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Ms. Pypaert-Perrin made the point that as we move forward, we must move with not for people, and we also heard Mr. Kenny speak about harnessing the potential of technology. My question relates to pulling those two ideals together in the service of disaster risk reduction. The future of each of the SDGs will be impacted by climate change — in fact, that's our reality now. No, they won't be solved overnight, and indeed, we need to be looking at long term solutions, but they do demand our committed action immediately.

How can we work together, more meaningfully, across a variety of sectors and with a diversity of stakeholders to better contextualize solutions (early warning systems, resiliency measures, risk-informed development) so that we widen the range of who is reached by those solutions? In a sense, this refers back to Ms. Martin's statement, even bringing local languages, local contexts, and the missing connectivity for so many into our thinking in finding solutions?

Also, do you have ideas on what Ms. Howe suggested about looking for cross cutting issues and working together? UNDP is looking at resilience as one of those issues that cuts across. How could some of the frameworks, agreements and agendas such as Sendai, Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda be better brought together or aligned to help in this effort, and transformed into actions?