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Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) included for the first time that disaster impact the physical, mental and social health. This article reviewed the historical process of renewing the framework together with the parallel but indivisible renewing of Sustainable Development Goal and Climate Change (Fig. 1), the active contribution of health professionals to the renewing process from Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) to SFDRR to include "health". This article also reviews the change of disaster risk on health represented by Great East Japan Earthquake. Even after four years, the physical, mental and social health of the affected people still has a lot of problems to be solved. The importance of coordination and collaboration of health and other sectors are also reviewed.

We organized the International Symposium on Disaster Medicine and Public Health Management: Review of Hyogo Framework for Action in Washington DC in May 2014 and continuously outreached the outcome in Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (Bangkok), International Disaster and Risk Conference (Davos), Tohoku Forum for Creativity (Sendai), Tokyo Conference on International Study for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (Tokyo) and Annual Congress of Japanese Association for Disaster Medicine. This initiative made the global partnership possible with health related professionals and organizations. Our outreach effort is to be continued.

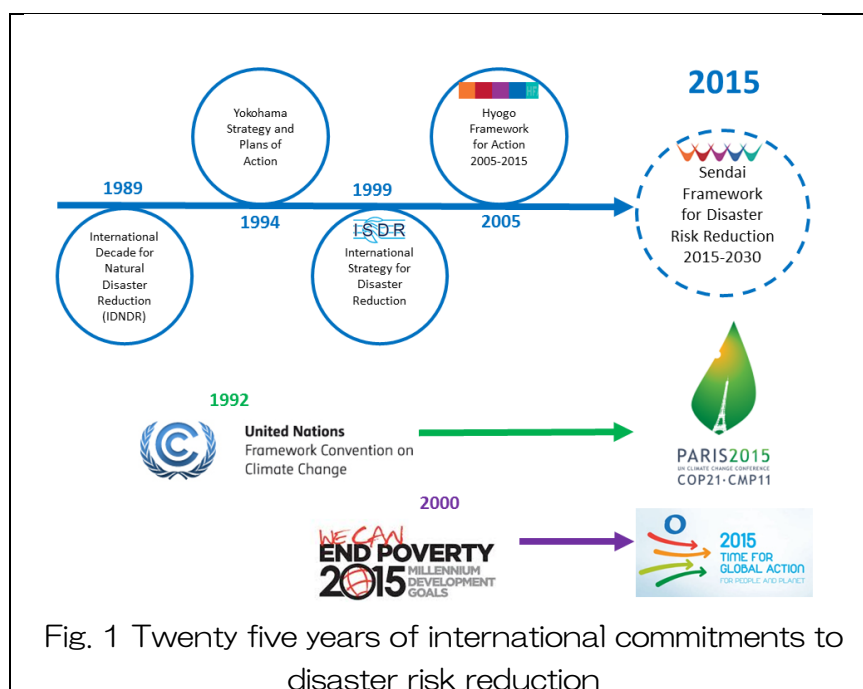


Fig. 1 Twenty five years of international commitments to disaster risk reduction

