

Training Workshop on the Global Disaster-Related Statistics Framework (G-DRSF)

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Concept note and provisional agenda

1. Background

The need for harmonized, high-quality disaster-related statistics has become increasingly critical as hazardous events and disasters of growing intensity and frequency pose greater risks to society. To support the production of high-quality disaster-related statistics, the Global Disaster-related Statistics Framework (G-DRSF) was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) at its 57th Session in March 2026 as the first global statistical framework for the production of disaster-related statistics.

The G-DRSF is a crucial element in the disaster data ecosystem, connecting data producers and disaster risk reduction policymakers. By providing internationally agreed upon concepts, definitions, classifications and measurement recommendations, it helps countries to generate empirical insights that contribute to a better understanding of disaster risks and informing resilience building.

This workshop represents the first international training activity towards the operationalization of the G-DRSF. The workshop aims to support countries in translating the G-DRSF into practical statistical production processes, including the compilation, management and use of consistent, comparable and policy-relevant disaster-related statistics. By strengthening national capacity to apply the concepts, definitions and classifications of disaster-related statistics, the G-DRSF can support evidence-based decision-making and reporting under the Sendai Framework Monitor (SFM) and DELTA-Resilience.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are to:

1. Strengthen the technical knowledge of participants on the G-DRSF.
2. Enhance country's capacity on the production and use of consistent and comparable disaster-related statistics and data including through national loss and damage tracking systems such as the DELTA-Resilience for evidence-based decision-making.
3. Facilitate collaboration among national statistical offices, national disaster management offices, and other key stakeholders involved in disaster-related statistics.

4. Gather expert feedback to support the further refinement of the G-DRSF training materials.

3. Language

The workshop will be conducted in English.

4. Target Participants

Target participants are mid- to senior-level technical staff of national statistical offices and national disaster management offices involved in the compilation, management and use of disaster-related statistics. Nominations from each country shall include one representative responsible for the compilation of disaster-related statistics from the national statistical office, and one representative responsible for DELTA-Resilience rollout and/or Sendai Framework Monitoring from the national disaster management office.

5. Organization

Throughout the 3-day training workshop, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the G-DRSF and discuss technical and institutional aspects related to the production and application of G-DRSF components within national statistical systems. Through lectures, hands-on exercises and the exchange of country experiences, participants will initiate discussions on concrete plans to strengthen disaster-related statistics within their country context, building on the knowledge acquired during the training workshop. Participants will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on the training materials and propose priority areas for future capacity development activities related to the G-DRSF.

In this regard, participants are expected to share their experiences in the production, dissemination and use of disaster-related statistics.

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7. Provisional agenda

Day 1

- Opening session and participant introductions
- Statistics for disaster managers and DRR concepts for statisticians
- Introduction to the G-DRSF: purpose and policy relevance
- Conceptual framework of the G-DRSF: scope, concepts and definitions
- Statistics on exposure, vulnerability and coping capacity

Day 2

- Statistics on occurrence of hazardous events and disasters
- Statistics on population impacts
- Statistics on impacts on assets and flows
- DELTA Resilience and the G-DRSF: linkages and applications

Day 3

- Accounting for disaster risk reduction expenditure
- Diagnostic tool for strategic planning to strengthen disaster-related statistics
- Work planning for strengthening disaster-related statistics within national statistical systems
- Closing session