

Adopted at the Regional Ministerial Meeting
On First Meeting of the Regional Forum of
Heads of Disaster Management Authorities of
Central Asian countries (Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan
and Turkmenistan)
24-25 November 2015, City of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Ashgabat Declaration

We, the representatives of the Disaster Management Authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, based on the documents adopted during Regional Ministerial conferences, held in 2013-2015, in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic:

- Regional Ministerial Conference “Regional cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”, 16-18 October, 2013, Bishkek;
- The second Regional Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia in frame of “Central Asia + Japan”, 18-19 September, 2014, Bishkek;
- Regional Ministerial Conference for Central Asian states and South Caucasus on disaster risk reduction, 29-30 January 2015, Bishkek.

Highlighting the importance of regional co-operation in Disaster Risk Reduction area (DRR), supported by the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue, UN agencies and other international organizations, in accordance with the priorities of:

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, adopted at the Third UN World Conference in Sendai, Japan, March 14-18, 2015;

Framework of strengthening regional co-operation of Disaster Management authorities of Central Asian region in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction, adopted by the Protocol of the Regional Ministerial meeting of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on January 30, 2015, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic;

Sustainable Development Goals for the period until 2030, adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in New York on September 25, 2015;

And expressing support to the efforts undertaken by the global community towards adopting the global agreement on climate change reduction at the 21st Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris, November 30 to December 11, 2015

Approved:

1. The Regulations on the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries participants of Regional forum on strengthening regional co-operation in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction;
2. The Regulations on the activity of the expert working group of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries participants of Regional Forum as a permanent working body of the Regional Forum of Heads of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction;
3. The Action Plan for implementation of the Framework of strengthening regional co-operation of Disaster Management authorities of Central Asian countries participants of Regional Forum in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2016 and in main areas in 2017;
4. The next (second) meeting of the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asian countries participants of Regional Forum in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction to be held on the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan, country-member of “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue.
5. The aforementioned provisions, as well as the Framework of strengthening regional co-operation of Disaster Management authorities of Central Asian region in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction, with the aim of subsequent signing them during the next meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue