

Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)

Call for Action:

This is a 'Call for Action' by the Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network to Heads of State, National Ministries, Heads of Inter-Governmental Bodies, Heads of Private Sector Corporations, International NGOs, colleagues and friends on behalf of the local civil society organizations in the Asia Pacific.

The Asia-Pacific region has suffered the most from disasters. The economic growth of the region, while bringing prosperity to the peoples of the region, has also led to greater exposure to the disasters further marginalizing the vulnerable, poor and often excluded communities.

We draw your attention and call for:

States enhance their responsiveness by setting clear roles and responsibilities and minimum standards for effective disaster risk management at local level, thereby enhancing trust and participation of communities at risk.

Recognition of local indigenous knowledge, where required - supported by scientific advancements, to promote innovative, cost effective and lasting solutions for environmental sustainability, adaptation and protection of lives.

Fostering effective leadership and ownership on disaster risk management by enabling and empowering multi-stakeholder partnerships.

ADRRN strongly believes that the Hyogo Framework of Action has not percolated enough at local levels in the Asia Pacific Region. There is still ambiguity in understanding and action in addressing underlying causes leading to disasters (Priority 4).

This is the time to reflect. We believe HFA2 should appropriately respond to the aspirations of the people of Asia Pacific Region. We call for re-organization of priorities, and setting up of simple, yet ambitious goals to rid our region from the misery of disasters.