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Speakers

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MODERATOR



Octavian Bivol is the Chief of Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction since March 2020. He brings 25 years of experience in international development and management, and in building resilience in health, education and social protection systems. Prior to this assignment he held leadership positions in UNICEF, including as UNICEF Representative to Bulgaria and Lao PDR, and Deputy Director in the UNICEF Office for the Relations with the EU in Brussels. He initially joined the UN in 1995 as a health officer in the UNICEF country office in Moldova, followed by assignments with UNICEF in the Gulf Area Office in Saudi Arabia, as head of office in Kazakhstan, and as Regional Advisor, Health System and Policy, in the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Geneva. Mr. Bivol is a national of the Republic of Moldova and holds a Medical Doctor degree.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Armine Hayrapetyan, Lieutenant Colonel, serves in the Rescue Forces of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) of the Republic of Armenia since 2018 as the Representative of MES in foreign countries and international organizations. In 2019 she was appointed as the National Focal Point for the Sendai Framework for DRR in Armenia. Graduated from the Yerevan State University in 1999 she worked as archaeologist at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia. From 2009 to 2018 she served in the Armed Forces of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia. In 2008 she taught a course on Ancient Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology at the Yerevan State University. She is a practicing archaeologist having participated in a large number of local and international missions studying prehistoric monuments in Armenia, Georgia and Egypt.



Dmitry Mariyasin is the Deputy Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe since March 2021. Prior to joining UNECE, he was the Resident Representative of UNDP in Armenia, leading a team of 120 people. From 2011 to 2016, he was the Regional Partnership Advisor and Team Leader in the UNDP's Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy covering the Europe and CIS region, in Istanbul. Earlier, he worked in the UNDP Regional Support Center in Bratislava, Slovakia (2011-2014); the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS at UNDP headquarters in New York (2008-2011); and in the UNDP Country Office in Moscow, Russia (2002-2008). He holds a PHD in Economics from the Moscow State University, a Master's in Public Administration from New York University, a degree in public administration from the Moscow State University, and in international economics from the Russian Foreign Trade Academy.

PANELISTS



Almbek Aidakeev is Chief of the Secretariat of the National Platform of the Kyrgyz Republic for Disaster Risk Reduction. He is also Technical National Coordinator of the Sendai Framework for DRR in the Kyrgyz Republic. From September 2017 to August 2021, he also acted as Associate Professor at the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (KRSU). He has held various roles at the Ministry of Emergency Situations, including Head of the Center for training divers and conducting underwater technical work, as well as academic roles at the KRSU. He has over 25 years of active military service, and is Captain of the 1st rank of the reserve. He graduated from the Leningrad Higher Naval School of Diving in 1988, and from the Academy of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russia in 2004.



Julia Stewart-David is Acting Director of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Directorate and Head of Unit responsible for policy, cross-sectoral, institutional and Neighbourhood cooperation on the Union's Civil Protection Mechanism. She has worked on EU external relations and global issues for over twenty years. Her previous roles included EU-US relations, Neighbourhood policy and over a decade of humanitarian system and disaster risk management representational and policy roles. Her wider professional interests include organisational learning, on which she focused her research efforts while on sabbatical as the 'EU fellow' at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in 2015-16. She is also active in the EU's community of practice of 'Participatory Leadership'.



Rebecca Freitag is the former German UN Youth Delegate on Sustainable Development and the current Ambassador for the Rights for Future Generations. She is an expert on the Sustainable Development Goals, an advocate for the young and future generations. Her mission is to inspire people to be part of the needed sustainable transformation and introduce new perspectives for creating our future. Rebecca co-founded the Global Impact Alliance, an association of purpose-driven companies, to promote solutions that are already in practice. In the academic world, she also asks herself how sustainability can best be communicated and motivated for implementation. She is designing an interdisciplinary sustainability course at the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences.



John levers has over twenty-five years of experience designing and managing climate and disaster risk reduction and resilient recovery programmes in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Since 2007, he has provided consultation to the UN, international organizations, donor agencies, and civil society designing, evaluating, and supporting climate and disaster risk reduction programmes and strategies globally. Most recently, he evaluated the EFDRR Roadmap 2015-2020, identifying learnings to help draft the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030. Additionally, he provided consultation to conceptualize the current Regional Assessment Report, built on previous research for Global Assessment and Asia Pacific Disasters Reports. He continues to engage with stakeholders developing disaster and climate risk reduction and resilience-building strategies.

CONTRIBUTORS



Vlatko Jovanovski is the Head of Secretariat of Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE). Although Vlatko started his career in the military, he shifted into civil protection where he worked on various positions starting from local level as inspector for rescue and protection, and ending as head of department for international cooperation. After 10 years of government service in 2016, he joined UNICEF as emergency field coordinator during the refugee and migrant crisis. The years spent with UNICEF were combination of onsite response operations and coaching the offices in Europe and Central Asia on emergency preparedness. He has a university background in law, holds a master's degree in disaster management from the University of Copenhagen, and diploma on Business Continuity Planning from the University of New Buckinghamshire in UK. He is the author and co-author of several articles on the topic of disaster management.



Grzegorz Marek Poznański is the Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Permanent International Secretariat in Stockholm since 1 September 2020. He has considerable experience in Multilateral Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation, with various senior roles in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Deputy Director of European Policy Department, as Second and First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the UN in Geneva, and as the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Estonia. From 2016 to 2017, he was an Adviser at the Bureau of the Director General, after which he began his tenure at the Polish Embassy to Lithuania, as Deputy Ambassador and Head of Political-Economic Section, which concluded in the Summer of 2020.



Dzhergalbek Ukashev is the Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR). In 1978 he graduated from the Moscow Higher Command School Road Engineering Troops. He served in the USSR Civil Defense army in positions from platoon commander to battalion commander. Since 1991, he served in the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and headed the Office of the Civil Defense of different cities and regions. Since 2008 he has managed and participated in various projects in the field of emergencies and disaster risk reduction in the Kyrgyz Republic, Counterpart International, UNICEF, IOM, the World Bank, GIZ, HelpAge International and others. He was awarded the Order "For Service to Motherland in the USSR Armed Forces of the 3rd degree", the medal "For Battle Service" and the Honorary Diploma of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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