

REGIONAL LEARNING PLATFORM: MAINSTREAMING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH FOCUS ON POVERTY ERADICATION

29-31 March 2017

Meeting Room G, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)

Bangkok, Thailand

Background

Disasters perpetuate poverty and poverty creates conditions that make poor people vulnerable to the impacts of natural hazards. Estimates for 89 countries indicate that if disasters caused by natural hazards could be prevented next year, the number of people living in extreme poverty would fall by around 26 million.¹

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by UN member States in September 2015, offers a renewed push for integrating the poverty and disaster risk reduction agendas. Targeting the poor and vulnerable populations to build their resilience will be important to achieve the 2030 Agenda in Asia-Pacific – the world’s most disaster prone region and home to the largest number of poor and malnourished populations. The implications of disaggregating disaster impacts and vulnerabilities, particularly by poverty levels, are substantial for Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and Goal 13 (Climate Action).

This regional learning platform is an opportunity for disaster risk reduction experts and practitioners from more than 20 countries in the Asia-Pacific region to exchange experiences and share perspectives on how to effectively mainstream disaster risk reduction into sustainable development with a focus on supporting country efforts to end poverty. The participants will also identify challenges and opportunities, and propose guidance for evolving regional cooperation and institutional responses to address disaster risks in support of poverty eradication efforts.

This platform is being convened under the Development Account-supported project “*Enhancing knowledge and capacity to manage disaster risk for a resilient future in Asia and the Pacific.*” Implemented by ESCAP and partners in nine countries² across the region, the project aims to enhance the knowledge and capacity of policymakers and government officials to utilize assessment methods and tools for integrating disaster risk reduction into national development planning and into poverty eradication strategies. The project has developed and rolled-out several knowledge products about understanding disaster risk, assessing damage losses, and applying risk knowledge to planning, recovery and reconstruction.

¹ S. Hallegatte, and others. (2017). *Unbreakable. Building the Resilience of the Poor in the Face of Natural Disasters*. Washington, D.C., World Bank.

² Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

This regional learning platform is being held back-to-back with the fourth session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), the region's preparatory meeting for the global High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development. The topic of the learning platform responds to the theme of the APFSD "*eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing Asia and the Pacific.*"

For more information about the event, please contact Kareff Rafisura, Economic Affairs Officer, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ESCAP at rafisura@un.org.

Tentative Programme (as of 29.03.2017)

Wednesday, 29 March 2017
<p>9:00-15.30 Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)</p> <p><i>Conference Room 2</i></p>
<p>Participants will attend the sessions of the APFSD. Please check the APFSD website for details on the programme: http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd4</p>
<p>15.30-15.40 Opening session of the Regional Learning Platform</p> <p><i>Meeting Room G</i></p> <p><i>This opening session will welcome all participants, establish the purpose and topics that will be discussed during the event, and provide information to the participants on how they can contribute.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening address and purpose of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Division (IDD), ESCAP ○ Introduction of participants
<p>15.40-17.00 Session 1: Building the resilience of poor people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: Framing the challenge</p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss country-level approaches, policies and plans to build the resilience of poor people to disasters.</i></p> <p>Session moderator: Mr. Erdenebat Eldev-Ochir, Senior Officer in charge of International Cooperation, National Agency for Meteorology and Environment Monitoring, Mongolia</p>

15.40-16.00 Framing presentation

- **Linkages between poverty and disasters in Asia-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities for building the resilience of the poor**, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ESCAP

16.00-16.10 Commentary

- Mr. Hans Joakim Guttman, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

16.10-16.30 Country Perspective

Philippines (focus on Typhoon Haiyan hit areas - Eastern Visayas): Mr. Edgar Lino Posadas, Regional Director, Office of Civil Defence

16.30-17.00 Discussion

17.00 Participants will go back to the plenary session of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)

Conference Room 2

Thursday, 30 March 2017

9:00-12:00 Session 2: Understanding disaster risks: Operational tools, techniques and applications for managing disaster risks and their impacts

Understanding disaster risks and their impacts on the poor – both historical and expected – is a critical step towards poverty eradication. This session will feature operational tools and applications to identify disaster risks and quantify their impacts, particularly on poor populations.

Session moderator: Mr. Ali Shareef, Deputy Director-General, Maldives Meteorological Service

Presentations

9.00-9.30 Part 1

- **Ex-ante annual average loss: Measuring and estimating future disaster impacts at macro-level:** Mr. Sung Eun Kim, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
- **Measuring and estimating poverty disaggregated disaster impacts at micro-level:** Ms. Madhurima Sarkar-Swaigood, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
- **Climate risk assessment in agriculture sector:** Ms. Suekyoung Jessie Lee, Researcher, APEC Climate Center

9.30-10.00 Discussion

10.00-10.15 Break

10.15-11.30 Part 2

- **Post-disaster needs assessment with focus on measuring the losses incurred by poor people: Nepal experience:** *Mr. Suman Karna, Special Advisor to CEO, Nepal Reconstruction Authority, Government of Nepal*
- **Application of disaster loss databases for assessing the linkages between natural hazards and poverty in Asia:** *Mr. Sanny Jegillos, Senior Advisor, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub*
- **Space applications, tools and techniques for monitoring disaster risks and poverty eradication interventions:** *Mr. V. Jayaraman, Indian Space Research Organization, Government of India*
- **Index-based parametric insurance for floods and droughts:** *Mr. Giriraj Amarnath, Theme Leader, Water-related Disaster Risk Management, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)/CGIAR*

11.30-12.00 Discussion

12.00-13.00 APFSD side event: "Technology & Sustainability - Digital India Perspective"

Lunch will be provided. Please check the details from the APFSD side events webpage:
<http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd4>

Meeting Room A

13.10-15.30 Session 3: Communicating risks – The role of multi-stakeholder climate forums

Many countries in the region have established seasonal climate forums – normally centered on the onset of monsoons – as a platform for bringing together climate information producers and users. This session will highlight these experiences and exchange perspectives on lessons learned and scope for supporting poverty eradication by ensuring that risk information reaches poor populations in an easily understandable format and is actionable.

Session Moderator: *Mr. Karma Dupchu, Chief, Hydrology and Water Resources Services Division, National Centre for Hydrology and Meteorology, Bhutan*

13.10-13.30 Presentations

- **The Monsoon Forums in Asia-Pacific: impacts, innovations, and emerging trends:** *Ms. Ruby Rose Polcarpio, Institutions Specialist, Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES)*
- **How information revolution can help mitigate disasters, reduce poverty: A look at acquired wisdom and practice:** *Mr. Vinson Kurian, Deputy Editor, Business Line*, India (*Economic and financial daily from the Hindu Group of Newspapers)*

13.30-14.30 Panel discussion

Questions: (1) What have been the concrete impacts of seasonal climate forums so far? (2) What have been the successes and challenges? (3) How can climate forums be designed to effectively support the poverty eradication agenda? (4) What products and innovations need to be introduced?

- **Myanmar Monsoon Forum:** Ms. Khin Cho Cho Shein, Director, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology
- **Sri Lanka Monsoon Forum:** Mr. Athula Karunanayake, Director, Department of Meteorology
- **Philippine Climate Outlook Forum:** Ms. Rosalina G. De Guzman, Assistant Weather Services Chief & Chief, Climate and Agromet Data Section, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration
- **Cambodia Monsoon Forum:** Mr. Ryna Oum, Director, Department of Meteorology, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology

14.30-15.00 Discussion

15.00-15.15 Break

15.15-17.00 Session 4: Risk-sensitive poverty eradication policy responses

This session will invite participants to reflect on potential policy responses and strategies to effectively mainstream disaster risk reduction and resilience into sustainable development with focus on the goal of ending poverty.

- **Introduction :** Mr. Sanjay Srivastava
- **Building Resilience to Disasters for Ending Poverty in All Its Forms Everywhere:** Mr. PG Dhar Chakrabarti, ESCAP Consultant
- **Feedback from countries**
- **Wrap-up by the Secretariat,** Ms. Kareff Rafisura , Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
- **Evaluation of the meeting**

Friday, 31 March 2017

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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