Putting People First:
Practices, Challenges and Innovations in Characterizing and Mapping Social Groups

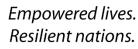# About the session

- **Disasters impact different people differently.**
- **The socially vulnerable are the most at risk from disasters and they also suffer the most from the impacts of disasters.**
- **We do not yet systematically quantify the social dimensions of vulnerability and integrate these in disaster risk assessments.**

About the session …

The session deals with the issues and challenges in characterizing and mapping socially vulnerable groups within disaster risk assessment framework by considering various dimensions of social vulnerability –

income disparity, class, race/ ethnicity, culture, gender, age, disability, health, language, literacy, families and households.

About the session ...

The session discusses sources of information on social vulnerability and reviews tools for assessing social vulnerability and looks at recent innovations in improving the identification and understanding of social vulnerabilities.

The session is expected to enhance

better understanding of the general framework of social vulnerability and appreciation of why social vulnerability is necessary in order to reduce risks and increase resilience.

Panelists

1. Stephane Hallegatte (Climate Change Group, World Bank Group)

2. Krunoslav Katic, UNDP Croatia

3. Richa Sharma, Independent Consultant, India

4. Cecilia Costella, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

5. Till Zbiranski, OECD

6. Jianping Yan, UNDP

Session (4:00 – 5:30 PM)

Brief Agenda

- **Opening remarks by Jianping**
- **Presentation by each panelist (max. 8 minutes each)**
- **Discussions**