

BUILDING RESILIENT *COMMUNITIES* AROUND THE GLOBE WITH DISASTER FINANCIAL LITERACY

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New York, NY (March 29, 2022) – Josh DeVincenzo, M.Ed., Senior Instructor Designer and Adjunct Lecturer at the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia Climate School, Columbia University, will be presenting at the United Nations [Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction \(GP2022\)](#) on May 26, 2022, in Bali, Indonesia. This year's Global Platform theme is "**From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World**" with a critical focus area on social and economic recovery from COVID-19 for all.

Josh DeVincenzo will be presenting "**Building Resilient Communities Around the Globe: Disaster Financial Literacy**". His presentation will identify key elements of financial literacy, including critical components of pre-disaster planning, ways to coordinate intermediate and long-term plans among community partners to support financial recovery, and elements of personal and organizational economic recovery plans that incorporate resources from public, private, and volunteer agencies in their communities.

"There is a cross-cutting theme of leaving no one behind at GP2022. I hope that a presentation focused on the financial well-being of individuals and households in disaster contexts will provide essential considerations for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in line with social and economic recovery from COVID-19 for all," said Josh DeVincenzo.

GP2022 takes place seven years from the adoption of the Sendai Framework and over two years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has exposed underlying vulnerabilities and inequities across the globe and has led to catastrophic consequences among disproportionately affected populations. GP2022 aims to explore how the global crisis can be turned into an opportunity for the necessary transformation needed to achieve the goal and targets of the Sendai Framework, as well as of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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About NCDP

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia Climate School, at Columbia University works to understand and improve the capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. NCDP focuses on the readiness of governmental and non-governmental systems; the complexities of population recovery; the power of community engagement; and the risks of human vulnerability.

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