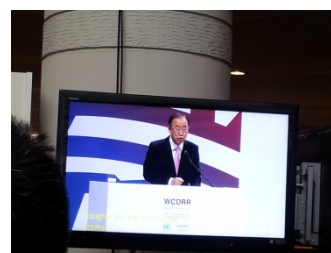


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Delegates from 187 countries, over 25 heads of State and Government, including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, attended the Conference. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the Conference in the presence of the Emperor and Empress of Japan.



Overall Structure of the Conference

- A. Intergovernmental Segment
- B. Multi-Stakeholder Segment
- C. Public Forum

A. Intergovernmental Segment

Ms. Eriko Yamatani, Japan's Minister for State for Disaster Management served Conference President, and the Conference adopted very late on 18 March:

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/Sendai_Framework_for_Disaster_Risk_Reduction_2015-2030.pdf
- Identified 4 priorities
- "Science" emphasized in every priority
- Diverse stakeholders, *e.g.* women, youth, disabled people, private sectors, encouraged to actively participate in DRR
- Sendai Declaration
http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/Political_Declaration_WCDRR.pdf



B. Multi-Stakeholder Segment

Science and Technology Major Group (STMG) organized and prepared Working Sessions, Side Events, presentations on the Ignite Stage and at its Booth, and made an official statement.

One of the Working Sessions was WS 19 on 15 March, "Applying Science & Technology to DRR decision making". Attended by c.a. 350 participants, the session was chaired by

Carlos Nobre, CEMADEN, Brazil and moderated by Flavia Schlegel, UNESCO. The report of UNISDR STAG and then a video of Tokyo Conference were presented. The panelists from 5 continents and Gordon McBean, ICSU provided their visions on the role of science and technology in DRR. The Chairman's summary emphasized the contents of the STAG report, Tokyo Statement and Tokyo Action Agenda, such as assessment, science advice, monitoring and review, synthesis and actionable research, communication and engagement and capacity building. He also stressed that governments need to empower national platforms and scientific bodies and that the existing international science advisory functions need to be empowered.



Official Statement of STMG was presented by David Johnston, chair of the IRDR Science Committee on 16 March. The statement can be read from: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/state-ment-science-and-technology-major-group-sendai>



Booth Exhibition of STMG in the main conference building



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C. Public Forum

There were so many Side Events, *e.g.* public fora, exhibitions, symposiums, held in the campus of Tohoku University, Sendai City and Miyagi Prefecture venues, and at other places.

One of the public fora was presented by governors of four Prefecutures affected in 2011. Takashi Onishi, President of Science Council of Japan, moderated the panel discussion. At his forum and many others, sign language

interpretation was provided.



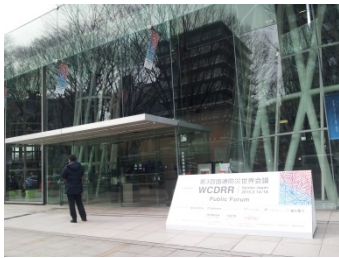


Municipal demonstration



Public Forum organized by WHO

Exhibitions at Sendai Mediatheque



Building entrance



Exhibitions on two floors



ICSU's booth

Eco-friendly conference

Rental bicycle for transportation



Conference Furoshiki (wrapping cloth) instead of a bag

