

World BOSAI Forum /International Disaster Risk Conference 2023 in Sendai
Prospects

World BOSAI Forum



3rd March 9-12, 2023
IDRC 2023 in SENDAI, JAPAN

International Disaster and Risk Conference 2023, SENDAI, JAPAN

Venue | Sendai International Center/
Kawauchi Hagi Hall, Tohoku University



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Organizer | WBF Local Organizing Committee(Chairperson : Fumihiko Imamura, Director,
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Steering Committee /Secretariat | WBF Executive Committee Secretariat (WBF Foundation)



■ Purpose ■

World BOSAI Forum activity started in the Tohoku region, which experienced Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, and developed with a strong desire to prevent other people from suffering from natural disasters.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, a set of guidelines for activities related to disaster risk reduction, was adopted at The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) which was held in Sendai in 2015. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction incorporates many concepts promoted by Japan, such as the importance of investment in disaster risk reduction and “Build Back Better” strategy. It can be said that Japan, as a world leader in the field of disaster risk reduction, has a responsibility to promote the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Furthermore, the activities of Japan and the Tohoku region in the process of recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that occurred on March 11, 2011, have attracted great attention all over the world.

While a variety of international conferences on disaster risk reduction including UN-led and academic conferences, took place around the world, there has been no international "forum" where specific solutions to reduce damage from disasters could be addressed, shared, and discussed.

Therefore, we decided to establish a "FORUM" in Sendai to propose solutions for disaster risk reduction from various perspectives of industry, government, academia, citizens, both domestic and international, to learn from each other, to create new values, and to promote the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. This is what became known as the World BOSAI Forum.

The 1st World BOSAI Forum (2017) gathered Sendai City, Tohoku University, and various stakeholders (UN, international organizations, governments, private companies, media, NGOs/civil society organizations, universities and research institutes) to share information and discuss specific solutions for reducing disasters. The Forum also promoted the creation of a field for new partnerships and other initiatives.

At the 2nd World BOSAI Forum (2019), discussions were held on how to achieve Global Target E of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (to significantly increase the number of countries with national and local disaster reduction strategies by 2020). The results of the discussions about Build Back Better strategy, psychological recovery, coping with disasters caused by climate change, which has grown to be a serious problem in recent years, as well as the application of advanced technologies such as AI and IoT technologies in disaster management, were shared with the world.

The 3rd Forum will focus on the following two points.

First is the encouraging of more active participation from the general public and younger generations, and second is the increase of participation and interaction by holding thoroughly planned sessions on several topics, especially those related to integrated and interdisciplinary approaches. As the World BOSAI Forum we will share information on exact solutions for disaster reduction with the world, gained through the dialogue between industry, government, academia, and citizens, while putting an emphasis to the viewpoints of women and young people.

Japan is one of the countries most affected by frequent occurrence of natural disasters. Japan has bountiful experience and many solution strategies in regards to coping with natural disasters. These include not only Disaster Risk Reduction measures implemented in anticipation of disaster event and aimed to lessen the damage, but also provision of a heartfelt assistance to disaster victims to assure that people who have met with a disaster would recover quicker, and having disaster folklore which is an important part of Japanese culture. Japan has a mission of becoming a leader in Disaster Risk Reduction by sharing all of the above knowledge with the world.

At the Forum, we need to gather ideas from the diverse people and we need them to take on the leadership role in order to put together the extensive knowledge we have and to continue implementing solution strategies for the society while giving start to new partnerships. Therefore, to make this Forum a fascinating and fruitful experience we ask for the participation of as many people as possible and at the same time we kindly ask for everyone's support in this activity.

We understand that such requests are meant to be made face to face, but this time we humbly use this document to sincerely ask for your support

Best wishes for your continued success in the future.

September, 2022

Yuichi Ono
Founder and CEO, World BOSAI Forum

Fumihiko Imamura
Chairperson, World BOSAI Forum Local Organizing Committee

■ Overview ■

➤ Scheduled Date

March 9 to 12, 2023

➤ Venue

Sendai International Center / Tohoku University Centennial Hall Kawauchi Hagi Hall

➤ Organizer

World BOSAI Forum Local Organizing Committee/World BOSAI Forum International Steering Committee

➤ Sponsorship (2019 For reference)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Aomori prefecture, Iwate Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) Sendai Broadcasting station, Sendai Television Incorporated, TOHOKU BROADCASTING CO LTD., Miyagi Television Broadcasting Co.,Ltd., HIGASHI NIPPON BROADCASTING Co.,Ltd., Sendai FM BROADCASTING, INC., The Asahi Shimbun Company Sendai general office, The Mainichi Newspapers Co., Ltd. Sendai branch office, SANKEI SHIMBUN CO.,LTD. Tohoku general office, THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN Tohoku general office)

➤ Estimated participants

Approximately 4,500 people (research institutions, international organizations, government agencies, domestic and international experts on disaster prevention from companies, organizations, NGOs, etc.), citizens, students

*There are some sessions which are not available for general visitors (citizens, etc.), but we are making arrangements so that they can participate in as many sessions as possible.

➤ Time Schedule

VENUE	Thu. Mar.9	Fri. Mar.10	Sat. Mar.11	Sun. Mar.12
Sendai International Center Conference Bldg		Opening	Plenary Session Poster Session	Closing
Sendai International Center Exhibition Bldg		World BOSAI EXPO (Exhibition) Flash Talk Presentaiton		
Tohoku Univ. Kawauchi Hagi Hall	Pre-WBF Festival			
Sunmall Ichibancho (Shopping Arcade)		Welcome Reception		

➤ Cooperation

Sendai Bosai Mirai Forum (4th March 2023)

Asian Disaster Reduction Conference (ADRC) (11th ~12th March 2023)

- The week from the 4th of March 2023 to the 13th of March is going to be the Recovery Bosai week (working title) , during which we plan to conduct various Bosai events in collaboration with Sendai City.

■ Program ■

➤ Session

Sessions will be held at the venue which can accommodate 50~500 people. We plan to give 90 min for each session's time slot. (we expect only half of the venue's seating capacity to be occupied due to the use of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19)

➤ Poster Session

We will accept Poster presentation applications in line with the main theme. **A total of around 50 posters** are expected to be presented at the venue. We also plan to arrange a Poster award.

➤ Flash Talk Presentation

We plan to arrange a separate panel inside the venue for 15 to 40 min presentations of individual speakers who are not willing to host the entire session, but would like to share information about their good practices.

We expect around 30 groups to take part in this activity.

➤ World BOSAI EXPO (Exhibition)

We plan to organize a presentation corner for interested companies and non-profit organizations taking part in the Forum to introduce their activities / products

We expect to have a total of around 65 presentations. Please check_EXPO・WEEK Exhibition booth requirements (<https://worldbosaiforum.com/2023/public/expo/> for the information about companies' exhibition guidelines.

*As for the Non-profit sector, we will inform you separately.

➤ BOSAI Week

We will share the information online before the event's opening. As for conditions for participation please check EXPO・WEEK Exhibition booth requirements.

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■ Registration for the Participation ■

This Forum strives to be a place where industry-government-academia groups and organizations and even general visitors can participate freely in organized activities, share information, have discussions and build good relationships. We aim to conduct just management without giving special treatment to organizations which provide financial donations. For that reason, we use registration fees from Forum's participants (common 3-day pass with early registration discount: 50000 yen), exhibition fees paid by organizations and companies taking part in the Sessions, donations and material assistance from Sendai City, host of the event, to pay the expenses of the Forum's preparation, planning, activities arrangement.

On the other hand, we believe that it is also important to increase citizen participation. That is why we set up a free registration system for a large number of citizens, students, high school students whose occupation or specialty is not related to Disaster Risk Reduction.

We hope that we managed to get our message across and we really hope to have a lot of people register for the participation in the event. Registration for the participation is scheduled to open in the middle of October 2022.

■ Participation as the Session host ■

➤ outline

Aside from the direct planning, management done by the Secretariat, participating groups/ organizations become hosts themselves and provide planning (choosing Session themes, assigning speakers, etc.), preparation (arranging presentations with speakers, procuring special equipment, etc.) and management in line with the overall theme of the event. We plan to have some of the sessions opened for public application to invite as many participants as possible (starting from the middle of October)

➤ Burden of expenses

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In case of arranging a session we kindly ask participants to pay the venue cost, simultaneous translator services cost, etc. We will share the detailed information in the middle of October. Please kindly check our Home page regarding this issue.

Session Participants also have to register for participation in the Forum

■ Participation in Sessions, Flash talks, Poster sessions, etc. ■

We plan to open Sessions, Flash talks, Poster sessions for public registration for participation.

Please kindly check the details which will be shared separately on our HP. We are also planning to conduct screening before appointing participants (starting from the middle of October).

■ Schedule (tentative) till Opening of the event ■

Date	Contents
Middle of October 2022	[Registration Opening] Registration of Participants of Sessions, Poster sessions, Flash talk presentations
October – December 2022	[Deadline] Session Registration (11 th of Nov) Poster sessions, Flash talk presentations (26 th of Dec) [Finalization] Session time slots/ Exhibiting companies/ Inviting party (End of Dec)
December 2022	[Announcement] Preliminary Program
End of January 2023	[Finalization] Poster sessions, Flash talk presentations
Middle of February 2023	[Announcement] Final Program
March 2023	[Deadline] Registration of Participants (9 th of Mar 12:00) World BOSAI Forum 2023 (9 th –12 th of Mar)