PROGRAM AGENDA

Reimagining Resilience: Collective Futures for Disaster Risk Reduction

From risk to justice and collective survival

ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE

5- 7 NOVEMBER 2026

The Organizing Committee:
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), ActionAid International, UNDRR, UN Women, Oxfam KEDV, AWID, HUDOTO Law Nature and Society Foundation, Shifting the Power Coalition, Duryog Nivaran, Huairou Commission

On behalf of the Women and Gender Stakeholder Group (WGSG) of the UNDRR

All times local (Türkiye)

Day 0 - Welcome Evening | 4 NOVEMBER

Arrive, meet, and feel welcome in the space.

TIME	PROGRAM
16:00-17:00	Registration and early arrivals
17:00-17:15	*Doors open and welcome drinks*
17:15-17:45	Formal welcome, practical briefing, and conference journey
17:45-18:45	Introductions and creative activity — getting to know each other through story and making
18:45-19:00	Close, Day 1 preview, and send-off

Day 1 - Understanding the Landscape | 5 NOVEMBER

Building a shared understanding of the current disaster reality, global trends, structural vulnerabilities, and feminist analyses.

TIME	PROGRAM
08:00–08:30	Registration
08:30–09:00	Welcome coffee and meet-and-greet
09:00–09:10	Welcome by the co-organizers from Türkiye
09:10–09:20	**Context session:** The journey of the conference and outcomes of the Melbourne Roundtable
09:20–10:30	**Plenary 1: A World Defined by Disaster — Crisis, Inequality and Survival** · The accelerating scale of disasters globally and the intersecting crises shaping vulnerability
10:30–11:00	*Tea & health break and family picture*
11:00–12:15	**Plenary 2: Disasters Are Not Natural — The Political Economy of Vulnerability** · How patriarchy, debt, austerity, extractivism and inequality transform hazards into disasters
12:15–12:45	**Plenary discussion:** Communal reflection on Plenaries 1 and 2

TIME	PROGRAM
12:45–14:00	*Lunch*
14:00–15:15	**Plenary 3: Frontline Feminisms — Care, Resistance and Survival** · Stories and lessons from women and girls on the frontline of climate and disaster crises
15:15–16:30	**Plenary 4: From Humanitarian Response to Transformative Prevention** · Reimagining DRR systems through justice, care economies and rights-based governance
16:30–16:45	**Wrap-up and Day 2 announcement:** Sign-up for Day 2 teach-in and strategy sessions
16:45–17:00	Evening coffee at themed interest tables
17:00	Free evening

Day 2 - Learning and Strategy Building | 6 NOVEMBER

Morning: Learning Labs ("Back to Class") — Interactive technical sessions. Afternoon: Strategy Sessions.

TIME	PROGRAM
08:45–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:30	Coming together and wellness check (Day 1 recap and guidance for parallel sessions)
09:30–10:45	**Learning Labs, Round 1** (choose one): **Sendai Framework and Gender Action Plan · Inclusive and Intersectional Approaches · Early Warning Systems · Grassroots Women's Organising as Resilience Infrastructure** — *subject to change*
10:45–11:15	*Tea & health break*
11:15–12:30	**Learning Labs, Round 2** (choose one): **Data and feminist research methodologies in relation to DRR· SRHR & GBV Interlinkages · Economic Dimensions of DRR · Collective care and Psychosocial dimensions of post-disaster recovery** — *subject to change*
12:30–13:15	**Joint reflection:** Coming together in resistance
13:15–14:30	*Lunch*

TIME	PROGRAM
14:30–16:00	**Strategy Sessions** (choose one): **Influencing the PPED convention · National DRR governance engagement · Resource mobilization · Implementation of the Sendai Framework and its Gender Action Plan** — *subject to change*
16:00–16:15	*Health break*
16:15–17:15	DRR in Multilaterism: From COP31 and beyond
18:00-until whenever	**Feminist Open Mike Night** · A feminist space to speak our truths, share pain and frustrations, listen with care, and nurture trust and collective power (and of course, prepare your talents!)

Day 3 - Learning and Strategy Building | 7 NOVEMBER

Consolidating priorities, commitments, next steps, and shared accountability.

TIME	PROGRAM
08:45-09:00	Registration and check-out support
09:00–10:00	**Plenary 5: Strategy Session Proposals** · The three strategy session leads share key proposals from their sessions
10:00–10:45	**Open discussion:** What is missing? What is neither realistic nor strategic? Is the plan ambitious enough for the challenge we face?
10:45–11:15	*Tea & health break*
11:15–12:00	**Commitments:** What we commit to as individuals and as a collective; next steps and shared accountability
12:00–12:30	**Closing:** Recap, vote of thanks from co-conveners, and closing ritual
12:30-14:00	Farewell lunch and departure

Program details may be adjusted.
Room assignments for parallel sessions will be shared the evening before each day.



"A world where care is recognized as infrastructure, prevention is valued over response, resources follow vulnerability, and feminist leadership is recognized as essential."

