

responsible for convening IRP Steering Committee meetings and disseminating information on IRP activities and knowledge products.

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6-3. IRP Activities in FY 2016

6-3-1. “International Recovery Forum 2017”

“International Recovery Forum 2017 ~ Build Back Better Towards Resilient and Healthy Communities ~” was organized on 24 January 2017 at Hotel Okura in Kobe, Japan. It gathered over 140 participants from 33 countries, including government officials, practitioners, experts, policymakers, and students.

Background

Health is recognized in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in many other landmark international frameworks and agreements – indicating the urgency of addressing the complex challenges and gaps along this area. Mandated to act as an international mechanism for sharing of experiences and learning on build back better among countries and all relevant stakeholders, IRP adopted “Build Back Better Towards Resilient and Healthy Communities” as the overarching theme of the International Recovery Forum 2017.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Forum are:

- Explore how “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction can be addressed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- Explore knowledge and understanding of “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction through sharing of country experiences; and
- Explore strategies and actions on health in the context of “Build Back Better” through sharing experiences on integration health agenda into disaster recovery, including consulting on the updated edition of Guidance Note on Recovery for Health.