positioned it as key and collaborative player specially in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. The private sector is already acknowledged as a relevant factor in the implementation of risk reduction solutions.
4. Most important of all is the fact that there are now the necessary tools and guidelines for each country to evaluate the fulfilment of the Sendai Frameworks' objectives and goals.



Congratulations!

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