
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for
the Development of Disaster Information Management

First session

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Report of the Governing Council on its first session

I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

1. The Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management adopts the rules of procedure of the Governing Council based on the statute of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, set out in the annex to Commission resolution 71/11, and relevant rules of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), as established in document E/ESCAP/APDIM/GC(1)/1.

2. The Governing Council endorses the strategic plan and programme direction of the Centre, which has been aligned closely with the statute of the Centre and the Commission's strategic framework. The objectives and activities of the Centre, as a subsidiary body of the Commission, will contribute to subprogramme 5 (Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management) of the Commission's strategic framework. The programme and activities will also build on relevant subprogrammes of the Commission such as environment and development and statistics, within the overall global frameworks of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and relevant resolutions on disaster risk reduction of the Commission. The programme and activities will also take into account the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 adopted at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi in November 2016. The Governing Council will review the organizational structure, including the staffing and available financial resources of the Centre, at its second session in 2017.

3. The Governing Council requests member States to support the work to develop the Centre as an information and knowledge hub for multiple hazards and as a leading hub for capacity development in disaster information management. The Centre's programme and activities will be undertaken within the thematic priorities of information and knowledge management, capacity development in disaster information management and regional information services for cross-border disasters.

4. The Governing Council recommends that the Centre consider including in its priority activities the needs of countries that were collated from the expert group meetings on disaster information management held in various subregions. The activities will be undertaken within the scope and mandate given to the Centre.

5. The Governing Council also requests the Centre to set up an effective mechanism to promote networking and partnerships and draw on the expertise and resources offered by centres of excellence from the Islamic Republic of Iran and subsequently extend the partnership network through the region to support the work of the Centre following South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation modalities.

6. The Governing Council endorses the work plan of the Centre and its capacity-building and advocacy activities for 2016-2017, as well as the necessary steps for the establishment of the Centre as an ESCAP regional institution. It acknowledges the efforts and progress made in, and encourages the early conclusion of, related agreements for the establishment of the Centre as a regional institution of the Commission pursuant to resolution 71/11.

7. The Governing Council endorses the proposed outputs for the Commission's programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019, which will contribute to the overall objective and expected accomplishment of the strategic framework of subprogramme 5 (Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management) for the biennium 2018-2019.

8. The Governing Council recommends that a standing agenda item on the Centre be incorporated in the future provisional agendas of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction of ESCAP.

9. The Governing Council expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for its generous financial and in-kind contributions for the implementation of resolution 71/11 on the establishment of the Centre. In this context, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed its readiness in providing the ESCAP secretariat and the Governing Council at its next session with the detailed and disaggregated information on its voluntary contributions.

10. The Governing Council also expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for offering to host the second session of the Governing Council in Tehran in 2017.

II. Summary of proceedings

A. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (Agenda item 4)

11. The Governing Council had before it document E/ESCAP/APDIM/GC(1)/1 on the proposed rules of procedure of the Governing Council. The Officer-in-Charge of the Centre presented the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, which were based on the statute of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, as set out in the annex to resolution 71/11, and the relevant rules of ESCAP. In accordance with paragraph 30 of the statute of the Centre, the Governing Council adopted its own rules of procedure (annex I).

B. Review of the strategic plan and programme direction of the Asian and the Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management

(Agenda item 5)

12. The Governing Council had before it document E/ESCAP/APDIM/GC(1)/2 on the strategic plan and programme direction of the Centre. The Officer-in-Charge of the Centre presented the strategic plan, which was aligned with the Commission's strategic framework of subprogramme 5 (Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management).

13. In accordance with paragraph 35 of the statute of the Centre, the Governing Council reviewed and endorsed the strategic plan of the Centre. It approved the programme direction and thematic priorities to develop the Centre as an information and knowledge hub for multiple hazards, a leading hub for capacity development in disaster information management and a regional platform for information services for cross-border disasters. The Centre would build on the multisectoral strengths of ESCAP subprogrammes and adopt a regional networking and partnership strategy that promotes South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation modalities. The Centre's information and knowledge management products and services would support member States in achieving the disaster risk reduction and resilience-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

14. The Governing Council advised that the Centre's activities be demand-driven based and evolve stepwise. The Council would review the organizational structure of the Centre and its administrative and financial matters at its next session in 2017.

15. The Governing Council recommended that the Centre capitalize on institutional capacities of the Centre partnership group and build partnerships with other centres of excellence in disaster information management in the region to draw on their expertise and resources for capacity-building. It also suggested that the Centre's programme of work take into account the outcomes of the 2016 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and include research work on multi-hazard vulnerability.

16. The Governing Council recommended that a standing agenda item on the Centre be incorporated in the future provisional agendas of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction of ESCAP.

17. The Governing Council appreciated the generous voluntary contributions of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to support the Centre and bear its institutional, programmatic and operational costs as well as in-kind contributions in the form of office space and equipment. The Governing Council also encouraged voluntary contributions by all members.

C. Consideration of the work plan for 2016-2017 and the programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019

(Agenda item 6)

18. The Governing Council had before it document E/ESCAP/APDIM/GC(1)/3. The Officer-in-Charge of the Centre presented the proposed activities and related financial plan for 2016-2017 and the proposed outputs of the Centre for the Commission's programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019. The activities of the Centre would contribute to

subprogramme 5 (Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction and management) of the Commission's strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017 and biennium 2018-2019, which aims to address the challenges of building resilience to disasters in Asia and the Pacific as guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and relevant resolutions of the Commission. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran kindly contributed a first tranche of voluntary contributions amounting to \$396,119 for the implementation of resolution 71/11, including \$40,000 for the implementation of resolution 72/7 on regional cooperation to combat sand and dust storms in Asia and the Pacific through the programme of work of the Centre.

19. The Governing Council endorsed the work plan of the Centre and its capacity-building and advocacy activities for 2016-2017 to enhance its visibility as well as to pursue consultations on related agreements for the establishment of the Centre as a regional institution of the Commission pursuant to resolution 71/11. The Governing Council also endorsed the proposed outputs for the programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2018-2019.

20. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Governing Council that the Cabinet of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran had approved the host country agreement in principle. The representative also informed participants that, in addition to the voluntary contribution in cash, the Centre would also receive in-kind expertise to support its activities.

21. The Governing Council advised participants that it would prioritize the activities of the Centre based on the requests expressed by member States at the expert group meetings held in different subregions for determining disaster information management needs. It also proposed initiating the activities on cross-border disasters.

22. The Governing Council recommended building partnerships and synergizing activities of the Centre with other regional organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, the Economic Cooperation Organization, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, inter alia.

D. Date and venue for the second session of the Governing Council

(Agenda item 7)

23. The Governing Council decided that the venue of the second session of the Governing Council in 2017 would be in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Council expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for offering to host the session. The date would be determined with the secretariat at a later stage.

E. Other matters

(Agenda item 8)

24. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran thanked other members of the Governing Council and Japan for attending the first session of the Council. He encouraged full participation of all members.

25. The representative of the Road, Housing and Urban Development Research Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed support for the establishment of the Centre in Tehran and encouraged other institutions in the region to contribute to the activities of the Centre.

26. The representative of Nepal informed participants that his country would actively contribute to the activities of the Centre and strengthen cooperation. He expressed gratitude for the support given by ESCAP to Nepal's recovery and reconstruction efforts following the Gorkha earthquake in 2015 and requested that the Centre continue providing such support and share the recovery and reconstruction experience of the Bam earthquake.

F. Adoption of the report
(Agenda item 9)

27. The Governing Council endorsed the matters calling for action or to be brought to the attention of the Commission on 2 November 2016. The Governing Council reviewed and endorsed the draft of proceedings of the session that were circulated to members of the Governing Council after the conclusion of the session. The full report of the Governing Council on its first session would be submitted to the Commission for its consideration at its seventy-third session.

III. Organization of the session

A. Opening of the session

28. The Governing Council of the Centre held its first session in New Delhi, India on 2 November 2016.

29. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP welcomed the members of the Governing Council. In her remarks, the Executive Secretary stressed the relevance of the Centre's work in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and urged the Governing Council members to strategically advise and guide the Centre's programme and priorities to develop the Centre as a hub of excellence with three pillars, namely information and knowledge repository, capacity development hub and information management services for cross-border disasters, to address the gaps and needs of the region for reliable disaster data and information for risk-sensitive policymaking. The Executive Secretary also stressed that enhanced regional and South-South cooperation and partnerships would be critical to forge an effective information and knowledge-sharing platform, and urged to speed up the work in establishing and operationalizing the Centre to realize its vision.

30. In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-President for Production Affairs, Management and Planning Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed deep gratitude to the Executive Secretary for organizing this important inaugural session of the Governing Council. He acknowledged that the establishment of the Centre was an important turning point for further development of regional capacities in disaster risk reduction through South-South cooperation. He stated that the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the host country to the Centre, was pleased to make its all-out concerted efforts to move forward and launch the Centre.

B. Attendance

31. The session was attended by representatives of the following member countries: Cambodia; Islamic Republic of Iran; Nepal; Turkey; Macao, China.

32. The representative of Japan attended as observer.

C. Election of officers

33. The Governing Council elected the following officers:

Chair: Mr. Seyed Hamid Pourmohammadi
(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chair: Mr. Krishna Bahadur Raut (Nepal)

D. Adoption of the agenda

34. The Governing Council adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council
5. Review of the strategic plan and programme direction of APDIM
6. Consideration of the work plan for 2016-2017 and the programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019
7. Date and venue for the second session of the Governing Council
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report

Annex I

Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management*

Chapter I

Secretariat

Rule 1

The Director of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) shall be the Secretary of the Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”). The Secretary shall be responsible for the organization and preparation of the Governing Council sessions and for the preparation of the records and reports of the Council.

Chapter II

Sessions

Rule 2

The following principles shall apply with regard to the date and place for the sessions of the Governing Council.

(a) The Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) shall have one regular session each year. Special sessions may be organized as required;

(b) Regular sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Secretary”, who may propose special sessions of the Council at her/his own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Council members;

(c) The Council shall at each session, in consultation with the secretariat, indicate the date and place of its next session, to be confirmed later by the Executive Secretary.

Rule 3

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