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Towards a risk-informed approach to development: Financing Resilience Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow

<u>Panel 1. Investing in Resilience to Safeguard SDGs – The economic and development rationale for risk reduction, prevention and resilience investments</u>

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As delivered

Chair,

- We appreciate the panelists' insightful information which highlights the preventive approach to DRR as a cost-effective investment.
- Ten years after the adoption of Sendai Framework, its implementation remains uneven. Economic losses from disasters continue to rise. Gaps in prevention, governance, financing and data capacity still persist.
- We must rethink how to **invest smarter and better**.
- In Thailand, at heart of our DRR policies is **risk management**. Our national planning, budgeting and delivery system of DRR are **risk-informed**, prioritizing **prevention and preparedness**.
- Allow me to share our three priorities **to build resilience against disasters**.
- First, investment in **data collection technology** will improve early action measures.
- We have invested in integrating risk data from line agencies into **decision-support systems** and the deployment of nationwide cell-broadcast alerts, and also piloting an **AI-enabled flood-surveillance** project across four major river basins that are flood prone.
- Second, we need to invest in **local communities**, empowering the **poorest and most vulnerable** as they are disproportionately affected by disasters.
- Our disaster preparedness is **community-led** and **locally-driven**. We have conducted **Community-Based Disaster Risk Management or CBDRM** training in 17,600 communities, engaging with women, persons with disabilities, youth, local leaders and civil-defense volunteers, and **DRR Education** from preschool through secondary school.
- Third, we must **close the financing gap** for DRR through enhancing access of States to finance, particularly for developing countries.
- **Regional financing mechanisms** can play an instrumental role. **ESCAP Tsunami Trust Fund**, to which Thailand is a founding donor, has supported multiple projects such as **Strengthening CBDRM in Asia** across India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Indonesia.

Chair,

- We believe that by **investing earlier and smarter** with **collective action** from all stakeholders, we can deliver on the SDGs and close implementation gap of the Sendai Framework.
- This leads to our one question on disaster finance - ***what is your advice on how government can facilitate in addressing mismatch of investment (between risks that's increasing vis-à-vis investment in resilience) among the private sector ?***

I thank you.

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