

International Webinar on “Understanding Disaster Risk Reduction-Sendai Framework” **(16th September, 2026)**

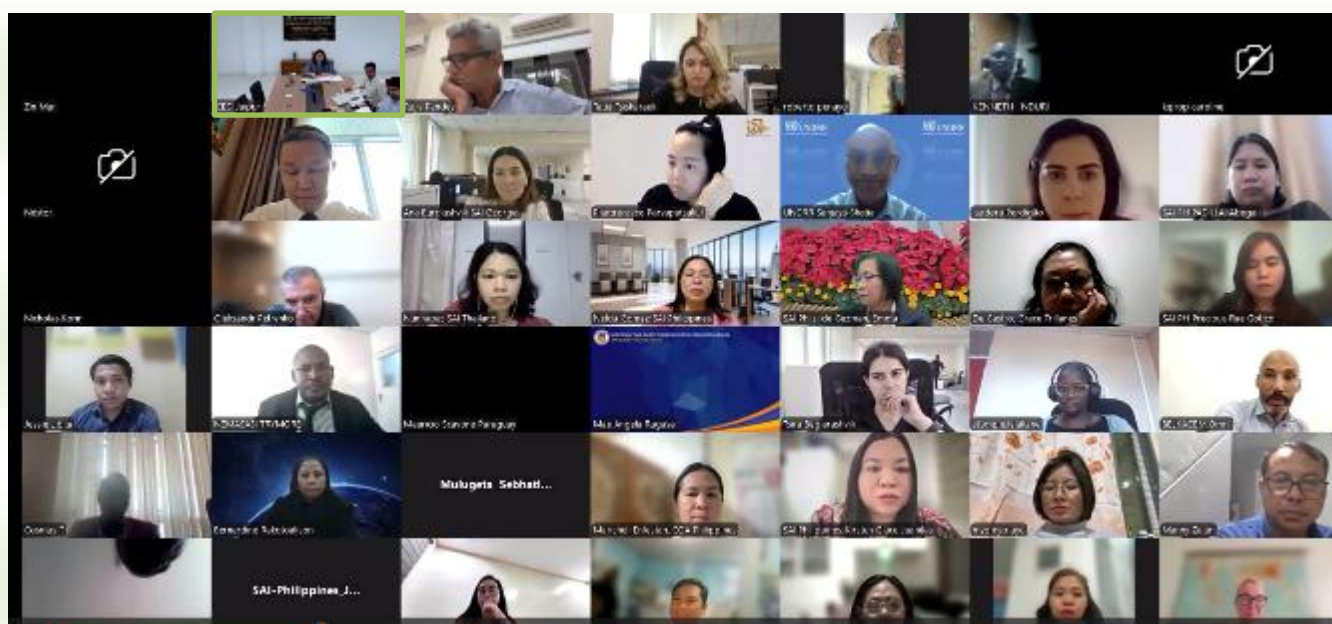
The International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), serving as the Global Training Facility (GTF) of the INTOSAI Working Group on Audit of Environmental Auditing (WGEA), organized a virtual International Webinar on “Understanding Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) - Sendai Framework” On 16th September, 2026. The webinar was attended by **363 participants representing 31 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) from across the globe.**

Mr. Rajiv Kumar Pandey, Director General of iCED, inaugurated the webinar. The event marked the **first webinar** in a series of activities planned under the INTOSAI WGEA Work Plan 2026–28.

In his inaugural address, he highlighted the significance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in view of the increasing frequency and complexity of disasters and their far-reaching impact on communities, economies and sustainable development.

He further emphasized that The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction provides an important global framework for understanding disaster risks and strengthening resilience.

The sessions were delivered by **Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia**, Head of the Office, Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) for Disaster Risk Reduction, Incheon, Republic of Korea; **Dr. Sutthi Suntharanurak**, Secretary General, INTOSAI WGEA; **Mr. Animesh Kumar**, Head of Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Bonn; and **Ms. Liia Laanes**, Senior Auditor, European Court of Auditors. The comprehensive and insightful presentations delivered by the speakers provided valuable perspectives on the **relevance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) to Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and national accountability systems.** The participants highly appreciated the expertise, practical experiences and key insights shared during the sessions, which contributed significantly to the overall effectiveness and success of the webinar.



Shri Rajiv Kumar Pandey, ADAI & DG of iCED, Dr. Sutthi Suntharanurak, Secretary General of INTOSAI WGEA, Ms. Bhavika Joshi Lathe, PD (OSD), iCED, Faculties and participants from various SAIs during the webinar

Valediction of the Webinar

During the valedictory session, the **Principal Director (OSD), iCED** extended special thanks to **Dr. Sutthi Suntharanurak, Secretary General, INTOSAI WGEA**, and his team for their continued support and cooperation in organising the International Webinar Series. She also expressed her appreciation to the faculty members and all participants for their enthusiastic participation and active engagement throughout the webinar. The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the valuable contributions of the speakers, organisers and participants towards the successful conduct of the event.