

ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of 2015 Bangkok, Thailand

Dates: 03-05 June 2015
Venue: Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel
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The 1st ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting of the year 2015 will be held on 03-05 June 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The main focus of this IAP will be to discuss the way forward from the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Asian Region.

Background:

On March this year, representatives from 187 countries adopted the 'Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030' (SFDRR), making it the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda during the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) held in Sendai, Japan in March 2015.

With an overarching intended outcome of "The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries", the framework aims to "Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk through the implementation of integrated and inclusive economic, structural, legal, social, health, cultural, educational, environmental, technological, political and institutional measures that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience".

Governments also adopted: a political declaration, which expresses the commitment of Heads of State and Government to implement the Sendai Framework; and a resolution regarding voluntary commitments of stakeholders, inviting further commitments and the creation of partnerships to implement the Framework.

In order to strengthen disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk, the frameworks calls on governments and stakeholders to actively engage in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, the regional and sub-regional platforms for disaster risk reduction and the thematic platforms in order to forge partnerships, periodically assess progress on implementation and share practice and knowledge on disaster risk-informed policies, programmes and investments, including on development and climate issues, as appropriate, as well as promote the integration of disaster risk management in other relevant sectors.

The ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP), so far has been the operational arm of the Regional Platforms in Asia. The partnership has been an informal multi-stakeholder forum with the role to facilitate implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15 (HFA) in the Asia region. The IAP launched in 2004 and subsequently expanded in 2007 including regional inter governmental organizations, governments, civil society organizations, UN and international organizations, bilateral and multilateral donors. Since 2007, the IAP has emerged as the support mechanism for the Asia Regional Platform for DRR and has been meeting twice a year.

The fundamental role of the IAP so far has been to support the political leadership of the regional platform through series of Asia Ministerial Conferences (AMC- DRR); to support the biennial progress review of the HFA implementation; and to improve regional coordination and coherence through regional experience sharing.

The 1st Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction after the advent of the SFDRR 2015-2030 will be hosted by the Government of India in 2016. As a follow up from the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference outcome and as a requirement of the SFDRR implementation, the intended outcome of the 1st Ministerial Conference in India will be to an ‘Asian Regional implementation plan of the SFDRR’. The IAP forum will mainly work as the consultation mechanism and provide technical input for the preparation of the AMCDRR and development of the regional implementation plan.

The SFDRR has been placed as a continuation of the DRR effort from the HFA 2005-15 era. However, the SFDRR priorities and goals require a different and more focused approach towards implementation of the framework at all levels. This will also imply a change in the way the Asia partnership forum has been functioning so far. This IAP will also provide an opportunity to it’s members to discuss the required change in the partnership to make it more effective towards meeting the expectation of the SFDRR needs and requirements.

With the above context in mind, the main objective of this IAP meeting will be:

1. To reflect on the 3 WCDRR and unpacking the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR)
2. To discuss the preparation of the 1st Ministerial conference towards implementation of the SFDRR
3. To discuss the development of the ‘Asia Regional SFDRR implementation plan’

Participants:

Participants will be mainly from the IAP members that includes representatives of national governments (mainly HFA Focal points/ Alternate HFA Focal Points) , organizations part of the key stakeholders groups, sub-regional inter governmental organizations, International Financial Institutions (IFIs), bilateral donors, UN & Intl. organizations, civil society organizations and media.

Agenda (Tentative)

DAY ONE: 03 June 2015

Location: Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel

08:30-09:00 Participant's registration

Session 1	Opening Session & GAR15 Launch Chair: TBC
09:00-09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening remarks and introduction to the meeting▪ Overview of the Agenda
09:20 – 10:15	Introduction to the Global Assessment Report 2015 in the context of the Sendai Framework for DRR <i>Presentation followed by Q & A</i>
10:15 – 10:30	COFFEE BREAK
10.30 -11:30	Panel Discussion: Global Assessment Report 2015 and implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-30 (SFDRR) <i>[A panel of comprising of representatives from national government, local government, civil society, academia and private sector to focus on the use GAR 15 towards implementation of the SFDRR]</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Tour de table: <i>How to take the Sendai Framework in to action?</i> - Reflection from countries and partners on the use of the GAR 15 in light of the implementation of the SFDRR –
12:30- 13:30	Lunch
Session 2	Asia Regional Action Plan for SFDRR Chair: TBC
13:30-14:30	Implementing the SFDRR in Asia: Presentation of the initial thinking of the Regional Implementation Plan of the SFDRR: Policy guidelines, DRR landscape mapping, sector brief and other required thematic research and milestones <i>Presentation followed by plenary discussion</i>
14:30 – 15:30	Group discussion: Key elements of the 'Asia Regional Action Plan for SFDRR', milestones and contributions by governments and stakeholders
15:30 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK
15:45 – 16:30	Group discussion: continued
16:30 – 17:30	<i>Group report back</i> <i>Followed by a discussion on agreed upon elements of the Regional Implementation Plan of the SFDRR and preparatory process</i>
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap up

DAY TWO: 04 June 2015

09:00 – 09:10 Recap of day 1 and introduction of agenda for Day 2

Session 3 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Chair: TBC

09:10 – 10:00 1st Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction : Initial thoughts, objectives , outcomes... – By Government of India
Presentation followed by Q &A

10:00 – 10:45 Plenary discussion: Expectations from Asian countries and stakeholders

10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 Group discussion: [Governments and Stakeholders meet separately in two groups]
Government: Priorities, expectation, objective and outcome from the 1st AMCDRR. Governments' contributions to the preparatory process
Stakeholders: Priorities, expectation, objective and outcome from the 1st AMCDRR. Stakeholders' contributions to the preparatory process

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

13.30 – 14.00 Group report back

Session 4 Putting all together and way forward

Chair: TBC

14.00 – 14.30 Academia, Science and Research community support towards the regional implementation of SFDRR

14:30 - 14:45 COFFEE BREAK

14:45 – 16:00 Plenary discussion: Government and Stakeholders commitment towards AMCDRR and development of the Regional implementation plan

16:00 – 17:15 Next steps and work plan towards development of the regional implementation plan for SFDRR

17:15 – 17:30 Wrap up

DAY THREE: 05 June 2015

Session 5 Stakeholder Engagement: Private sector

Chair: TBC

09:00 – 09:10 Recap of Day 2 an introduction to Day 3

09:10 – 09:45 Briefing on Private Sector initiatives of UNISDR: RISE (Disaster Risk Sensitive Investments) - UNISDR

09:45 – 10:45 Asian Private Sector engagement: focusing on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises
Plenary discussion and consultation with IAP members on the new direction/ stricture of the IAP in preparation of post 2015 DRR framework implementation

10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:20 Briefing and feedback from IAP on Resilient Cities Connect initiative – by Japan Bosai Platform

11:20 – 12:00 Plenary discussion: Private sector stakeholder engagement in Asia: The Way forward

12:00 – 12:30 Wrap up and summarization of the IAP

12:30 – 12:45 Closing Remarks

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH [end of IAP]