

Recognizing excellence in reducing disaster risk for a safer, more sustainable world.

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**Questionnaire for those submitting nominations**

Please note: Once you have nominated an individual or institution for the award, your nominee must provide supporting documenting to be considered for the award.

**Please fill out this section only if you are nominating an institution**

Institution name: **Asian Disaster Preparedness Center** Address of headquarters: Address of nominated institution if different from headquarters

**SM Tower, 24th Floor, 979/69 Paholyothin Rd, Phayathai, Bangkok, Thailand**

**Disaster Preparedness**

**1986**

Date of creation Main fields of activity Size Organization structure Annual budget and sources of income

**12 Million USD,** *through Bi-lateral Agreements and Income**from**Fee Based Training Courses etc.*

**Mr. Shane Wright, Executive Director**

**Non-Profit Organization**

**100 Staff**

Name and title of chief executive officer

**For those submitting nominations, please provide your details**

Nominator’s name **Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga**  Address  Email  **d.amaratunga@hud.ac.uk** Present position **Head, Global Disaster Resilience Centre**  Previous posts and functions **Please refer www.dilanthiamaratunga.net for all the details**

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Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand is a leading regional non-profit organization dedicated to create safer communities and sustainable development through disaster risk reduction. ADPC capacity building programs encompass a wide diversity in application, address all types of hazards and cover all aspects of the risk management spectrum from prevention and mitigation, through preparedness and response, to rehabilitation and reconstruction. ADPC has contributed in changing the shape of DM practice through helping in building and enhancing DRR capacity of more than 10,000 government and non-government practitioners in Asia and globally. The Center strives to be an initiating and responsive regional resource center which is capable of originating actions ahead of current disaster risk and potential climate change to ensure sustainable development within Asia. ADPC has always been an active contributor in generating and promoting utilization of science based information in DRR. It has done some pioneering work in DRR capacity building in areas such as risk assessment, safer development planning, Urban Resilience building, Climate risk management, Community based disaster risk management, Public health in emergencies etc. to support a wider international DRR agenda that has a bearing on sustainable development. ADPC has contributed in improving multi-hazard EW, weather forecasting and climate services through engagement with national weather bureaus and building capacity in long term and short range forecasting and information dissemination.

The efforts in Mainstreaming DRR into development carried out through a long term programmatic approach involving DRR focal points, sector based agencies such as agriculture, housing, education, health, and infrastructure etc. of South and South East Asia was commendable. While being a technical resource center, it has helped in conducting risk assessments and knowledge transfer to help in developing strategies for sector level climate change adaptations and risk reduction interventions. Some of the interventions by ADPC in particular in agricultural sector through promoting sustainable innovative practices such as climate field schools has earned the praise of not only national and sub-national government authorities but also vulnerable farming community.

The center has left behind number of related sound practices to play an active role in related endeavors. ADPC programs demonstrated the need for engagement of professionals from diverse fields, deal with the subject utilizing a more technocratic approach, utilizing cross-sectorial and cross-disciplinary solutions through pluralistic participatory processes. Over the years ADPC has built up a close alliance with International and national level academia, engaged in research and helped several universities in Asia to develop post graduate courses to professionalize the subject of Disaster risk management.

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**How the nominee’s work is funded**

Currently ADPC program administration, resource mobilization and institutional management are being carried out as per institutional policies of the Foundation. ADPC has significantly expanded programs as well its resource base over the last 28 years. To date ADPC has around 100 professional staff employed in Bangkok office and country offices. The main income sources of the Center is through bi-lateral cooperation with several donor countries and other income is generated through conduct of regular regional level capacity building programs, training and consultancy services. Given ADPC’s established professional standing, its growing viability with diversified support, ADPC has demonstrated its capacity to harness and mobilize financial resources in a sustainable manner.

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