Governance for the **Sustainable Development Goals**
Capacity Development Curriculum

Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

*Course Introduction and Overview*
The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice. It calls for societies based on respect for human rights (including the right to development), on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, as elaborated in Sustainable Development Goal 16.

The 11 Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development, developed by the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2018 highlight the need for pragmatic and ongoing improvements in national and local governance capabilities to reach the SDGs. One of the Principles of Effective Governance is competence. A competent and effective public service with well-motivated and professional public servants is at the center of success in implementing government policies and programs related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, including in delivering services to those left furthest behind. Without a dedicated effort to help governments mobilize and develop the knowledge and capacities of public servants at all levels, progress on the SDGs may be undermined.

"The pandemic has provided us with an important moment to reflect on two key issues: How to better support public servants in their work and how to build institutional resilience in the public sector so that we can better meet such challenges in the future." Mr. Zhenmin Liu, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on the occasion of UN Public Service Day 2020
VISION

The Curriculum on Governance is a comprehensive set of training of trainers capacity development toolkits, which contain ready-to-use training material on key governance dimensions needed to advance the implementation of the SDGs. By facilitating training of trainers, the Curriculum can help equip public servants with the knowledge and capacities to effectively implement the SDGs. The Curriculum's training material can be used to run face-to-face and online training workshops at national and local government levels.

GOAL

The Curriculum's goal is to promote critical understanding of sustainable development issues, enhance governance capacity, strengthen public servants' awareness of their active role in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and develop the knowledge and capacities required to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The capacity development training workshops intend to support concrete outcomes and lasting impact.

STRUCTURE

The Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs is composed of a number of training of trainers toolkits. They have been developed in a holistic way and are complementary. They are structured around modules that include readings, self-assessment situation analysis, application of theories learned to concrete issues and challenges, priority setting exercises, cooperative and experiential learning through case studies, action planning and other activities that can assist countries in advancing governance transformation for sustainable development.
What is the Methodology of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs?

METHODOLOGY

The Curriculum is designed and implemented through the engagement of governments and schools of public administration. Its methodology is based on key building blocks in line with the UN Secretary General’s vision:

- Promoting systems thinking;
- Leveraging the potential of ICT and digital government;
- Fostering collaboration and co-creation;
- Driving institutional transformational change;
- Focusing on impact;
- Enhancing flexibility.

The Curriculum provides methodologies and approaches that can advance knowledge and assist governments in developing capacities at the individual, organizational and institutional/societal level, to drive the transformational change needed to implement the 2030 Agenda. The toolkits are intended to be used in interactive, results-oriented and engaging training courses. Modules from various toolkits can be combined based on a country's needs. The training toolkits will be continuously updated and expanded based on the feedback received from schools of public administration and governments. They will become “living documents”.
GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON GOVERNANCE FOR THE SDGs

UN DESA’s Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), which is leading the UN Programme on Public Administration, coordinates the Global Initiative on Developing Capacities of Public Servants for SDG implementation. The Initiative is in line with the ECOSOC Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development. It aims at developing the capacities of governments and public servants (in terms of knowledge, skills, attitudes, leadership competences and mindsets) to support the implementation of the SDGs.

The Global Initiative has led to the establishment of Regional Task Forces of Schools of Public Administration, Management Development Institutes and human resources managers in the public sector. The Regional Task Forces have contributed to the overall design of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs, which was developed by UN DESA/DPIDG. Every year new toolkits will be added depending on the demand and needs of governments and schools of public administration, and in close collaboration with the Resident Coordinators system and relevant partners.

UN DESA/DPIDG’s CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

UN DESA leads the development arm of the United Nations Secretariat. With a mission to promote development for all, the Department provides thought leadership, capacity development, and encourages multilateral partnerships to empower countries and people to achieve their development goals. It also brings the UN together on sustainable development to facilitate greater complementarity and coherence.

The overall capacity development mission of the UN DESA/DPIDG is to support governments in strengthening their capacities to translate the SDGs and other internationally agreed goals into institutional arrangements, strategies and programmes for effective service delivery and participatory, accountable and inclusive decision-making processes.

The Division’s capacity development efforts are geared towards supporting developing countries, with a focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
Who can benefit from the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs?

BENEFICIARIES

The Curriculum and its training toolkits can be used in different ways by:

- **Governments and schools of public administration** or institutions with training mandates. Trainers have access to the material produced to mainstream the courses and modules into their own curricula, depending on their specific needs.

- **Resident Coordinators, UN agencies and Regional Commissions** to conduct national capacity development workshops.

- **Members of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN).**

- **UN DESA** to conduct regional and national workshops, upon governments’ request, and in collaboration with the United Nations Regional Commissions and Resident Coordinators.
What are the Topics of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs?

- Public Servants’ Mindsets to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Public Institutions
- Institutional Arrangements and Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence
- Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation
- Innovation and ICT for Public Service Delivery
- Government Innovation for Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups
- Risk-Informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
- Digit4SD: Digital Government Implementation
What are the Topics of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGS?

**E-GOVERNMENT FOR WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**
UN ESCAP & UN DESA | DPIDG | UNPOG
Training of Trainers | English

**INTEGRATED POLICIES AND POLICY COHERENCE FOR THE SDGs**
UNITAR, ECLAC & UN DESA | DPIDG | DSDG
Training of Trainers | English
This Training Toolkit is part of UN DESA’s overall Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs, developed by its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (D PIDG).

The Toolkit is interlinked with all the other Training Toolkits of UN DESA as part of the Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs.

The Training Toolkit mainly focuses on Risk-informed Governance and Leveraging Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience building.
Relationship to Other Training Toolkits

Changing Mindsets in Public Institutions to Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
UN DESA | DPDG
Training of Trainers | English

Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Public Institutions
UN DESA | DPDG
Training of Trainers | English

Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
UN DESA | DPDG | UNPODG
Training of Trainers | English
Access the Toolkit!

Institutional Arrangements and Governance Capacities for Policy Coherence
UN DESA | DPDG
Training of Trainers | English

E-Government for Women’s Empowerment
UN ESCAP | UN DESA | DPDG
Training of Trainers | English

Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation
UN DESA | DPDG | UNPODG
Training of Trainers | English

Government Innovation for Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups
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Innovation and Digital Government for Public Service Delivery
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DIGIT4SD: Digital Government Implementation
UN DESA | DPDG
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Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

Related SDGs: SDG 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16

Keywords: Risk-informed Governance, Innovation, Frontier Technologies, Resilience, Competencies

Language: English

Learning Outcomes:
The training toolkit provides ready-to-use training material to support UN Member States’ efforts to strengthen country-level capacities to promote government innovation for disaster risk reduction and resilience, with a specific focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Land-Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Upon successful completion of the course, learners will:

• Apply concepts on how to establish public governance frameworks and close technology gaps for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development in vulnerable states;

• Be equipped with knowledge of how digital government solutions can be implemented to promote public service innovation for resilience;

• Define a strategy and roadmap on how to promote government innovation and expand the adoption of frontier technologies for disaster risk reduction and resilience;

• Mobilize the means of implementation to leverage innovations in technology through public programmes and finance and technology transfer; and

• Set up plans to measure progress on disaster risk reduction and resilience.
Training Toolkit at a Glance

Methodology:

Using a cascade training methodology, this toolkit is a set of comprehensive and fully customizable training materials, which includes:

- an overall training manual, facilitators guide and PPT.
- group work, practical exercises, and case study scenario discussions to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and open exchanges.

The toolkit can be used as direct training or training of trainers.

Target audience:

The target audience for this toolkit are public institutions leading the implementation of the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for DRR, including schools of public administration and related institutions which can scale up the training materials as well as contextualize the training for national use.

Access the toolkit: The toolkit is free of charge.
Syllabus

The toolkit is comprised of the following modules and sessions that can be used to conduct a regional or national training:

**Module 1.0: Science, Technology, and Innovation in Public Governance for DRR and Resilience**
- Module 1.1: Risk-Informed Governance for DRR and Resilience
- Module 1.2: Science, Technology, and Innovation for Risk-informed Governance
- Module 1.3: Global, Regional, and National Efforts to Advance Innovative Technologies Use in DRR
- Module 1.4: Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Public Health Emergencies

**Module 2.0: Practical and Planned Application of Emerging Technology and Innovation for DRR and Resilience**
- Module 2.1: Extending Our Reach and Expanding Our Capabilities
- Module 2.2: Changing How We Make and Acquire Things
- Module 2.3: Connecting People, Things, and Technology
- Module 2.4: Improving Data Analysis and the Presentation of Information
- Module 2.5: Humans as a Resource

**Module 3.0: Implementation of Emerging Technologies and Innovation for DRR and Resilience**
- Module 3.1: Implementing and Financing Technology Solutions
- Module 3.2: Technology Gaps and Challenges to Implementation of Innovative Technologies for DRR
- Module 3.3: Measuring Progress: Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation Efforts

**Annex:** Pre and Post Test Self Assessment, Pre-Event Evaluation Questionnaire, and Action Planning Exercise for follow up actions
## Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the introductory session, participants are expected to enhance their understanding on the:

- Administrative overview (policies and emergency procedures)
- Course purpose, specific learning outcomes, and expectations
- Course structure and instructional format

Format

- Presentations
- Group work, practical exercises, and case study scenario discussions to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and open exchanges
Evaluation/Assessment Methods

- Facilitators observation of participants involvement in the discussions
- Facilitator-led discussion to ensure that participants understand both how performance will be evaluated and how that evaluation will impact Participants’ outcomes
- Participant completion of a group hands-on activity
- Pre and Post Test Self Assessment, Pre-Event Evaluation Questionnaire, and Action Planning Exercise for follow up actions
Introduction of Participants and Facilitating Team

- Each participant introduces themselves by:

  1. Name and Title
  2. Organization and Country
  3. Expectations for the training workshop
  4. Objective for taking part in the training
  5. Understanding on the concept of risk-informed governance and innovative technology for DRR
  6. Specific capacity challenges faced by participants regarding DRR and resilience
Resources for the Training

1. Facilitator's guide
2. Session presentation slides
3. Laptop with presentation software installed
4. Projection unit and Projection Screen or Smart Board
5. Chalkboard (and chalk), whiteboard (and dry erase markers), or easel and easel paper (and permanent markers)
6. One of each of the following items per Participant:
   - Toolkit
   - Black ink pen
   - Notebook or paper
Contact us for any requests for further capacity development support

The toolkit is intended to be used in face to face or virtual capacity development trainings. To consider follow-up support, we encourage national and local governments to request further capacity development assistance by sending an email to Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) at unpan@un.org. This is the Decade of Action, and at the UN we are committed to helping governments achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind.

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In this opening session, participants and facilitating team introductions are undertaken. The facilitating team explains to participants how the course will be administered, which includes an overview of program policies and facility emergency procedures. The facilitator will also explain the course structure, format, and evaluation methods, and provide a summary of the topics and activities that will be included in the five days of facilitation that follow.

- Introduction of Speakers and Participants; Programme Overview; Icebreaker Activity
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#### Training Toolkit at a Glance

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<td>Session 1 introduces, defines, and explains at both the theoretical and technical levels emergency and disaster risk management and resilience building efforts. Participants are to reflect on what and where data informs risk planning and how risks are integrated into current planning and decision-making. Participants also reflect on the entities in government that are informed about resilience and risk, and how these government entities coordinate with central planning and decision-making, as well as SDGs institutional coordination for resilience. Participants consider how public sector entities identify hazards, assess, and manage risk, and respond to and recover from disasters. Public alert and warning are also covered in recognition of the significant contributions to these functions that have emerged on account of new technologies and innovations. The lessons contained in this session serve to establish a baseline understanding of the various foci of technology and innovation applications, whether that be identification and monitoring of risk, detection, notification, and assessment of emergency and disaster situations, and response and recovery support during and in the aftermath of actualized events. In this session, participants are also to share and learn about their specific country risk profiles according to PreventionWeb country data. Risk-informed governance and decision-making are addressed.</td>
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| **Learning Outcomes** | - Ability to explain how an adverse event progresses from emergency to catastrophe.  
- Ability to list and define the major components of comprehensive disaster management  
- Understanding of the range and diversity of functions of government that support disaster risk management and how technologies can streamline risk information across government.  
- Ability to explain how innovative technologies improve the disaster management planning process, and how official and citizen disaster preparedness efforts might be improved as a result of new technology applications. |
| **Schedule** | 10:00-11:00: Presentation  
11:00-12:00: Work Group  
12:00-13:00: Lunch Break |
Module 1.2: Science, Technology, and Government Innovation for Risk-informed Governance

This session provides a foundational context for the application of technology in emergency and disaster management, and for the enhancement of resilience. Instructional materials allow participants to better conceptualize the purpose and nature of technological innovation as it applies in a theoretical sense and as it supports the achievement of societal and public sector goals including sustainable development. A conceptual basis of data and information, both of which play important roles in the furtherance of science and the adoption of new technologies and innovations, is provided. The importance of new technologies in collecting data and informing decision-making in public governance and planning in disaster prevention phases and risk mitigation is discussed. Participants are given a first look at the limitations of technology use and technological innovation, the challenges encountered, and risks faced or created.

Discussion Topics:
- The availability and application of technologies used in participants' own work, and how this has changed over their career.
- The benefits that participants have gained and the costs that have been incurred as technologies are introduced and adopted in their professions.
- Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).
- e-Government implementation considerations.
- The impact of new technologies, and the readiness of governments to implement them.
- Macro-level changes that are occurring in the disaster risk management field as a result of technological innovation.
- Different types of knowledge.
- Different types of data and information used in participants' work.
- The limitations, challenges, and risks that are key to understanding and planning for new and emerging technologies.
- Differences in access to technology.
- Technology and innovation risks.

Learning Outcomes
- Ability to define science and technology, and innovation, and to understand what qualifies a system or solution as being “emerging” or “disruptive”.
- Ability to explain what resilience is, and how it applies to individuals, communities, organizations, and societies.
- Increased understanding of the ways science and technology may be used to support society and governance, including the pursuit of sustainable development goals.
- Knowledge of the technological solutions available to support digital government and public service innovation for DRR.
- Ability to explain what resilience is, and how it applies to individuals, communities, organizations, and societies.

Key Readings

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<td>Improving technological innovation in support of disaster risk reduction and sustainable development, and expanding access to the products of innovation, are complementary efforts that play a central role in the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this session, participants learn how these and other efforts support the expanded use of technology in support of evidence-based policy making and risk-informed governance for resilience. Some of the leading challenges that exist (notably with regards to the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)) are introduced. The practice of developing science and technology national strategies and how these are integrated into national development strategies is included.</td>
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| **Discussion Topics:** | ・ Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) Report Recommendations  
・ Focus of S&T in the Sendai Framework  
・ Linking Development and Disaster Resilience  
・ Information Sharing Experience  
・ Recommendations of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)  
・ Universality of the Strategy for STI in Africa (STISA-2024) Pillars  
・ Good Practices for Advancing STI National and Local Strategies |
| **Learning Outcomes** | ・ Ability to describe how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework address the need for scientific and technological innovation.  
・ Enhanced capacity to promote or support creation and/or advancement of national science and technology strategies. |
| **Schedule** | 15:30-16:30: Presentation  
16:30-17:00: Work Group |
| **17:00-17:15** | **Day 1 Wrap-up and Reflection** |
## Day 2: 9:00-10:00

**Module 1.4: Risk-informed Governance and Innovative Technology for Public Health Emergencies**

### Content

Public health is constantly threatened by a wide range of hazards and disasters. Despite measures to prevent them, emergencies of varying types, scales and consequences still occur. Emergency preparedness is a continuous process in which action, funding, partnerships, and political commitment at all levels must be sustained. The overall responsibility for safeguarding, maintaining, and restoring the health and wellbeing of communities lies with national governments. Strengthening governance capacities and leveraging innovative technologies is critical for public health emergencies. This session presentation and discussions will focus on the role of risk-informed governance and innovative technology for public health emergencies including COVID-19 pandemic.

**Discussion Topics:**
- Principles for Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Strengthening Governance Capacity for Public Health Emergencies
- Data-driven Decision Making for Public Health Emergencies
- Digital Government for Public Health Emergencies

### Learning Outcomes

- Increased understanding on the role of Risk-Informed Governance and Innovative Technologies for Public Health Emergencies
- Understand the contribution of Science, Technology and Innovation to DRR in the context of COVID-19.
- Strengthened capacity on the entire process of preparedness, prevention, response and post-recovery to respond to public health emergencies including COVID-19 pandemic.

### Key Readings


### Schedule

- **9:00-9:45:** Presentation
- **9:45-10:00:** Work Group

### Day 1 Wrap-up and Reflection

**17:00-17:15**
Day 2: Practical and Planned Application of Emerging Technology and Government Innovation for DRR and Resilience

### Module 2.1: Extending Our Reach and Expanding Our Capabilities

**10:00-12:00**

In this session, participants study a range of new technologies and innovations that are enabling public sector organizations to expand their sensing, planning, and operational capabilities. Unmanned vehicles, whether designed for aerial, terrestrial, or aquatic movement, are finding new application in almost every aspect of disaster risk management with examples including the remote study of land, water, and man-made features and facilities; the identification and monitoring of threatening hazards and conditions; the assessment of disaster damages and impacts; the expansion of information and communications technology (ICT) systems’ reach; and the conduct of operational response and recovery tasks such as relief delivery. This relatively inexpensive and highly accessible technology has shown incredible potential across each of these areas, especially when coupled with advanced imaging (e.g., LiDAR) capabilities. Robotics, a grouping within which unmanned vehicles are often placed, includes a broad range of general and specialized operational capabilities that are helping to enhance disaster risk management capacities. Examples include search and rescue and access into environmentally hostile situations, environmental assessment, weather monitoring, and more. And through the use of increasingly sophisticated remote and in-situ imagery and sensing capabilities, planning and forecasting capabilities in support of DRR and resilience are moving at-risk and disaster-impacted communities towards more resilient futures.

**Discussion Topics:**
- The benefits that may be gained through incorporation of unmanned vehicle technology in each emergency management phase (multiple discussions).
- Features and attributes of robots that are particularly useful in the disaster setting.
- Value of LiDAR Program Data
- Benefits that may be gained through access to data collected using in-situ and remote sensing technologies, and the limits of such resources and systems.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Strengthened capacity to request and utilize imagery produced using in-situ and remote sensing systems in order to better reduce the risk of, plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters.
- Ability to understand the current and planned capacity of robots and drones.
- Capacity to recognize pre- and post-disaster scenarios where unmanned vehicle technologies, robotics, or in-situ and remotely-sensed imagery can provide informational or operational support.

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<td>Participants will visit a facility that utilizes one or more of the innovative technologies detailed in Module 3 (Innovative Technologies Overview).</td>
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In this session, participants explore how new technological advancements and innovations in manufacturing and construction are improving our abilities to prevent disasters from happening and recovering successfully from them when they do. Additive manufacturing, more commonly known as 3-D printing, offers an astounding range of support options for disaster risk management and resilience building efforts. The cost to 3-D printing technology has fallen to a point that enables access by almost any organization. With additive manufacturing capabilities, response organizations are finding there is less need to stockpile unique or as-needed items given these can be manufactured on site and can even be customized. An expanding range of raw materials that may be used for this form of manufacturing further expands the possible uses, including foods, medicines, and medical supplies. The scale of utility has likewise expanded as larger printers have been developed, with capabilities for the printing of vehicles and even homes now within the realm of possibility. Science, technology, and innovation have also improved the materials of construction themselves. Self-healing buildings, materials that alleviate natural forces, materials that produce energy, and others are improving mitigation options and increasing the prospects for community resilience. Utilization of new construction materials and techniques is helping to ensure that replacement and new buildings are better able to withstand future events, and robotics, 3-D printing, and other mechanisms are making the rebuilding process faster and more cost efficient.

**Discussion Topics:**
- Use of manufactured goods in the disaster context.
- Country-specific advantages and disadvantages related to additive manufacturing.
- The suitability of 3D printed homes.
- Innovative materials champions.
- Use of semi-permanent quick-setup shelters.
- Promoting research and development of new materials.

### Learning Outcomes

- Ability to identify where access to 3-D printing technology will support planning and/or operations
- Enhanced knowledge about new construction materials and methods, including when and where they are appropriate, and the benefits gained through their application.

### Key Readings


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Module 2.3: Connecting People, Things, and Technology

The interconnectedness of people to people, people to things, and things to things, coupled with improved capacity to transfer information electronically, is changing how risks and disasters are managed. New communications technologies, namely fifth generation (5G) cellular network data transmission, are allowing devices to collect and transmit information on a previously-unimaginable scale. Expansion of existing technologies for new uses, as is occurring with SMS texting, is further improving crisis, emergency, and risk communication, including between citizen responders and their governments. Mesh networks are expanding the reach of existing infrastructure and helping to manage in situations where infrastructure doesn’t exist or has been impacted by disasters. The nature of information collected is also expanding on account of the transmission capacity. New infrastructure systems and linkages are expanding access even in situations where traditional networks are nonexistent, damaged, or otherwise nonfunctional. Distributed ledger (‘blockchain’) technology, is also helping in this regard, namely through the improvement of availability and fidelity of disaster-related information, and in the process is solving many longstanding problems related to transparency and equitable relief and recovery as well as supporting more effective planning and disaster financing.

Discussion Topics:
- The computer in your pocket.
- Cloud computing versus e-Government.
- How can cloud computing enhance disaster risk management?
- What can and should be connected to the internet of things?
- IoT-based training needs.
- Disaster risk management uses of distributed ledger technology.

Learning Outcomes
- Ability to explain how 5G and IoT are improving hazard monitoring, alert, and warning.
- Increased understanding of the information management and sharing capabilities afforded by new and emerging technologies.
- Ability to incorporate distributed ledger technology into relief and recovery plans and policies.

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11:00-11:30: Presentation
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Data and information are collected through myriad channels and means in advance of, during, and in the aftermath of a disaster, and new and innovative technologies are significantly expanding the pool of options. Once collected, data remains of little value without the capacity to assess, analyze, and report it in a manner that supports effective decision-making. In this session, participants look at how advanced computing capacity and software options are being used to analyze massive quantities of data collected on grand scales (‘big data’) to support decisionmakers, and how those same systems are enabling wider access to visualization of data and information usable even by practitioners with little to no training in geographic information systems use. Through artificial intelligence and machine learning, computers are expanding their utility in this regard. Advanced imaging in the form of virtual and augmented reality, is allowing information to be communicated and learning to occur in ways that improve cognition while reducing unnecessary risks to trainees and practitioners. These new technologies are increasing the conceptual capacity and forecasting abilities of planners and responders alike.

**Discussion Topics:**
- Big Data in government.
- Data sources and stakeholders.
- Mobile phone data.
- Local data partners.
- New data for disaster risk management analysis.
- The limits of artificial intelligence.
- Risk acceptability for AI solutions.
- Using predictive analysis to support resilience.
- Why use virtual reality?

**Learning Outcomes:**
- Ability to incorporate existing big data analysis systems into planning and response.
- Understanding of the range of big data that is being collected by different stakeholders, and the importance of data standards and open data policies to support its use in disaster risk management.
- Comprehension of artificial intelligence and machine learning, including what these related technologies are doing to improve the capabilities of disaster risk reduction practitioners.
- Ability to understand how virtual and augmented reality are increasing cognition and improving resilience.

**Key Readings**
## Day 4: Practical and Planned Application of Emerging Technology and Innovation for DRR and Resilience

### Module 2.4: Improving Data Analysis and the Presentation of Information (Continued)

**Schedule**
- 9:00-9:30: Presentation
- 9:30-10:00: Work Group

### Module 2.5: Humans as a Resource

**Content**
Citizens are assuming an increasingly critical role in the informational aspects of society, and social activities themselves, through the many mechanisms for interconnectedness and communication that have been developed. Social media and the prevalence of communications technologies including mobile phones is enabling individuals to support pre- and post-disaster response and recovery operations, both of official responders and the actions of other citizens and organizations. Through participation in research and other studies, citizens are contributing to the generation and improvement of information and are helping to support different aspects of disaster risk management including monitoring, notification, assessment, crisis communication, and other functions. Citizens are also contributing indirectly through the prevalence of social media, which response organizations can utilize to improve situational awareness. Social media organizations are likewise tapping into their unique access to support emergency operations and situational awareness by communicating with their members and subscribers.

**Discussion Topics:**
- Engagement for resilience.
- What can you crowdsource?
- When VGI makes sense.
- Using VGI for exposure and vulnerability mapping.
- Incentives for citizen science.
- Promoting citizen science for community resilience.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Capacity to utilize social media for expanded situational awareness in disasters, and to conduct two-way information sharing with the public.
- Ability to understand how crowdsourcing and citizen science supports risk-informed decision-making.

**Key Readings**

**Schedule**
- 10:00-11:00: Presentation
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Day 5: Implementation of Emerging Technologies and Government Innovation for DRR and Resilience

Module 3.1: Implementing and Financing Technology Solutions

In this session, participants explore the mechanisms by which community and national government planners identify, access, and implement technology solutions and innovations. Instructional materials will cover the various stakeholders involved in the implementation process, and the requirements and mechanisms for expanding access to technologies as beneficiary or user. Materials will focus on many of the key requirements for adopting emerging technologies, such as data preparedness, public education and staff training, and systemization and standardization, among others. Participants will also explore the mechanisms through which countries and communities may finance emerging technologies adoption and maintenance. Explored options will include technology funds, partnership with the private sector, official development assistance, and others. Development partnerships, agreements, and knowledge transfer platforms that support innovative technologies uptake and adoption will also be covered in this session.

Discussion Topics:
- Capacity domains in the context of emerging technology (multiple discussions on this topic).
- Stakeholder roles and responsibilities.
- Why do countries need STI policy?

Learning Outcomes
- Increased knowledge of the requirements countries and communities face before a technology is adopted, during its use, and for long-term maintenance of the capacity.
- Increased awareness of regional and global partnerships and efforts aimed at expanding access to and uptake of emerging technologies, including South-South and triangular cooperation.
- Increased capacity to assess, prioritize, and pursue financing options to address emerging technology needs.

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<td>In Session 2, participants will explore the problems associated with emerging technologies that are largely to blame for disparities in their use between different regions and countries. Materials will look deeper into the roots of the ‘digital divide’ consider how such gaps can work in a country’s favor in terms of ‘leapfrogging’ existing capacity. Institutional barriers to access, uptake, and utilization will be examined, from the public institutions that support them to the ability of the emergency management community to reach the ‘last-mile’ of delivery. In this session, participants also explore the impacts of technology use, understanding that implementation and/or access rarely comes without some cost.</td>
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<td><strong>Learning Outcomes</strong></td>
<td>· Increased understanding of the primary barriers to access, adoption, and utilization of emerging technologies, including the strength of public institutions, institutional knowledge and brain-drain, political challenges and policy restrictions, public investment problems, donor rigidity, infrastructure dependencies, and more.</td>
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## Module 3.3: Measuring Progress: Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation Efforts

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In this final module, participants will consider what monitoring and evaluation requirements exist in terms of emerging technologies access, adoption, and use, and how those requirements may be addressed. Materials will apply the goals and priorities of the Sendai Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals as international standards against which evaluation may be measured, but also provide alternate measures and methods.

### Discussion Topics:
- Value of global goals and indicators.
- Data collection methods.
- Evaluation of emerging technologies.

### Learning Outcomes
- Increased understanding of monitoring and evaluation methods that are relevant to the adoption and use of emerging technologies.
- Developed capacity to more effectively identify and plan for monitoring and evaluation needs when planning for emerging technologies use.

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