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Good afternoon / good evening, excellences, ladies and gentlemen and dear partners.

Thanks for inviting me to this important gathering. It is a pleasure and privilege.

My name is Hans-Peter Teufers – I'm with the UPS Foundation and a long standing member of ARISE focusing on resilience efforts of the Private Sector by conviction; I had the pleasure to take over the role of CoChair of the ARISE Board last summer and since, continuing the successful work of previous co-chairs and improve engagement opportunities for the private sector and of course with other organizations that are working on our common goal – to increase resilience and connect a passionate community of business with other public and private partners.

I would like to take a minute to report back on what we have done in the past months after I have taking over the lead as Co-Chair in ARISE:

Of course we have promoted CDRI and its work plan after joining CDRI last year. We believe CDRI is a great opportunity for the networks to engage and progress on a local and regional base.

However – we felt that we need to work on two action items first and foremost in order to get ARISE promoted in itself in a better way and to offer a maximum of support for the mission of the networks – those are the ones that are doing the work on the ground.

We therefore conducted a baseline assessment last year to find out where we are with the goals that were set, what best practices we can share with other networks and the communities and organizations working on the same goals, and on what we can build on. Our work streams were related to resilient SMEs, risk-informed investments and investors, better insurance and resilient infrastructures and we have set a baseline now enabling us to compare efforts and work out better plans for the future.

We renewed our KPIs and agreed with the 30 networks around the globe on additional ones that should offer cross-cutting effects boosting engagement and knowledge. You will be interested to hear that engagement with CDRI has been implemented into our goal setting process as a decisive factor and networks started using CDRI-tools, especially in infrastructure.

That alone of course does not lead to engagement as such but – as a second point – our inclusion of network leads and members into the development of ARISE strategies will have a very positive impact on what the Private Sector organized by ARISE will be able to contribute. Upcoming Network Leaders' meetings, a Global Platform 2022 in May and fruitful initiatives from board and network leads will pay off this year – even sooner than later. Tremendous growth of CDRI is offering chances as well to engage the private sector in the member states and countries.

Thanks and I'm looking very much forward working with you in a more and more complex world with many challenges ahead.

