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## Who's who

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**Why is Tom at Sendai?** To support delegations and engage with others interested in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) finance and economics, developing targets and monitoring frameworks, links to other 2015 processes and reform of the system to maximise DRR implementation. Tom runs BRACED, a new project funded by the UK Department for International Development, which is one of the largest global initiatives supporting resilience to climate and disaster extremes. He leads on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) for the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).



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**Why is Katie at Sendai?** To support negotiators and practitioners to identify ways to improve disaster risk reduction in fragile and conflict affected contexts. Katie will be looking for ways to connect BRACED to similar initiatives across the globe.



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**Why is Emily at Sendai?** To speak on a number of panels on governance, finance and accountability issues in DRR. She will be working with delegates to develop an implementation agenda that recognises clear roles and responsibilities for different stakeholders and promotes coherence across scales. She is an internationally renowned expert in disaster and climate risk governance.



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**Why is Aditya at Sendai?** To talk about the state of knowledge on measuring resilience to disaster risk. For the past eight years he has been working on resilience for climate and development; urban systems; mainstreaming adaptation in development programs; research-policy interface.



**Emma Lovell**, Research Officer, Climate and Environment, ODI

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**Why is Emma at Sendai?** To influence negotiations and consequent discussions around implementation of the inclusion and empowerment of vulnerable/at risk groups in DRR, adaptation and building resilience. Emma has carried out substantial research on post-2015 processes for DRR and development, including setting, measuring and monitoring targets for DRR, and making recommendations for post-2015 international policy frameworks.



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**Why is Amy at Sendai?** As part of CDKN's DRM theme support to our partner governments and practitioners, Amy is working to achieve a positive outcome for the post-2015 DRR framework. Amy also works with CDKN's Research Programme, and is looking to connect with others working at the nexus of climate change and development across the globe.



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**Why is Virginie at Sendai?** She works on the social and gender dimension of DRR and hopes to discuss this with other researchers, NGO practitioners and policy makers who feel equally concerned about making DRR more inclusive; she speaks French and English fluently.



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**Why is Will at Sendai?** To coordinate ODI communications activities. You'll find him audiostreaming events, conducting interviews and updating our live stream of what's going on at Sendai (visit [www.odi.org/sendai](http://www.odi.org/sendai)).



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**Why is Wendy at Sendai?** She is the coordinator of the Humanitarian Practice Network, which will soon publish the revised version of the Good Practice Review on Disaster Risk Reduction.



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**Why is Hanna at Sendai?** She works on humanitarian action in Asia, including natural disasters, business and markets and regional organisations.

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**Why is Kashmala at Sendai?** Kashmala manages CDKN's Bangladesh Country Programme, and is CDKN Asia's DRR and Climate Resilience focal point. Kashmala is here as part of part of CDKN's DRM theme support to our partner governments and practitioners in South Asia, for achieving a positive outcome for the post-2015 DRR framework. She will also be looking for ways to connect CDKN's initiatives in Asia with others in the region and across the globe.



**Ali T Sheikh**, CDKN Asia Regional Director

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**Why is Ali at Sendai?** Ali is CEO of LEAD Pakistan and Asia Regional Director for the Climate and Development Knowledge Network. Ali is here as part of CDKN's DRM theme support to our partner governments in achieving a positive outcome for South Asia, and will be looking to connect CDKN's programme of work in Asia with other initiatives in the region and across the globe.



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**Why is Mihir at Sendai?** Mihir is a DRR expert working with CDKN's India Country Programme, and is Director of the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI). Mihir is here as part of CDKN's DRM theme support to achieving a positive outcome in the post-2015 DRR framework, and to connect with others working on DRR in South Asia, especially in India.

## Events

### Ignite stage

1 2nd floor, Sendai International Centre, Aoba Yama, Aoba-ku

**Six steps to mainstream gender equality in disaster risk reduction (DRR)**  
Virginie Le Masson, 16:15–16:30, Monday 16 March

**Removing the blinkers: real progress on DRR requires action in fragile and conflict affected contexts**  
Katie Peters, 16:00–16:15, Tuesday 17 March

**Integration of gender, age, disability, and cultural perspectives in the post-2015 framework for DRR**  
Emma Lovell, 11:00–11:15, Wednesday 18 March

**The ODI/CDKN exhibition booth** 10:00–20:00, 14 March–18 March

2 Booth 6-101, 5th and 6th floors, Sendai Mediatheque Gallery,  
2-1 Kasuga-machi, Aoba-ku

**Measuring disaster resilience** 17:30–19:30, Sunday 15 March

3 C105, Tohoku University, North Campus,  
41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku

**Challenges and opportunities of implementing the new risk reduction framework in South Asia: finance, monitoring and accountability** 18:15–19:45, Monday 16 March

4 Meeting room 3, Sendai Civic Auditorium,  
4-1 Sakuragaoka-Koen, Aoba-ku

**Good practice review 9: disaster risk reduction**

12:00–14:00, Tuesday 17 March

4 Meeting room 2, Sendai Civic Auditorium,  
4-1 Sakuragaoka-Koen, Aoba-ku

**Incentives for investment: a new business case for disaster risk management** 17:30–19:00, Tuesday 17 March

3 B101, Tohoku University, North Campus, 41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku

**Introducing BRACED** (invitation only)

08:00–09:30, Monday 16 March

5 The Westin Sendai, 1-9-1 Ichibancho, Aoba-ku



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