1. PURPOSE

To summarize and define action items from the ARISE Network Leaders Meeting.

2. MEETING INFORMATION

Date and time:
- 17:00-18:30 CET (25 June 2024) [Americas and Caribbean]
- 08:00-09:30 CET (26 June 2024) [Asia-Pacific, Arab States and Africa]

Location: UNDRR Geneva, 4th floor, Sendai Room and Zoom online
Attendance: See Appendix 1 for the list of participants

3. ACTION ITEMS

The following action items were identified:

No.	Key Action Items	Owner/Lead	Deadline
1.	Network Leaders to leverage upcoming regional platforms for disaster risk reduction in 2024 to strengthen networks and promote private sector role in DRR.	Network Leaders	2024/11/30

4. HIGHLIGHTS

- **Terry Kinyua, ARISE Co-Chair, extended a special welcome to the newly appointed SRSG, Kamal Kishore and heartfelt appreciation to the network leaders** for their tireless efforts in strengthening membership. She also thanked everyone for their diligence in completing the annual activity report exercise and highlighted that annual reporting is a vital tool for showcasing collective progress.
- **Inspiring Actions on the Ground** [Americas & Caribbean]
  - **Mentorship program and Social Equity Fundamentals for DRR** presented by Joyce Coffee, Climate Resilience Consulting, ARISE US
    - The presentation focused on the importance of equity in building resilience. She highlighted how finance guidelines can exacerbate inequities by directing resources away from high-risk areas. Joyce advocated for a broader focus on equity, beyond gender, to include racial and ethnic minorities who face significant threats globally. She suggested UNDRR and the ARISE Board to develop a global equity statement and integrate equity into KPIs, focusing on racial and ethnic minorities.
  - **Private sector and Resilient Infrastructure** presented by Eduardo Kurokawa, Nippon Koei LAC do Brasil, ARISE Individual Member

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- Discussed their approach of integrating green infrastructure with existing gray infrastructure to enhance resilience at lower costs. An example highlighted was a drainage system in Minas Gerais, Brazil, showcasing how green infrastructure improvements and specific pipe rehabilitations can mitigate flood impacts and reduce recovery times.
  - **Early Warning Systems and DRR** presented by Carlos Doncel, Space Sur, ARISE Argentina
    - The initiative involves partnering with the Argentine government to equip cities with tools for developing comprehensive risk maps. These maps include vulnerability and threat assessments, which are seamlessly integrated into a user-friendly web application. Carlos emphasized the project's goal of creating a national risk map by consolidating data from various local risk maps.
- **Inspiring Actions on the Ground** [Asia-Pacific, Arab States and Africa]
  - **ARISE Japan Symposium 2024** jointly presented by Masato Takamatsu, ARISE Japan Network Lead and Yoshiko Abe, ARISE Japan Secretariat
    - They highlighted the Noto Peninsula earthquake's impact on the rural region, which revealed significant gaps in Japan's DRR processes. The symposium, held three months after the earthquake, provided a platform for reporting and discussions on successful strategies such as retrofitting old wooden buildings using seismic dampers.
  - **Real Estate Resilience Tool** presented by Mahmoud Al-Burai, ARISE Vice- Chair and Chairman, ARISE UAE
    - The presentation provided insights into how this comprehensive tool provides information and a strategic-level evaluation to help real estate business leaders in any setting to determine how to allocate time and resources to strengthen asset and operational resilience. He mentioned ongoing implementation plans with two pilot projects. The ARISE Climate and Disaster Resilience through Resilient Infrastructure Symposium scheduled for November 25th in Dubai was also announced, which will share ARISE UAE, UAE and others' efforts and successes in resilience-building through infrastructure and investment.
  - **Building SME Resilience vs. Flooding in D.R. Congo** presented by Michel Kahasha, CEO, Dellions, ARISE Central Africa
    - The presentation highlighted the devastating impact of recurring flooding in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Michel underscored the challenges faced by regions like Kinshasa, Kalemi, and Uvira, where landslides and floods disrupted daily life. SMEs lacked resources and faced severe disruptions. Michel advocated for ARISE's role in enhancing SME risk awareness.
- **ARISE Vice-Chair Mahmoud Al-Burai presented the ARISE Board Workplan 2023-2026** (detailed plans available in workplan, link below)
  - All 6 streams need to work in a coherent manner.

Name of the Stream	Responsible
Board leadership and oversight	Terry Kinyua
Strategic Review and Engagement	Mahmoud Al-Burai
Impact on the ground	Liam Carter
Advocacy, communications, and knowledge	Adriana Solano
Membership engagement and partnerships	Bhagat Khanna
Resource Mobilization	Alexander Pama & Camila Tapias

- **Roundtable Discussions** [Americas & Caribbean]
  - Room 1: **Sustainability and Resilience**
    - Participants addressed the misconception that sustainability initiatives are costly, arguing instead that they represent a long-term investment with strategic and human benefits. Resilience and sustainability need to be together, and this should be reflected in all plans and capacity development for business. They stressed the importance of considering local risk (e.g. territorial hazard maps) and contexts within countries when developing global sustainability and resilience plans.
  - Room 2: **Resilience and the business strategy**
    - Participants focused on strategies to incorporate DRR, ESG, and others into business planning and development of BCPs. They highlighted challenges in persuading organizational leaders to prioritize these issues strategically, stressing the need for advocacy within executive boards. Data and knowledge products such as the GAR help, but clarifying financial incentives was noted as crucial to encourage businesses to invest in DRR and view it as strategic investment that can provide competitive advantage.
  - Room 3: **Enhancing Mentorship within networks**
    - The group highlighted the importance of identifying and cataloging expertise across networks to facilitate matching for mentoring purposes. Then, the group focused on two approaches to mentoring. One approach involved transferring existing mentoring practices from the US network to other networks. The second approach emphasized intra-network mentoring, where members within each network would mentor each other based on their specific expertise and needs.
- **Roundtable Discussions** [Asia-Pacific, Arab States & Africa]
  - Room 1: **Diversity of Sectors**
    - The discussion focused on the importance of including a wide array of sectors in ARISE's membership to enrich discussions and foster productive collaborations. Defining key topics, particularly those pertinent to local communities such as SMEs, serves as a foundational step to attract diverse sectors. Moreover, they stressed the strategic alignment of ARISE with large firms and government initiatives as pivotal for making diverse sectors interested in joining a network.
  - Room 2: **Network Workplan Elaboration**
    - The group emphasized the importance of expanding membership to include mid-size and large companies. They proposed integrating

members into the board where feasible and ensuring active engagement from board representatives in their respective regions. Regional workplans were also advocated for. Finally, alignment with local priorities and monitoring systems were noted as crucial. These elements are important for facilitating the elaboration of impactful workplans, which can also help as triggers/examples to establish ARISE networks in more countries.

- o Room 3: **Sustainability and Resilience**
  - ▪ The group emphasized the importance of practical tools, knowledge sharing, and raising awareness as crucial elements for effective implementation. The group noted the evolution of DRR from a specialized area to a mainstream strategic consideration across various sectors. They also discussed collaborative efforts between large companies and smaller enterprises within supply chains, underscoring the importance of these partnerships in DRR.

- Overall participant representation was 44% male, 56% female.

5.   RELATED DOCUMENTS
- [ARISE Network Leaders Meeting June 2024 Agenda [Americas & Caribbean]](#)
- [ARISE Network Leaders Meeting June 2024 Agenda [Asia-Pacific, Arab States and Africa]](#)
- [ARISE Network Leaders Meeting 2024 Presentation [Americas & Caribbean]](#)
- [ARISE Network Leaders Meeting 2024 Presentation [Asia-Pacific, Arab States and Africa]](#)
- [ARISE Board Workplan 2023-2026](#)
- [Remarks: Yanick Michaud-Marcotte](#)

6. APPENDIX 1:

ARISE Network Leaders Call – 25 April 2023
List of Attendees

Name	Network / Affiliation
Terry Kinyua	ARISE Co-Chair and ARISE East Africa
Mahmoud Al-Burai	ARISE Vice-Chair and ARISE UAE
Liam Carter	ARISE Board Member and global individual member
Brig (Dr) BK Khanna	ARISE Board Member and ARISE India
Alexander Patino Pama	ARISE Board Member and ARISE Philippines
Camila Tapias	ARISE Board Member and ARISE USA
Masato Takamatsu	ARISE Japan
Yoshiko Abe	ARISE Japan
Charmagne Carbon	ARISE Philippines
Liza Silerio	ARISE Philippines
Jessica Dator Bercilla	ARISE Philippines
Mark Joseph Bulan	ARISE Philippines
Aminou AKADIRI	ARISE West Africa
Michel Kahasha	ARISE Central Africa
Hossam Elgamal	ARISE Egypt
Adam McAllister	ARISE Canada
Jacqueline Mesa Sierra	ARISE Colombia
Sandra Estupiñán	ARISE Colombia
Olga Sauma	ARISE Costa Rica
Kathy Paredes	ARISE Guatemala
Fania Joseph	ARISE Haiti
Claudia Diaz	ARISE Honduras
Elisa Trujillo	ARISE Mexico
Roberto Luna	ARISE Mexico
Elizabeth Solis	ARISE Panama
Melissa Pierre	ARISE Trinidad & Tobago
Andrea Signorino	ARISE Uruguay

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Charly Doncel	ARISE USA
Joyce Coffee	ARISE USA
Debbra Johnson	ARISE USA
Eduardo Kurokawa	ARISE global individual member
Kamal Kishore	UNDRR
Paola Albrito	UNDRR
Sarah Wade-Apicella	UNDRR
Erick Gonzales Rocha	UNDRR
Rahnuma Sultana	UNDRR
Huw Beynon	UNDRR
Tejas Tamobhid Patnaik	UNDRR
Yanick Michaud-Marcotte	UNDRR
Yuki Matsuoka	UNDRR
Yezid F. Niño Barrero	UNDRR
Luis Bonilla	UNDRR
Devika Vohra	UNDRR
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