

World Bosai Forum /
International Disaster and Risk Conference 2019 in Sendai

Prospectus

World
BOSAI
Forum

Spin disaster knowledge to
Weave BOSAI wisdom

2nd Nov.9-12, 2019
IDRC 2019 in SENDAI JAPAN

| **Venue** | Sendai International Center/
Kawauchi Hagi Hall, Tohoku University

***BOSAI** is a traditional Japanese term, indicating a holistic approach to reduce human and economic losses from disasters, which represents activities in all disaster phases, including prevention, recovery, response and mitigation.*

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World Bosai Forum Secretariat

About the Forum

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, a global framework for disaster risk reduction, was adopted as the outcome of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan in 2015. Sendai is one of the tsunami-affected municipalities in the Tohoku Region. As the host country for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Japan is not only required to promote national DRR measures but also is expected to take a leading role to follow up on the implementation of the Sendai Framework by deepening international cooperation.

As a part of our commitments from Tohoku, we started holding the “World Bosai Forum/International Disaster Risk Conference” from 2017 in Sendai City every two years, in partnership with the International Disaster and Risk conference (IDRC) in Davos, Switzerland. Officials and experts from national and overseas, including governments, international organizations, academia, private sector, NGOs, media, as well as local citizens gathered at the Forum. Findings and lessons-learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami were shared with the world. The World Bosai Forum also aims to create practical solutions for disaster risk reduction, installing the term “Bosai” that encompasses a comprehensive concept from disaster risk reduction to reconstruction and recovery, to the world. We hope that regularly hosting this Forum will make Sendai/Tohoku a world-leading place of Bosai and that will also contribute to building back Tohoku disaster areas better.

In the second World Bosai Forum 2019, “the Global Target E” out of the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework that aims to achieve significant increase in the number of countries by 2020 with holding national and regional disaster management strategies will be one of the focuses. We will share many detailed contents to seek for better reconstruction which contains structural (hard), non-structural (soft) and human-oriented (heart) measures. We will also share how to deal with climate change which is getting more serious in recent years, how to apply advanced technologies such as AI or IoT technology in disaster risk reduction. Japan is one of the world’s most exposed countries to frequent hazards in many kinds. Naturally, Japan has an important mission to lead the field of disaster risk reduction for a great deal of accumulated knowledge and experiences throughout its history. The IDRC is a renowned conference where many specialists of disaster risk reduction, especially from Europe get together. For the second World Bosai Forum we look forward to having mixed participants from all over the world.

May, 2019 World Bosai Forum Foundation

Outline of the Forum

Name of the Forum:

World Bosai Forum/International Disaster and Risk Conference 2019 in Sendai
(hereafter called WBF for short)

Scheduled Date : November 9 to November 12, 2019

Venue : Sendai International Center and Tohoku University Hagi Hall

Organizer : World Bosai Forum Local Organizing Committee/World Bosai Forum
International Steering Committee/World Bosai Forum Foundation

Sponsorship : Government organizations, United Nation agency etc.

Partnership : Private sectors etc.

Expected Participants: A total of 1,000 specialists and citizen participants from various sectors, including government, international organizations academia, private sector, media, as well as local citizens. Some of the sessions are open for public participation.

Time Table (as of April 2019)

| | Day 1 (November 9) | Day 2 (November 10) | Day 3 (November 11) | Day4 (November 12) |
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| AM | | Opening/ Oral Sessions | Oral Sessions/ Poster Sessions | Oral Sessions/ Poster Sessions/ Closing |
| PM | Pre-WBF Festival | Oral Sessions/ Poster Sessions/ Reception | Oral Sessions/ Poster Sessions | |

Concurrent Events (organized independently during the WBF):

“The 10th Earthquake Technology Expo”/ “Sendai Bosai Future Forum”

Program

The main part of the World Bosai Forum in 2019 will contain oral sessions, poster sessions, flash talk presentations, and general exhibitions.

1. Oral Sessions

There will be two types of oral sessions: plenary and parallel sessions. All of the oral sessions will have an allocation of 90 minutes.

Plenary Session

Plenary sessions will be held in the Main Hall (1,000 seats). Basically they will not share the time slots with other sessions. A total of 5 slots are tentatively considered.

Parallel Session

Parallel Sessions will be held in various size of rooms (50~200 seats). A total of 50+ parallel sessions will be considered.

2. Poster Sessions

We will call for poster presentations with regard to the theme of the forum. A total of 100 poster spaces will be available in the forum venue.

3. Flash Talk Presentation

Flash Talk Presentation is designed for those individuals who would like to express their own ideas and activities. A presentation space will be available in an open space in the hallway within the forum venue. Speakers will give a 15-minute (maximum) presentation. Participants from the private sector are encouraged to be speakers. The presentation will be videotaped and available through the World Bosai Forum website later. A total of 30 slots are available.

*It is need to be a registrant of this forum.

4. General Exhibition

To introduce activities of institutions and groups participated Forum(in English). A total of 30 exhibitions are tentatively considered.

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Registration

The Forum aims to create a platform where participants from governments, international organizations, academia, private sector, NGOs, media, as well as local citizens can meet, discuss and develop new partnerships, and we welcome participants from all over the world. We depend majority of operation cost of the Forum on registration fees from the participants as well as contributions from individuals and private sector. Online registration is scheduled to be open through our website.

[Registration Deadline]

November 12, 12 noon. (JST), 2019

Participation as a Session Organizer

[Outline] and [Cost sharing]

Interested session organizers need to submit a session proposal by June 28, 2019 (the details are listed). The successful candidates will be notified by the end of July. Please note that session organizers are responsible for all the preparatory work, including selection and invitation of the speakers, procurement of special equipment if any, simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation service fee if required but in limited rooms only, submission of the final session report, etc.

General Exhibition

[Outline]

We will have approximately 30 general exhibition booths for interested organizations to introduce their activities. The contents must be along with the theme of the Forum in English. In addition, general exhibition is limited to non-profit purpose. If you are interested in commercial exhibitions, please check with the associated event, 'The 10th Earthquake Technology Expo'.

We will charge you the Participation fee for the exhibition.

[Details]

Venue: Sendai International Center Conference Building Conference room

A basic booth space (size:W1800×D600×H2100)

Participation Fee: 50,000 JPY /one booth, including

-A Poster panel W1800×H2100

- A Group's name sign W1200×H200
- A Table and two chairs W1800×D600×H700
- Management fee and Space charge

Tentative schedule towards the Forum

| Date | Contents |
|----------------|--|
| June 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on oral and poster registration to be released in the early June • Oral and poster registration starts in the middle of June • Participant registration starts in the middle of June |
| July 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral and poster registration deadline on July 19 • Selection Committee to review oral and poster proposals |
| August 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A provisional program to be announced |
| September 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final program to be announced in the early September |
| November 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant registration ends on November 12, 12 noon.(JST) • World Bosai Forum 2019 to be held during November 9 to 12 |