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## 1. Basic information

**1.1 Nominee’s name:**

Satoshi Hijikata

**1.2 Title:**

President

**1.3 Company:**

Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd.

**1.4 ARISE member since (specified in the ARISE welcome letter):**

2015 (member of UNISDR Private Sector Partnership since 2011)

**1.5 Current ARISE Board member:**

Yes

If “Yes”:


Second term

**1.6 Network or individual member:**

Network Member: My network leader has endorsed my application.

If “Network Member,” please specify which network:

ARISE Japan

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## 2. Curriculum Vitae

**2.1 PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CV OR RESUME TO THIS SELF-NOMINATION FORM.**

## 3. Questionnaire

**3.1 Please indicate any past or present affiliations and accomplishments related to Disaster Risk Reduction / Prevention / Resilience / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) / Environmental Social Governance (ESG) (max 200 words)**

I began my career at Kokusai Kogyo as a marine engineer, working on DRM solutions for harbors and ports. Since 2013, as president, I oversee our entire range of technological solutions, including DRR and DRM. I have served as liaison to the government emergency task force for every major disaster since the Hanshin Kobe Earthquake in 1995, at local, prefectural, or national level, depending on the disaster.

I learned how DRR and climate change interact in practice and policy, as managing director of a German solar energy company.

During my first term as ARISE Board member, I served on the KPI task team, task teams planning ARISE sessions at GP22 and ARISE AGMs (2022, 2023), worked on the revised ARISE Network Starter Kit. I helped plan, and gave welcoming remarks, at the private sector stakeholder meeting at APMCDRR22, as well as various ARISE Japan meetings and symposiums. I believe I have fully contributed to ARISE and UNDRR during my first Board term as a willing worker and heavy-lifter behind the scenes, and active steering committee member for ARISE Japan.


In summary, I bring you a thorough knowledge of DRR in Japan, combined with global awareness and a willingness to contribute.

**3.2 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities for ARISE within your company relating to at least one the four ARISE focus areas (SME resilience, investment, insurance, resilient infrastructure) at**

**a) Senior level (max 100 words each)**

Yes. **Resilient infrastructure** is one of Kokusai Kogyo's core business areas. I bring my experience in running the technical side of a business that provides technical DRR and DRM solutions. We have multiple technical and senior level people working on resilient infrastructure solutions, and a constantly evolving track record in Japan.

I am serving across various DRR-related industry and business associations in Japan, and have a working relationship with key government and local government actors in DRR. I will advocate for ARISE through these capacities, and bring my knowledge of Japanese DRR experience and good practices to ARISE and the ARISE Board.

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**b) Technical level (max 100 words each)**

Yes. Geospatial information technology is key, in every step of disaster mitigation, response, rescue, and recovery and building back better, and for decision-making when **investing in resilience**, i.e. to **all ARISE priority areas**. We are specialists with high technical capacities.

Geospatial information technology and tools such as GIS are very important for **insurance** (in assessing risk), for early warning, for the design/planning and efficient O&M of **resilient infrastructure**.

I bring, through my position in the company, the capacity to discuss and input in depth, the myriad of soft technology solutions that support and complement resilient infrastructure.

**3.3 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities within your company relating to other key areas such as Early Warning or Public-Private Partnership at national or local level (100 words)**

Yes. As noted above, geospatial information technology is Kokusai Kogyo's forte, and we work with both local and national government in the area of **early warning**. Our cutting-edge technology in real-time tsunami damage prediction is part of Japan's national arsenal of **early warning** tools. Aside from governments, we also provide a platform/app that tailors delivery of early warning information to businesses keeping track of many locations. We have shared these examples at GP22 as well as at the ARISE Japan-Philippines Knowledge Sharing Sessions.

We interact daily with our local and national government clients in a close collaboration which is an example of **public-private partnership** at the working level.

**3.4 Indicate if your company is affiliated with / member of any other global private sector networks such as the UN Global Compact, World Economic Forum (WEF), World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) International Chambers of Commerce (ICC), or other private sector network, including of other UN agencies (please specify) (max 100 words each)**

**UN Global Compact:** In 2014, Kokusai Kogyo co-founded the DRR working group in its local network (Global Compact Network Japan) and has since served as co-leader. This DRR working group has more than 140 members at present.

Sandra Wu, Chairperson and CEO of Kokusai Kogyo, currently serves on the UN Global Compact Board.


Yoshiko Abe, serving as secretariat of ARISE Japan, is also seconded to Global Compact Network Japan.

**International Consortium on Landslides (ICL):** Kokusai Kogyo is jointly running the Japanese secretariat of this international organization with ties to academia and UNDRR.

**3.5 Please list 3 goals which you would aim to achieve as Board Member of ARISE, specifically within (max 100 words)**

**a) your 1st year**

**b) long term**

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**a) Three goals in the first year of my second term**

- I aim to continue to share DRR good practices and innovative technological solutions from Japan, both hard and soft measures, speaking from first-hand, in-depth knowledge.
- I have initiated new dialogue and collaboration with multi-stakeholders, leveraging my professional connections, in my first term. I will continue to ‘spread the word’ about ARISE with the aim to strategically expand our membership.
- I will continue to support ARISE Japan, serving as steering committee member myself, and provide secretariat services for ARISE Japan.

**b) Three goals – long term**

- I aim to contribute to the implementation and realization of the Sendai Framework, SDGs, and the Paris agreement through my technical expertise and business management expertise in the DRR business sector
- I will lead, by example, the mainstreaming of DRR and resilience considerations into our own organizations
- I hope to contribute to the increase the priority of disaster risk considerations, globally

**Note:**

**Please consider the responsibilities for Board members and the parameters for a Board member to be designated inactive as specified in the Board elections Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).**