Please note that registration will begin at 9:00.

**Address**: Sendai Civic Auditorium (4-1 Sakuragaoka-Koen, Aoba-ku, Sendai City)

**Capacity**: 500 person limit (free admission)

**Organiser**: OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), with support from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Japan) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan).
Objective:

What good practices can be observed in the governance of disaster risk? How does good governance make cities, in particular, more resilient? This Public Forum will present two high level panels that aim to address these questions.

Governments have fundamental responsibilities to provide security and safety to citizens and their property, defend the territorial integrity of the nation, and help sustain well-functioning markets. The complexity of managing major risks has increased dramatically over the past 20 years due to the interconnectedness of critical infrastructure and economic interdependencies. In this context, who is responsible, or who owns management of a risk, is not always apparent. Effective governance of critical risks is key to strategic planning and to preserving future competitiveness and consolidating sustainable economic growth. Developing resilience to complex risks requires investment in the full cycle of risk management capacities: from risk identification and assessment, through prevention and mitigation, preparedness and response, to social and financial recovery, reconstruction and policy reform. It is important to foster co-operation between governments and the private sector to build common ground in these areas and to promote continuous improvement in the governance and management of critical risks.

International co-operation provides an opportunity to draw tractable lessons from successful policy experiences in the governance and management of risks. The OECD Recommendation of the Council on the Governance of Critical Risks* provides a framework to compare country efforts and to identify good practices at all levels of government. The OECD High Level Risk Forum aims to develop a policy toolkit based on identified good practices and to broadly disburse them across OECD member and non-member countries alike.

Many cities face significant levels of disaster risk due to the exposure of a highly concentrated population and economic assets in hazard-prone areas. Complex urban systems in built up areas can amplify the impact of natural disasters when vital infrastructure networks are disrupted, key environmental assets degraded and public trust in government eroded. This is also an international concern, since key supply chains may be disrupted leading to knock-on effects in the global economy. Cities play a crucial role in addressing this challenge, as it is often at the local level of governance and planning that prevention and mitigation actions can be implemented. Close communication between city leaders, civil society and the private sector is also indispensable to increase economic, social, institutional and environmental resilience through good governance of critical risks.

※The OECD Recommendation of the Council on the Governance of Critical Risks (adopted May 2014):

9:30 – 9:40  Opening Session
  - Welcome remarks from Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

9:40 – 10:30  Session 1: Good governance for better management of complex risks

OBJECTIVES and KEY QUESTIONS
The first panel will consider how good governance practices are key to improving the management of complex risks. How can governments effectively promote a ‘whole of society’ approach to disaster risk reduction? How do governments assess risks their countries may face 20 years from now as different from those they may face in the short term, and how is this analysis used to inform long-term public investment strategies?

Chair
  - Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

Speakers
  - Patricia Blanc, Director General for Risk Prevention, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France
  - Kenzo Hiroki, Director, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
  - Samantha Chard, Assistant Secretary, Emergency Management Policy Branch, Attorney-General's Department, Australia
  - Yasushi Iwata, General Manager, ERIA
Session 2: Improving the resilience of cities through better risk governance

OBJECTIVES and KEY QUESTIONS

The implementation of disaster risk prevention and mitigation projects largely takes place at local level. This panel will consider how good risk governance can improve the resilience of cities in particular. How can cities improve resilience to critical risks? How can local officials integrate the expertise of active stakeholders, including the private sector, civil society and academia to achieve resilience in cities? How can cities communicate more effectively about risks and foster leadership to deal with critical risks?

Chair

- Kisaburo Ishii, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Speakers

- Kizou Hisamoto, Mayor of Kobe City
- Regis Thepot, Director, Seine River Basin Authority, France
- Supachai Tantikom, Advisor to the Governor, Bangkok, Thailand
- Dan Lewis, Chief of Urban Risk and Resilience Programme, UN-HABITAT
- Michael Berkowitz, President, 100 Resilient Cities, pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation
- Naoto Aiba, Representative Director, Mitsubishi Estate. Co. LTD

Closing session

- Closing remarks from Rolf Alter, OECD
Chair Biographies:

**Rolf Alter**  
Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

Rolf Alter is Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). He leads a team of 150 staff to support governments in order to improve their public sector performance for the well-being of citizens and the competitiveness of their economies. Key areas include institutional reform, risk management, innovation, transparency and integrity in the public sector, results-oriented budgeting, regulatory reform, and the economics of regions and cities. The OECD High-Level Risk Forum was established under his leadership to provide policy makers and senior executives in the public and private sectors with a collaborative platform to improve preparation for large scale shocks to the economy and society. Previously, Mr. Alter was Chief of Staff of OECD Secretary-General, Angel Gurría. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Alter was an economist at the International Monetary Fund. He started his professional career in 1981 in the Ministry of Economy in Bonn. He is currently a member of the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Alter holds a doctorate degree from the University of Goettingen, Germany, following post-graduate work in Germany and the United States.

**Kisaburo ISHII**  
Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Hokkaido Development  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Kisaburo Ishii is Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). He is in charge of policies on land, infrastructure and Hokkaido development. After graduating from Tokyo University Law Department in 1979, he joined the Ministry of Construction (now restructured as MLIT). He has a rich experience in contributing to important issues of the policy agenda as he has been serving as Director for Housing Policy, Director for Urban Planning, Director for Urban Development, Executive Officer in the Urban Renaissance Agency and as Councillor for TPP in the Cabinet Secretariat. His major achievements are the development of the securitization framework for housing loans and the establishment of the landscape law. He was Director-General of the City Bureau before taking his current office in 2013. During his period as Director-General of the City Bureau, his leadership led the team to the success of amending the special law for urban renaissance to encourage compact city development. He also dedicated himself to the reconstruction of Tohoku Region in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake, in particular, by facilitating the policy framework for encouraging collective relocation of those living in devastated areas. Mr. Ishii studied at Oxford University in the UK, and served as a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, Tokyo University 2007-2009.
Naoto Aiba joined the Mitsubishi Estate Company in 1977, after graduating from Otaru Shouka University. He is currently assigned to promote urban development projects as the Director & Executive Vice President for MEC. Mr. Aiba has been in charge of various urban development projects in central city areas, which paved the company’s way to success. Amongst others he has been engaged in the Yokohama Land Mark Tower project, which was completed in 1977, and other major rebuilding projects of commercial buildings, including the Marunouchi Building (completed in 2002), as a series of projects which started in 1997 to regenerate the Marunouchi Area.

Mr. Aiba also served as the President of “the Council for Area Development and Management of Otemachi, Marunouchi, and Yurakucho” and as the Vice-Chair of “the Advisory Committee on Otemachi-Marunouchi-Yurakucho Area Development” which was established in line with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Chiyoda Ward Government as a public-private partnership entity for urban planning.

Patricia Blanc is the Director General for Risk Prevention in the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy since 2012. With a strong industrial and risk management background, Ms. Blanc has been working at different levels of the French government on environmental, industrial and risk management policies. She gained progressive responsibilities in the Ministry of the Environment dealing with issues related to pollution, wastes or chemicals regulation, industrial policies at the local level, and co-ordination with the EU. In her position of Director General for Risk Prevention she also has a co-ordinating role across ministries on critical risks.
Michael Berkowitz joined the Rockefeller Foundation in August 2013 to shape and oversee the new 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge. Previously, he worked at Deutsche Bank, most recently as the deputy global head of Operational Risk Management (ORM). In that capacity he oversaw the firm’s OR capital planning efforts, served as a primary regulatory contact and connected the myriad operational risk management efforts group-wide.

He held multiple other positions at DB, including Chief Operating Officer of Corporate Security, Business Continuity (CSBC) and Operational Risk Management, where he had responsibility for budgeting, operations, and global co-ordination across the group's six work streams. During this time, he also served as the head of the Bank’s Protective Intelligence unit, designed to assess and analyze security and geo-political threats to the Bank, its staff, processes and information.

Samantha Chard is the Assistant Secretary of the Emergency Management Policy Branch, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department of Australia. The Branch provides policy advice to the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General on emergency management issues and is responsible for co-ordination of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience implementation; and Secretariat functions for the Standing Council of Police and Emergency Management and the National Emergency Management Committee. Sam has held a number of policy and senior management positions across the Commonwealth, in national security, policing, and social services. Prior to joining the Department, she was with the Australian Crime Commission, as the National Manager, Strategic Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, dealing with a range of criminal intelligence and organised crime issues.
Kenzo Hiroki
Director, Water Resource Planning Division, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Kenzo Hiroki has been engaged, globally and nationally, in water and sanitation, integrated water resources management, and particularly issues on water and disasters for over 30 years. He entered Ministry of Construction, Japan after having graduated from Tokyo University in 1982. He was Vice Secretary-General of the 3rd World Water Forum in 2000-2003. He was posted in the UN, New York as Head of Secretariat of Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) in 2005-2008. Dr. Hiroki was Director of Cabinet Office of Japan responsible for national science and technology policy on space, ocean and infrastructure in 2009-2011 and Principal of International Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management (UNESCO-ICHARM) in 2011-2014. He also served as Member (2009-2014), Steering Committee and Vice Chair (2011-2014) of Global Water Partnership (GWP). Dr. Hiroki is currently Member of UNSGAB. He is also Councillor, Cabinet Secretariat of Japan (Water Cycle Headquarters). He has been actively committed to the OECD’s High Level Risk Forum as Bureau Member, and contributed to “the OECD Recommendation of the Council on the Governance of Critical Risks”.

Kizou Hisamoto
Mayor, Kobe City, Japan

Kizou Hisamoto was born in Kobe in 1954. After graduating from Tokyo University, Law Department in 1976, he joined the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He accomplished many important tasks in the Ministry of Internal Affairs covering a wide policy agenda related to local government autonomy, regional revitalisation, disaster management and fire prevention. He also worked in local governments, as the Director of Planning in Aomori Prefecture, Director of Finance in Kyoto Prefecture and Director General for Finance in Sapporo City.

Mr. Hisamoto was appointed as Councillor of the Cabinet Secretariat in 1995. Since 1997, he worked in various areas, such as policy co-ordination for regional revitalization, improvement of finance in local governments and planning of the policy framework of the local autonomy system. He was appointed as Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communication in 2005, Director-General for the Election System in 2006 and Director-General of the Local Administration Bureau in 2008. In 2012, he was appointed as Vice-Mayor of Kobe City. After resigning from Vice-Mayor in June 2013, he was elected as Mayor of Kobe. He took his current office as the 16th Mayor of Kobe City in November 2013.
Yasushi Iwata  
General Manager, ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

Yasushi Iwata is the General Manager of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). ERIA is an international organization, which was established by the leaders of 16 member countries at the 3rd East Asia Summit in November 2007, and it is mandated to conduct analytical research and provide policy recommendation to ASEAN and East Asia. Mr Iwata oversees the administration of research and allied activities of ERIA under the three major fields, namely (i) deepening economic integration, (ii) narrowing development gaps, and (iii) achieving sustainable development. Disaster Management is one of the key research issue. Besides managerial issues, Mr. Iwata is in charge of liaising with policy makers in South East and East Asia region including attending official meetings of SEOM (Senior Economic Official Meeting). Prior to coming to ERIA, Mr. Iwata was with Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now METI) of Japan since 1991. Before coming to Jakarta, he has also served in Taipei, Yangon, and Shanghai.

Dan Lewis  
Chief of Urban Risk and Resilience Programme, UN-HABITAT

Dan Lewis, a Canadian National and engineer by training, is the Chief of Urban Risk Reduction and Resilience for UN-Habitat, leading and managing global strategic planning and programming related to urban risk reduction and disaster management, post-crisis reconstruction, conflict mitigation, and urban safety and security. Dan is also the founder and head of the City Resilience Profiling Programme, launched in 2012, with the aim of providing measurable standards of resilience to all plausible natural and human-made hazards. Dan is responsible for the current operational programmes in both conflict and natural disaster affected countries, and is the inter-agency liaison for humanitarian and emergency response partners, disaster management organisations, donors, and international aid co-ordination. He previously served as UN-Habitat’s Chief Technical Advisor in Kosovo and Somalia.
Supachai Tantikom
Adviser to the Governor, Bangkok, Thailand

Supachai Tantikom is a professional and experienced civil engineer with expertise in design work in the field of structure, foundation, drainage and civil work. He is also assigned to take charge in project management and construction management at times. With more than 20 years of practice, Supachai Tantikom has been involved in more than 100 projects including low rise buildings, high rise buildings and civil engineering projects such as cable stayed bridges and drainage tunnelling. He is so proud that Bangkok Metropolitan Administration has accepted the concept of drainage tunnelling proposed by him. He also gained a few years of experience in real estate development in one of the largest real estate development firms in Thailand as a capacity of senior vice president responsible for project development.

Supachai Tantikom currently holds a political position as an adviser to the governor of Bangkok for the second term. With his integrity, strength and extensive background and experience in the field of civil engineering, the governor has assigned him to be in charge of infrastructure developments and environment issues. He is frequently assigned by the governor to represent the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration at international conferences and meetings on climate change, sustainability development, green growth, future cities and resilient cities. He can be contacted through his email address at: tantikom.supachai@gmail.com.

Regis Thepot
Director, Seine River Basin Authority, Paris, France

Regis Thepot has a 30 years’ experience in water and river management. He holds qualifications in civil engineering, superior studies in urban and land use planning, and in applied geology. In 2009 he took up the position of general director of the Seine River Basin Authority (in charge of flood prevention and of low water support in the Paris area). Prior to this, he served as head of Établissement Public Loire (public organisation gathering communities and local authorities of the Loire River Basin) for 12 years. In the 1980s he was involved in the conflicts over dam construction on the Loire River and was one the actors of Plan Loire (an integrated master plan for the Loire River). He was member of the French organization « AFEPITB » whose goal is to facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience between public authorities in charge of river basins all around the country, between 1995 and 2004 and 2011 and 2012.
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