Why this Conference?

Broad Objective
Identify concrete actions to rollout Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 with meaningful participation and contributions by persons with disabilities and their organizations in its planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting process.

Specific objectives:
1. Share ideas for inclusive implementation of Sendai Framework for DRR.
2. Strongly advocate for disability inclusion in all disaster concerned policies, frameworks, resource allocation, programmes and ensure its monitoring and reporting.
3. Exchange innovative practices and share new knowledge & tools on disability inclusive disaster risk and crises management. And to focus on “how to” implement disability inclusive disaster risk and crises management by mainstream DRR and Humanitarian actors.
4. Highlight contributions of persons with disabilities, Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) and organizations working on disability issues in the field of disaster risk and crises management.
5. Launch and introduce the book ‘Crises, Conflict and Disability: Ensuring Equality’.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai Framework) is the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda with seven targets and four priorities for action. It recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders. It aims for the following outcome:

The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

It was endorsed by the UN General Assembly following the 2015 Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR).

Details at http://www.unisdr.org/we/coordinate/sendai-framework
Chief Guest to the opening ceremony:
Sheikh Hasina, the Honourable Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh (To be confirmed)

Representation of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR):
UNISDR will be represented by Dr. Jerry Velasquez, Chief, Advocacy and Outreach Section.

Council of Advisors of the Conference:
1. Chief Adviser: Ms. Saima Hossain, Member WHO’s Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health and Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism, Bangladesh
2. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
3. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare
4. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
5. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Local Government Division
6. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
7. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Organizers
- Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief
- Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh, and
- Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)

Associate Organizer
- Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Co-organizers
- Local Government Division (LGD)
- Department of Disaster Management (DDM)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Jatiyo Protibondhu Unnayan Foundation (JPUP)
- Neuro Developmental Disability Trust (NDDT)

In Collaboration With
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Co-organizers
- Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), Dhaka University.
- National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD)
- Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC)

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Theme:
Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management in Post 2015 agenda.