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**Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016
New Delhi, India
02-05 November 2016**

Concept Note for Pre-conference events on 02 November 2016

Venue: Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi

Event title	Meeting of Parliamentarians: From Sendai to Delhi: Asian Parliamentarians' Roadmap to Implement the Sendai Framework for Resilient and Sustainable Development
Event code	PC-3
Date and Time	Wednesday, 2 nd November, 10.00-16.00
Venue/ Room no.	Suite No. 292, Second Floor
Session Objectives	<p>The meeting aims to translate commitments made at WCDRR into actions by parliamentarians in Asia in support of Sendai Framework implementation. Specifically, it aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a roadmap for engagement of Asian parliaments and parliamentarians in the Sendai Framework implementation, particularly the 'Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework'.• Provide inputs to the draft Handbook for Parliamentarians 'Promoting Governance for Disaster-resilient Development'.• Discuss mechanisms for Asian parliaments and parliamentarians to regularly monitor and report back on the Sendai Framework implementation and progress against set outcome and global targets at national and regional level.

Background and context

Parliamentarians are important actors in disaster risk reduction (DRR). During the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 “Building resilience of nations and communities to disasters”, thousands of parliamentarians have engaged through their national parliaments and regional and global parliamentary assemblies in advocating for DRR as imperative to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, developing laws, promoting people’s voices and participation and improving budget allocation for disaster risk management.

The Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 set a clear goal to prevent new risk, reduce existing risk and strengthen resilience through the principles of broader people-centered preventive approach to disasters to achieve the outcome of “*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*”.

It calls on parliamentarians as people’s representatives and political leaders to:

- Contribute to the primary responsibility of each State to prevent and reduce disaster risk;
- Hold governments accountable for commitments they have engaged in;
- Voice out and strengthen the participation of all sectors of society.

At the 3rd UN World Conference on DRR (WCDRR) in March 2016, parliamentarians from 22 countries met in a meeting, jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UNISDR and made commitments for the Sendai Framework for DRR (see Annex 1 – IPU Statement at the WCDRR)¹. The meeting urges IPU and UNISDR to develop a **roadmap** to facilitate engagement of parliaments and parliamentarians in the effective implementation of the Sendai Framework, to compile a **guidance note** on essential components of effective disaster risk reduction policy and legislation and develop a **format/protocol** for parliaments and parliamentarians to regularly monitor and report back on implementation of the framework.

These reflect the commitments of parliamentarians from Asia-Pacific made at the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR in June 2014², which include:

- Promote, articulate and adopt policy frameworks to reinforce coherence of DRR, response to climate change and sustainable development;
- Strengthen legislative framework to enable risk-sensitive development;
- Ensure that government, both national and local set higher budget allocation for disaster and climate risk management;
- Initiate institutional reforms toward risk-sensitive and resilient development including regulatory and incentive mechanisms for the private sector to invest in DRR; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance legislative and budget oversight. <p>The 2016 AMCDRR, hosted by the Government of India will be first Ministerial conference after the advent of the Sendai Framework. It aims at transforming the commitment of governments and stakeholders into national and local actions and set the directions to accelerate the framework implementation and monitoring in Asia (http://www.amcdrrindia.net).</p> <p>It is proposed that IPU and UNISR hold a meeting of Asian parliamentarians at the AMCDRR for parliamentarians from the region to reiterate their commitments and develop plans for Asian parliaments and parliamentarians to engage in the Sendai Framework implementation.</p>
<p>Session format and programme</p>	<p>Tentative Agenda (14.00 – 17.00, 3 hours including coffee break)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks and objectives of the meeting by the Chair <i>(10 min)</i> • Tour-de-table: Self introduction of participants <i>(15 min)</i> • Presentation by UNISDR: Recap of Parliamentarians’ commitments for Sendai Framework and the ‘Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework’ <i>(15 min)</i> • Roundtable discussion 1: How parliaments and parliamentarians can support the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework? <i>(30 min)</i> • Coffee break <i>(15 min)</i> • Presentation by UNISDR: The draft Handbook for Parliamentarians ‘Promoting Governance for Disaster-resilience Development’ <i>(15 min)</i> • Roundtable discussion 2: Comments and inputs to the draft Handbook <i>(30 min)</i> • Roundtable discussion 3: How parliaments and parliamentarians can monitor the implementation of the Sendai Framework and report back? <i>(30 min)</i> • Summary of the meeting and adoption of the Statement of Action by Parliamentarians <i>(15 min)</i> • Conclusion and Note of Thanks by the Chair <i>(5 min)</i>

<p>Intended main outcome and Key messages</p>	<p>A <i>Statement of Action</i> by Asian parliamentarians that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined actions for parliaments and parliamentarians in Asia to support the 'Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework'. • Inputs provided for the finalization of the Handbook for Parliamentarians 'Promoting Governance for Disaster-resilient Development'. • Defined actions, as well as collaboration mechanisms for Asian parliaments and parliamentarians to regularly monitor the Sendai Framework and report back including through the AMCDRR and ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP).
<p>List of Speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Chair:</p> <p>Hon. Saber Chowdhury, President, IPU, Chair of UNISDR Asia Parliamentarian Advisory Group for DRR</p>
<p>Technical Equipment</p>	<p>Projector, computer, microphones, needed</p>

