

**Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development  
Eighteenth Session**

25-26 September 2014  
Bangkok, Thailand

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**II. Annotations**

**1. Opening of the session.**

The Eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) will be opened in the morning of Friday, 26 September 2014. Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of UN ESCAP will deliver an opening address.

**2. Adoption of the agenda.**

The agenda will be adopted immediately after the opening of the session.

**3. Election of officers.**

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the session will be elected.

**4. Reconfirmation of the Membership of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC).**

The members will inform the secretariat if there were any changes in their ICC focal points since the Seventeenth session, as per the standard procedure.

**5. Statement by the Chairperson**

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Chairperson will make a statement on the major purpose of the meeting.

**6. Report by the secretariat on the progress of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP).**

The secretariat will present a report reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the ICC that have taken place since its seventeenth session. This report will include the progress of work in three major areas: 1) the provision of near real-time satellite imagery for effective disaster preparedness, response, relief, and impact and damage assessments; 2) the effective monitoring, early warning and preparedness of agricultural drought (The Regional Drought Mechanism); and 3) institutional capacity building for high-risk and low-capacity countries.

In addition, the secretariat will report the status of implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017; in particular the establishment of online geo-referenced information systems for disaster risk management (Geo-DRM portals) in countries with special needs (CSNs);

**7. Exchange of views on space technology applications for sustainable development.**

The ICC members will introduce their achievements on utilizing space and GIS for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. ICC members will also exchange views on the regional needs and gaps, as well as their future plan on space technology applications for sustainable development.

During this session, special reports from selected countries will be invited to introduce their good practices and lessons learned in using near real-time satellite imagery for disaster impact assessments, effective monitoring of agricultural drought, building institutional capacity for sustainable development, and the needs and gaps in the effective use of space and GIS for supporting the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development agenda.

As a general rule, statements should not exceed 15 minutes.

**8. Ways and means of enhancing RESAP and implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action, 2012-2017.**

The ICC will consider, as a matter of priority, the ways and means to promote regional cooperation and the role that space technology could play in the implementation of recommendations from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in the context of Asia and the Pacific.

During this session, ICC members will discuss future project proposals and provide guidance and recommendations to the secretariat on space and GIS applications to support HFA2 and the post-2015 development agenda.

**9. Other matters.**

The ICC members and the secretariat will be invited to raise any other matters relevant to RESAP not addressed under any other agenda item.

**10. Key outcomes and summary of the meeting.**

The Chairperson of the meeting will present a summary.

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