



**World Humanitarian Summit  
High-Level Leader's Roundtable  
Natural disasters and climate change: managing risks and crises differently  
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*Talking Points (3- minute intervention)  
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- I want to thank Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for bringing the humanitarian and development communities together today, at a time when extreme weather events are intensifying due to climate change, with development patterns exacerbating risk and vulnerability.
- The World Bank Group comes with great humility and respect for the strong work by the humanitarian community to save lives. We believe development partners can complement these efforts, and we hope we can find new ways to collaborate going forward.
- To achieve our goal of ending extreme poverty, the World Bank Group is helping countries build resilience to disaster and climate risk, with a focus on the poor and the vulnerable.
- We know that building countries' resilience and preparing for shocks reduces the impact of hazards, and preparedness enables timely and effective responses and recovery. Governments, development organizations and humanitarian agencies can deliver these outcomes by working together.
- An important first step is to ensure that we have a shared understanding of the risks countries and communities face. **The World Bank Group is committed to helping develop and enable open access to risk knowledge**, as we are doing for example through our Open Data for Resilience Initiative. **We are also supporting the creation of a global development risk platform that is similar.**
- To scale up investments in preparedness, **the World Bank Group is already working with partners on the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems initiative or "CREWS".**
- With UN agencies and the Vulnerable Twenty Group of countries, **we are supporting a Global Preparedness Partnership - which is being launched here and through this roundtable** - to help ensure that strong national and local institutions, and planning and financing for preparedness are integral parts of countries' disaster management frameworks.
- Another important investment countries can take to be better prepared - is to build adaptive national safety nets, supporting households to manage risks and absorb shocks. **We are**



**committed to helping governments build and structure these systems so they can be scaled up during disasters.**

- **For governments, local actors, and humanitarian and development partners to be able to take early action, they will need to agree in advance on coordinated action plans and evidence-based decision-making processes for accessing and distributing funds. We are committed to helping countries increase the use of risk and contingent financing and insurance-based products so support is accessible as it is needed.**
- **Through our City Resilience Program and, in partnership with other development actors, we are expanding our portfolio of investments to help make the urban poor more resilient and to leverage private sector investments.**
- **We are also committed to empowering communities to build resilience through community driven development programs.**
- By collaborating in advance, we believe we can significantly reduce exposure to risk for many countries and we look forward to working with you on this.
- Thank you.