Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen

I am pleased to see that we have come to the end of the three days of highly productive discussions and the sharing of knowledge.

I thank you for the good contributions going into the Tokyo Statement and Policy Briefs. The enrichment of which will be very useful during the next steps.

The discussions and insightful suggestions have raised a number of solutions from science and technology for the implementation of the Sendai framework. Some of these solutions can be amplified by;

- Working with existing knowledge, solutions and experiences to implement Sendai framework
- From the practical solutions, work towards deep scaling, up scaling and out scaling of the solutions
- Work with existing models of stakeholder inclusion as well as through communication of science
- Mobilize the knowledge and technology to enhance risk reduction and resilience. As well as openly sharing the knowledge

This Forum has also highlighted gaps that need to be addressed and allow me to mention a few;

- Since the International Decade on National Disaster Reduction, the understanding of risk is yet to be resolved. There has been a transition from natural disasters to disaster risk but this forum has underscored emergent risk
- From the scientific and practice perspectives, build back better is both an action point (with the knowledge and technology at hand) but this notion has also generated inquest to learn given the multiple dimensions
- We are continuously reminded about the knowledge gap on value, investment in risk reduction as well as risk-embedded recovery programming

This forum has strongly highlighted the need to not become complacent with the successes. A couple of issues in this respect can act as conveners to build on the successes as the risk communities address the gaps.

- Models for inclusion of stakeholders as well as intergenerational engagement and multiple levels of government to global policy engagement
  - To this end accelerating the National Platforms is key
- Inter-disciplinary collaboration to catalyze the deepening of knowledge, deepening of solutions and implementing the solutions
- A re-emphasis of data gaps, a knowledge gap on existing data, Artificial Intelligence in data analysis, data sharing, integration and re-integration
- How to communicate scientific information, how the information is framed and mechanisms for exchange of the information.

IRDR welcomes the idea of a body to conduct periodic syntheses and IRDR is ready to contribute to formation and implementation of the assessment
IRDR sees this endeavor as important to mobilize what we know now but which can also enable us to prioritize questions in the subsequent iterations.

IRDR will continue to contribute towards the generation of the inter-disciplinary science, which can in turn inform the syntheses. IRDR will also contribute to the syntheses once this is agreed upon.

On behalf of IRDR, I would like to end by principally endorsing the Tokyo 2017 Statement as it evolves.

I thank the co-organizers and all for your contributions. The IRDR group looks forward to a continued engagement in order to safeguard achieved development and address persistent development challenges.