



## Feminist Decision-making for Risk Governance and Resilience Building

### Program

<b>Date</b>	<b>20 March 2021: Saturday, 15:30 ~17:30 hours (JST: Japan Standard Time)</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Feminist Decision-making for Risk Governance and Resilience Building</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	Main organizer: <b>Japan Women’s Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (JWNDRR)</b> Co-organizers: <b>Japan Association for Women’s Education and CARE International Japan</b>
<b>Main theme</b>	<p>The main theme of the event is to promote feminist decision-making for risk governance and resilience building in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Asia-Pacific. It coincides with the SDGs goals 5 and 13 and commitments of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030) and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Paris Agreement.</p> <p>We will bring together panelists who have been active and committed to promote climate justice and DRR actions, including anti-COVID-19 measures, with both gender-equality and diversity perspectives, mainly from Asia-Pacific to discuss about effective approaches for risk governance and resilience building.</p> <p>The outcome of the event will be an important input to the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to be held in Glasgow in November 2021, CSW66 to be held in New York in March 2022 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR to be held in Brisbane in the second half of 2022. Among others, the priority theme for the CSW66 will be “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”.</p>
<b>Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Opening Speech:</b> Ms. Akiko Domoto, President of JWNDRR</li> <li>■ <b>Key Note Speech:</b> “Challenges of global inclusion for amid-COVID-19 societies, focusing on poverty and gender equality” by Dr. Mari Osawa, Advisor to JWNDRR</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Discussion: Promoting feminist decision-making and networking for CC and DRR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climate change and gender: <i>Risa Endo, JACSES</i></li> <li>2. Gender stakeholder group of the UNDRR Asia Pacific Partnership: <i>Ramona Miranda, Duryog Nivaran</i></li> <li>3. Gender responsive DRR in Vanuatu: <i>Megan Williams, CARE Australia</i></li> <li>4. DDR and sexual and reproductive health and rights: <i>Aleksandar Sasha Bodiroza, UNFPA</i></li> <li>5. Overview and comments: <i>Madhavi M. Ariyabandu, Duryog Nivaran</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Q &amp; A Session</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Yumiko Tanaka, Vice President of JWNDRR</i></p>

## Panelists and Facilitator

	<p><b>Ms. Akiko Domoto</b>, President of Japan Women’s Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (JWNDRR). Former Governor of Chiba Prefecture (2001-2009). As Member of the House of Councilors (1989-2001), she contributed to the development and approval of Basic Act for Gender Equal Society, Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims, the NPO Law, etc. She also served as Reporter/Director of Tokyo Broadcasting System (1959-1989); President of GLOBE International (1999); Vice President of IUCN (1997-1999). She received her BA in Social Sciences from Tokyo Woman’s Christian College.</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Mari Osawa</b>, Advisor to JWNDRR. Doctor of Economics, Emeritus Professor, former Director of the Institute of Social Science, and former Executive Director and Vice President of the University of Tokyo. Member of the Science Council of Japan. She specializes in comparative gender analysis of social policies. She has worked as visiting professor at the Berlin Free University, Ruhr-University of Bochum and Gender and Development Studies Program of Asian Institute of Technology, as well as a Mercator Fellow of DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft). Organizer of ‘Yonaoshi’ (societal reform) Forum 2020 (<a href="https://yonaoshi2020.jp/">https://yonaoshi2020.jp/</a>).</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Risa Endo</b>, Deputy Director General and Climate Change Program Leader of Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment and Society (JACSES). She completed B.A. in Liberal Arts at Tsuda University in Japan and MSc in Globalisation and Development at The University of Manchester in the UK. After working for insurance and energy related companies, she has worked at JACSES since 2014. She is in charge of Climate Change Program and SDGs • SCP Program, and main activities include advocacy actions, policy making, information sharing and public awareness campaign. She also serves as a convener of thematic units for Japan Civil Society Network on SDGs, one of vice chair of Climate Action Network Japan, and the secretariat of the Network on Environment and Gender.</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Ramona Miranda</b> is a development communication practitioner with 20 years of experience in the development sector. Holds a masters in Communication from the Ohio State University, USA. Has worked in the media in print, radio and online before moving to the development sector. Has been a Director of Duryog Nivaran for the past 7 years on a voluntary basis. Is also currently working with UN-Habitat in Sri Lanka on a database for sustainable cities. As Duryog Nivaran leads the Gender Stakeholder Group of the UNDRR Asia Pacific Partnership, Ramona has been engaged with it over the years.</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Megan Williams</b>, CARE Australia Gender and Program Quality Advisor and member of the CARE International Global Gender Cohort, provides technical support in gender responsive/transformational programming to teams in Vanuatu, PNG and Bangladesh and in other islands across the Pacific and recently led the monitoring and evaluation for the CARE Vanuatu multi-donor response to Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Harold in 2020.</p>



**Dr. Aleksandar Sasha Bodirosa, MD**, brings to the position of UNFPA Representative in Afghanistan over 20 years of management, programmatic and technical experience. Throughout his career in government, non-governmental organizations and here at UNFPA, Dr. Bodirosa has been a tenacious and vocal advocate for reproductive health for all, empowering women and young people, and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Dr. Bodirosa served as the Head of Integrated Field Support Unit of the Arab States Regional Office of UNFPA and Senior Technical Adviser on Youth, His background spans the fields of strategic direction, planning, management and partnership; peacebuilding, public health, including HIV prevention, youth health development and protection and strategic communication for behavior change. Before joining Afghanistan CO, Dr. Bodirosa served as UNFPA Representative in Egypt. Under the leadership of Dr. Bodirosa, UNFPA Country Office in Egypt managed to scale up its operations and programmes aimed to assist the Government of Egypt in their efforts to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; end GBV. He is recognized expert in evidence-based approaches in the development of youth policies, and use of entertainment education in health promotion, demography and youth work. Dr. Bodirosa is a passionate advocate for stronger engagement of young people in peace building and post-conflict recovery.



**Ms. Madhavi Malalgoda Ariyabandu** is a development professional with over 25 years of experience, with special interest on political economy of development, disaster and climate risk and resilience. She holds a M Sc. in Agriculture Economics from the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK.

She has authored publications on varying aspects of disasters and sustainable development; Livelihood Centred Approach to Disaster Management, Gender and social inclusion, Disaster Communication.

Madhavi served UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for over ten years in senior management capacities in the Regional Offices for the Asia Pacific and Central Asia and South Caucasus. She was also the UNDRR Focal Point for Gender and Social inclusion for the Asia Pacific.

She is currently based in Sri Lanka, engaged as a Senior Expert in disaster and climate risk management, gender equity, sustainable development and resilience issues. She is a Director of Duryog Nivaran, South Asia Network for Disaster Mitigation.



**Dr. Yumiko Tanaka**, Vice President of JWNDRR. She is Professor for Josai International University. She was responsible for gender and development program for UN-ESCAP, Bangkok (1983-1990), and has been engaged for 27 years, as JICA gender expert, in promoting women's economic empowerment in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Nepal and Tanzania, anti-trafficking of women and girls in the ASEAN countries, and disaster risk reduction from a gender and diversity perspective in Asia-Pacific, including Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines. She is currently JICA Senior Gender Advisor, representative of Japan to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and Board member of CARE International Japan and UN Women Japan National Committee.

## Event Secretariat: Board Members of JWNDRR

	<p><b>Ms. Reiko Aoki</b>, Managing Director of JWNDRR. She helped establish the Women's Archives Center for National Women's Education Center (NVEC), Japan, and has been involved with activities pertaining to the Disaster Archives after the Great East Japan Earthquake.</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Hana Kobayashi</b>, Board Member of JWNDRR. She works as community development and gender specialist in IC Net Limited. She leads JICA's Knowledge Co-creation Program on gender and diversity in DRR and have engaged in developing the "Gender Perspective to Strengthen Disaster Response Capabilities: Disaster Risk Reduction and Reconstruction Guidelines from the Perspective of Gender Equality", Gender Equality Bureau of Cabinet Office of Japan</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Atsuko Nonoguchi</b>, Board Member of JWNDRR. She works mainly on gender and forest resource management and REDD+ in developing countries as a senior consultant of Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. Her dissertation was focused on gender and climate change adaptation in Nepal.</p>

### Japan Women's Network for Disaster Risk Reduction



- The Japan Women's Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (JWNDRR) was established in 2011 after the Great East Japan Earthquake to promote the collective power of more than 150 women's organizations in Japan and enhance partnership with those organizations.
- The JWNDRR has ever called for the importance of making Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) policies and actions more gender-responsive to the central and local governments, civil societies and private sectors through awareness-raising and lobbying activities.
- In the process of the development of Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2020) which was adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN World Conference on DRR in Sendai in March 2011, the JWNDRR made a recommendation to integrate a gender and diversity perspective in the framework.
- In 2016, the JWNDRR, in collaboration with the World Bank Disaster Risk Management Hub, Tokyo, organized the international symposium titled "Towards Resilient Recovery from a Gender and Diversity Perspective". It was held to commemorate the establishment of "World Tsunami Awareness Day".
- We are commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake this March. We hope to continue sharing our gender experiences and lessons learnt on DRR and working together with all of you for building back better a more disaster resilient, sustainable and gender-equal society.

URL: <https://jwndrr.org>