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## **Disasters and the Role of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**

presented by: Professor Virginia Murray

Wednesday, 20 June, 2018  
at 12:00 New York (EST); 17:00 London (GMT)

The Disaster Law Interest Group is pleased to announce the second seminar in its 2018 webinar series.

The recent synchronous adoption of 2015 UN landmark agreements of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and COP21's Paris Climate Conference has created a rare but significant opportunity to build coherence across different but overlapping policy areas. Taken together these frameworks make for a more complete agenda for building resilience which requires action spanning development, humanitarian, climate and disaster risk reduction areas with a shift away from managing crises to proactively reducing their risks. In order to respond efficiently to all of the agreements, effective use of best available knowledge, innovative thinking, leadership, coordination mechanisms and partnerships are vital. Synergies between policies, programmes and institutions need to be highlighted and supported by the alignment of actions with engagement of stakeholders at all levels, as well as the breaking down of traditional silos to be replaced by more integrated partnerships that reflect a more holistic approach to risk management and the development of well-informed policies and decisions across all countries.

Professor Virginia Murray is the Head of Global Disaster Risk Reduction for Public Health England. She has been much engaged in providing scientific support for the negotiations for and the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Prior to this she was appointed as Head of Extreme Events and Health Protection, Public Health England where she developed evidence base information and advice on flooding, heat, cold, volcanic ash, and other extreme weather and natural hazards events. Appointed as Visiting Professor in Health

Protection, MRC-HPA Centre for Environment and Health, Imperial College and King's College, London (2004) Honorary Professor at University College London (2013) and Visiting Professor to the UNU International Institute of Global Health Security (2016) she has published widely.

It should be possible for Professor Murray to field a few questions during the webinar. If you have any questions that you would like to pose, then please email them to Katja Samuel ([director@gsdm.global](mailto:director@gsdm.global)) before the webinar. Alternatively, you may use the message/comment function on Zoom to alert Katja to any questions you would like her to pose on your behalf (in which case, please send the question details) or that you would like to ask Professor Murray directly at the appropriate time.

It is also politely requested that, during Professor Murray's presentation, you use the 'mute' function to prevent background noise which can be quite disruptive for the speaker.

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