



14th RCC

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Policies and Practices for Coherence between Global Frameworks

03-05 December 2018
Kathmandu, Nepal

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BACKGROUND

The Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC), established in 2000 by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), serves as a non-binding mechanism to develop action strategies for disaster risk reduction (DRR); promote cooperative programs at regional and sub-regional levels; and provide guidance to ADPC on its future work and strategies in the Asia and the Pacific.

The RCC is comprised of National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of 26 member countries. It promotes peer advocacy and exchange of expertise in reducing disaster risk and enhancing climate resilience. The RCC mechanism, together with other agencies, assists countries in implementing the commitments of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Agenda for Humanity, and the New Urban Agenda. As the Secretariat to the RCC, ADPC is committed to bringing countries in Asia and the Pacific together to achieve common goals in DRR.

The RCC meetings are hosted by different member countries in Asia and the Pacific. Each meeting holds a specific thematic focus which provides a useful opportunity for member countries to exchange lessons and share their best practices across professional disciplines. It provides a periodic forum for member governments to share information on

national, sub-national and regional priorities and needs with the intention to systematically encourage and facilitate regional cooperation in DRR.

To date, 26 countries, namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam have participated in the various RCC meetings.

The previous RCC meetings were held in

- Bangkok, Thailand (2000 and 2001);
- Delhi, India (2002);
- Dhaka, Bangladesh (2004),
- Hanoi, Viet Nam (2005),
- Kunming, China (2006),
- Colombo, Sri Lanka (2007),
- Manila, Philippines (2010),
- Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2011),
- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (2013),
- Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar (2014)
- Thimphu, Bhutan (2015), and,
- Islamabad, Pakistan (2016).

The RCC continues to expand its role to assist individual countries in developing more comprehensive program approaches for wider application. Each meeting adopts an action agenda and specifically requests ADPC as the RCC's secretariat, to develop national programs and to provide technical support to countries in pursuing their national DRR strategies.

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VENUE AND DATES

The 14th meeting of the RCC is co-hosted by the Government of Nepal in Kathmandu from **03 - 05 December 2018** at Hotel Yak & Yeti (<https://www.yakandyeti.com>).

Several pre-RCC meetings have also been planned by the RCC Secretariat to make use of the presence of delegates from member countries. Participation in those meetings is by separate invitation.

14TH MEETING OF RCC IN NEPAL

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), the national focal point of disaster management in Nepal, works to mitigate disaster and climate change risks at national, sub-national and local levels. MoHA is committed to developing appropriate disaster management policies and interacts with all stakeholders in the country, especially with international organizations working in this field. Raising public awareness; transferring technology through training; networking with relevant national and international organizations; and enhancing the capacity of the Government of Nepal in mitigating the disaster impacts are the key focus areas of MoHA.

The disaster management bill in Nepal, "Act to Revise and Integrate Acts Related to the Disaster Risk Mitigation and Management-2074 BS (2017)", focuses on protecting public life, public and private property, natural and cultural heritage, physical property and minimizing disaster risk. It lays out the details for cooperation between national and local authorities in the framework of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in the case of natural disasters in Nepal.

The Government of Nepal is hosting the 14th meeting of the RCC to showcase some of the recent innovations in reducing disaster risk and to learn from other countries to support the implementation of SDGs and the SFDRR.

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The 14th meeting of the RCC will be an opportunity for the participants to share best practices and lessons learnt in vertical and horizontal policy and program coordination. Discussions at the 14th meeting of the RCC are expected to provide practical suggestions and recommendations to enhance coherence of global frameworks.

Target E of the SFDRR talks about increasing the number of countries with national and local DRR strategies by 2020 and the RCC will guide ADPC as the RCC's secretariat to further support member countries in achieving the target in the regional context. It will also serve as a follow-up on the commitments made at the 2018 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The overall theme of the 14th meeting of the RCC will be **“Policies and Practices for Coherence between Global Frameworks”**, which will seek to discuss and explore opportunities for achieving coherence in implementing SFDRR and SDGs at the national and local level.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Pre-RCC Meeting Events

01 December 2018

- Innovations Forum for Safer Asia

02 December 2018

- Regional Steering Committee Meeting of the Asian Preparedness Partnership
- Consultation Meeting of Building resilience through inclusive and climate-adaptive disaster risk reduction in Asia-Pacific (BRDR Program)
- ADPC-GNDR's Regional Local Leadership Forum on Sustainable CBDRM



03 DECEMBER 2018

DAY-1

08:30 – 09:30

Arrival of RCC members and delegates

09:30 – 10:25

Opening Ceremony

- National Anthem and introduction of dignitaries on the stage
- Approval of the agenda for 14th meeting of the RCC
- Transfer of the RCC Chair to the Government of Nepal
- Welcome remarks, Chairman, ADPC Board
- Remarks by the outgoing RCC Chair (NDMA, Pakistan)
- Opening remarks, Home Minister, Nepal
- Keynote address, H.E. Prime Minister of Nepal
- Closing remarks, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal
- Media briefing

10:25 – 11:00

Group Photo & Refreshments

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DAY-1

SESSION-1

Regional Cooperation for Enhancing Disaster Resilience

11:00 – 11:30

This session will provide an overview of the meeting and present the RCC's perspective on regional cooperation for coherence.

Chair:

Mr. Mohammad Qaseem Haidari

*Deputy Minister for Policy, Coordination and Planning,
Afghanistan*

Co-Chair:

Ms. Hanna Norell

*Program Director, DRR/Resilience Team, Swedish Civil
Contingencies Agency (MSB), Sweden*

Rapporteur:

Mr. Irfan Maqbool, Director, Risk Governance, ADPC

Presentations

Regional Cooperation for Coherent Implementation of Global Frameworks

*By **Mr. Hans Guttman**,*

Executive Director, ADPC, Thailand

Building Resilience through Regional Cooperation for Inclusive and Climate-Adaptive Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia-Pacific

*By **Dr. AnnaKarin Norling**,*

First Secretary, Embassy of Sweden, Thailand

Addressing the Needs for Coherence at the Local Level

*By **Dr. Valerie Nkamgang Bemo**,*

Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA



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SESSION-2

Addressing Coherence in SFDRR and SDGs

11:30 – 12:30

In this session, representatives from UN agencies and international organizations will discuss ways to tackle the issue of coherence across the global frameworks. The session will also engage in cross-cutting issues of gender equality, diversity and rights-based approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

Chair:

Dr. Raditya Jati

Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, National Disaster Management Authority, Indonesia

Co-Chair:

Ms. Kazi Tasmin Ara Ajmery

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh

Rapporteur:

Mr. Aslam Perwaiz

Deputy Executive Director, ADPC

Presentations

SFDRR- Meeting the Target 2030

By **Ms. Loretta Hieber Girardet**,

Chief, UNISDR Asia and Pacific Region

Inclusiveness for Achieving the SDGs

By **Dr. Sanjay K Srivastava**,

Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNESCAP

Practical Coherence among Global Frameworks

By **Mr. Stephan Huppertz**,

Regional Coordinator Asia, Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management (GIDRM)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

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DAY-1

SESSION-3

Towards 2030: Nepal's Progress and Lessons Learnt in DRM

14:00 – 15:30

In this session, the Government of Nepal will showcase its recent progress and lessons learnt in DRM, including their vision for 2030. This will serve as an opportunity for other RCC countries to gather information and expertise to improve DRR and climate resilience in their respective countries.

Chair:

Mr. Sonam Topgay

Secretary, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Bhutan

Co-Chair:

Mr. Seng Samban

National Committee for Disaster Management, Cambodia

Rapporteur:

Dr. Senaka Basnayake

Director, Climate Resilience, ADPC

Presentations

Overview of DRM in Nepal

By **Ms. Indu Ghimire,**

*Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Nepal*

15:30 – 15:45

Refreshments

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DAY-1

SESSION-4

Update on the Implementation of SFDRR and SDGs

15:45 – 17:45

In this session, RCC member countries will discuss the various challenges and priorities on the implementation of the SFDRR and SDGs. Consolidation of experiences and shared challenges will allow member countries to identify action points for enhanced coherence in policy and planning, financing and implementation, cross-sectoral collaboration, and monitoring and reporting at the national and regional level.

Chair:

Eng. N.A. Sisira Kumara

Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Disaster Management, Sri Lanka

Co-Chair:

Ms. Loretta Hieber Girardet

Chief, UNISDR Asia and Pacific Region

Rapporteur:

Mr. Sisira Madurapperuma

Director, Preparedness for Response and Recovery, ADPC

Presentations

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China
India, Indonesia, Jordan, Maldives, Mongolia,
Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka,
Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam

Wrap-up and end of day-1



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DAY-2

SESSION-5

Building a Framework for Coherence in Asia and the Pacific Region

09:00 – 12:30

In this session, participants will seek to establish a common understanding of coherence in the region and help define specific characteristics of practical coherence.

Chair:

Mr. Prem K. Rai

Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal

Co-Chair:

Ms. Susan Juangco

Director III, Capacity Building and Training Service, Office of Civil Defense, the Philippines

Rapporteur:

Mr. Bill Ho

Director, Strategic Planning, ADPC

Discussions

Practical Coherence in Asia and the Pacific

Working sessions on identifying practical actions for coherence in the region

Moderated discussion

11:00 – 11:20

Refreshments

Plenary and wrap-up



04 DECEMBER 2018

DAY-2

SESSION-6

Building Synergy with Development Partners in Nurturing Coherent Implementation of SFDRR and SDGs

13:30 – 15:00

This session will consist of a panel discussion between development partners, international organizations and UN agencies on their approaches to the coherent implementation of SFDRR and the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific region.

Chair:

Dr. Md Jafar Uddin

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh

Co-Chair:

Dr. Raditya Jati

Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, National Disaster Management Authority, Indonesia

Rapporteur:

Dr. Peeranan Towashiraporn

Director, Geospatial Information, ADPC

Panel Discussion

Building synergy with international development partners in nurturing coherent implementation of SFDRR and SDGs

GIDRM, UNESCAP, UNISDR, Embassy of Sweden, BMGF

15:00 – 15:20

Refreshments



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DAY-2

SESSION-7

Lessons Learnt: Operationalizing Global Frameworks for Risk-Resilient Development in Asia

15:20 – 16:20

This session will showcase some of the innovative programs carried out by the RCC Secretariat.

Chair:

Mr. Nawal Prakash

Senior Research Officer, National Disaster Management Authority, India

Co-Chair:

Dr. Valerie Nkamgang Bemo

Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Rapporteur:

Dr. Mona Chhabra Anand

Country Representative, ADPC India

Presentation & Discussion

Overview of ADPC's contribution to operationalizing the global frameworks

Wrap up and end of day-2

18:30 – 20:00

Dinner



05 DECEMBER 2018

DAY-3

SESSION-8

RCC and its Future Framework

09:00 – 10:30

This session will recap the discussions held over the last two days and explore the future role of the RCC, especially with regard to supporting the coherence agenda for resilient development in the region.

Chair:

Mr. Muhammad Idrees Mahsud

Member, DRR, National Disaster Management Authority, Pakistan

Co-Chair:

Mr. Saharat Wongsakulwiwat

Director, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Thailand

Rapporteur:

Mr. Hans Guttman

Executive Director, ADPC

Discussion

RCC Mechanism and its Future Role in Advancing the Coherence for in Asia and the Pacific region

Moderated discussion

10:30 – 10:50

Refreshments



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DAY-3

SESSION-9

Statements by the 14th RCC Meeting Observers

10:50 – 11:30

In this session, observers from international organizations, UN agencies and development partners are invited to make a statement to the meeting.

Chair:

Dr. Ko Ko Naing

*Director General, Disaster Management Department,
Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement,
Myanmar*

Co-Chair:

Dr. Yuan Yi

*Deputy Director-General of Department of Risk
Monitoring and Integrated Disaster Mitigation of Ministry
of Emergency Management, China*

Rapporteur:

Mr. Irfan Maqbool

Director, Risk Governance, ADPC

Statements

ADRC, AKAH, Embassy of Sweden, GIDRM, UNESCAP,
UNISDR, RWI, SEI



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DAY-3

SESSION-10

Kathmandu RCC Statement

11:30 - 12:30

In this session, the Kathmandu RCC Statement will be presented to the meeting.

Chair:

Hon'ble Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa
Home Minister, Government of Nepal

Statement

RCC Kathmandu Statement by **Mr. Hans Guttman**
Executive Director, ADPC

Closing remarks by **Hon'ble Mr. Ram Bahadur Thapa**
Home Minister, Government of Nepal

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch & end of the 14th meeting of the RCC

13:30 - 19:00

Field visit & Dinner

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