

# Leveraging Risk Data and Analytics in Delivering Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

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Ms. Michelle Muschett (Panama) is UN Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She is a social policy and global development specialist with multisectoral experience in a wide variety of leadership positions.

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In the public sector, Ms. Muschett held the position of Deputy Minister and Minister of Social Development of Panama. During her tenure, she led the process of developing the first national Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI); the creation of the first Childhood MPI in the Latin American region; and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level through civic participation and strategic partnerships. She also chaired the National Concertation Council for Development, a legally-established dialogue space aimed at building consensus among multiple sectors of society around national development priorities.

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