

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Expert Group Meeting on Regional Strategies towards Building Resilience to Disasters in Asia and the Pacific

26-28 October 2015

Bangkok

Background

The Asia-Pacific region continues to be severely impacted by natural disasters, many of which are transboundary in nature. Experience has shown that when a disaster affects more than one nation it becomes a complex task to manage due to challenges in cross-border coordination. Furthermore, the region is regularly subjected to multiple disasters at the same time. In this context, managing and reducing disaster risk is a task that often goes beyond the confines and capability of an individual country and requires regional cooperation.

ESCAP resolution 71/12 of 2 June 2015 on strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Asia and the Pacific, adopted by the 71st session of the Commission, requested ESCAP to support regional strategies to address disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. This is to be achieved by, among others, enhancing linkages with regional platforms, strategies and mechanisms on disaster risk reduction in order to strengthen the capacity of member States in the building of resilience within a framework of regional cooperation.

Purpose

The Expert Group Meeting aims to provide a platform for member States' sharing of knowledge, methods, principles and good practices of disaster risk reduction and building resilience to disasters through regional cooperation. Participants will deliberate regional principles and norms that will inform and better equip policymakers in building resilience to disaster risks in their respective countries by more optimally engaging in regional cooperation mechanisms. Deliberations will specifically explore the critical gaps and unmet needs of end-to-end early warning systems in the context of disasters with transboundary origins, where regional cooperation assumes greater significance. Discussions will also consider post disaster needs assessments and resilient recovery practices in the region. Together, these areas will be examined with the aim of identifying options for strengthening regional cooperation in the post 2015 development context.

The key conclusions and recommendations will be presented to a series of Panels of the fourth session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction of ESCAP on 27 to 29 October 2015, to be further conveyed to the ESCAP Commission. The key outcomes would also be conveyed to other key regional meetings such as the forthcoming Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR.

Participants

The Expert Group Meeting targets senior policy makers and experts working on disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters within a framework of regional cooperation, including those working on multi-hazard early warning systems and risk sensitive development policies and strategies. In particular, it seeks to solicit the participation of experts from existing regional platforms that promote active collaboration and mutual assistance on various aspects of disaster risk reduction in their respective regions. Experts from UN organizations will be invited to contribute their expertise and approaches for disaster risk reduction and resilience building.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Monday, 26 October 2015	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:45	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by Chief of Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP • Objectives, format and outcomes of the meeting by Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ESCAP
<i>Session 1: Regional cooperation mechanisms for disaster risk reduction in Asia-Pacific: achieving resilience in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction</i>	
09:45-10:00	Disaster risk reduction and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community by Secretariat of the Pacific Community
10:00-10:55	Disaster risk reduction and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management
<i>10:15-10:30</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:30-10:45	Disaster risk reduction and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation by SAARC Disaster Management Centre
10:45-11:00	Economic Cooperation Organization by Economic Cooperation Organization
11:00-12:00	Moderated discussion on the role of ESCAP in supporting regional cooperation mechanisms for effective implementation of disaster risk reduction in the post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda.
<i>12:00 – 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Session 2: Addressing challenges and gaps in regional early warning systems for disaster risk reduction</i>	
13:30-13:45	Status of early warning systems in the Asia-Pacific region and future priorities for regional cooperation, by ESCAP
13:45-14:00	Challenges and opportunities in managing risks of water-related hazards with transboundary origins in the Asia-Pacific region, by International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHAHM)
14:00-14:15	Lessons learned from establishing the Regional Flood Information System, by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
14:15-14:30	Lessons learned from implementing the Flood Management and Mitigation Programme on forecasting and early warning, by Mekong River Commission (MRC)
14:30-15:00	Moderated discussions on good practices in regional early warning systems for transboundary river basin floods and the role of ESCAP in addressing challenges and gaps.
<i>15:00 – 15:15</i>	<i>Break</i>
<i>Session 2 continued: Addressing challenges and gaps in regional early warning systems for disaster risk reduction</i>	
15:15-15:30	Good practices in early warning mechanisms for tropical cyclones: experiences from the Typhoon Committee and the Panel on Tropical Cyclones, by World Meteorological Organization

15:30-15:45	Early warning mechanisms: the Cyclone Pam experience by Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-Hazards Department, Vanuatu
15:45-16:00	Regional cooperation for tropical cyclones in the Pacific by Climatological and Geophysical Agency, Indonesia (TBC)
16:00-17:00	Moderated discussions based on good practices and lessons learnt for early warning systems for tropical cyclones and the role of ESCAP in addressing challenges and gaps.
Tuesday, 27 October 2015	
	<i>Session 3: Post disaster needs assessment for resilient recovery and reconstruction in Asia-Pacific</i>
09:00-9:15	Post Disaster Needs Assessment in Asia-Pacific: a regional overview by UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub
09:15-9:30	2015 Nepal Earthquake: the post disaster needs assessment process by National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal
09:30-9:45	Generating results from post disaster needs assessments in the Philippines: lessons learned National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (NDRRMS), Government of Philippines
09:45-10:00	Rapid assessment for resilient recovery: PDNA tool for the South Asia Recovery Framework by SAARC Disaster Management Centre
10:00-10:15	Regional approach to post disaster needs assessment and resilient recovery by ASEAN Secretariat
10:15-11:00	Moderated discussions on lessons learnt from post disaster needs assessment practices in the region and identifying priority areas for ESCAP engagement.
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Break</i>
11:15-12:00	Chairs' summaries of meeting: key conclusions and recommendations
12:00 - 13:40	<i>Lunch</i>
	The participants will attend the following high-level panel discussions that will be held at the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction:

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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