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Concept Note of Featured Event

Event title	Featured Event 3: Strengthening regional cooperation for implementation of the Sendai Framework in Asia
Event code	FE 3
Date and Time	Friday, 4 th November 2016, 11:15- 12:45
Venue/ Room no.	Hall No 6, Second Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
Organizers	Lead: Government of India Collaborators: IGOs and UNISDR
Session Objectives	The objectives of the session are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assess how regional cooperation has contributed to the advancement of disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Asia and lessons learned; • To deliberate how to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms to achieve Sendai Framework goal and disaster resilience targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and other post-2015 frameworks; • To discuss ways to enhance the role of Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGO) and regional organizations for risk-sensitive sustainable development in Asia.

<p>Background and context (<i>rationale of the event</i>) 500 Words max.</p>	<p>Strengthening regional cooperation to boost actions on DRR was a focus of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA). The HFA called on regional organizations and institutions to develop regional programmes that promote technical cooperation, develop methodologies and standards, share information and mobilize resources to support national efforts as well as undertake regional and sub-regional assessment of DRR status and monitor HFA progress.</p> <p>The 3rd World Conference on DRR (WCDRR) in March 2015 set an objective <i>“To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/ institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations, as well as relevant regional agreements for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action”</i>.</p> <p>As a result, the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 that was adopted at the WCDRR highlights that <i>“International mechanisms such asthe regional platforms for DRR as well as other relevant...regional forums for cooperation, have been instrumental in the development of policies and strategies and the advancement of knowledge and mutual learning”</i> and that <i>“International, regional and sub-regional and transboundary cooperation remains pivotal in supporting the efforts of the States...”</i>.</p> <p>The Sendai Framework Guiding principles emphasize, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The primary responsibility of States to prevent and reduce disaster risk, including through international, regional, sub-regional, transboundary and bilateral cooperation; - An effective and meaningful global partnership and the further strengthening of international cooperation... <p>The Framework specifies activities at regional and global levels across its four Priorities for Action. Under means of implementation, it highlights the importance of transferring technological innovations and research capacity that involves transfer of skill, knowledge, ideas and know-how, North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation as well as the provision of adequate, sustainable and timely resources especially for LDC and countries with special needs.</p> <p>In Asia, regional cooperation has been an important part of the HFA implementation. Regional cooperation mechanisms have been developed</p>
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	<p>and/or strengthened over the last ten years including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The institutionalization of the Regional platform for DRR comprising of the biennial Asian Ministerial Conference for DRR and the ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP); - The promotion of DRR in general and HFA implementation by IGOs (ASEAN, SAARC as well as ECO recently) and other regional institutions (i.e. APEC); - The establishment of regional centers for early warning such as the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee; - Coordination mechanisms within the UN system such as Thematic Working Group, Regional UN Development Group - Regional networks/alliances (Asia-Pacific Coalition for Safe Schools; IAP Stakeholder Groups) as well as regional organizations specialized in disaster risk management (ADRC, ADPC, etc). <p>As Asia moves to Sendai Framework implementation, it is important to assess the effectiveness of existing regional cooperation mechanisms and identify ways for their improvement.</p>
<p>Session format and programme <i>(detailed agenda)</i></p>	<p>The session will be a panel discussion with panellists being representatives from governments, IGOs, regional institutions as well as development partners.</p> <p>Chair: Government of India/Host of AMCDRR</p> <p>Panellists will share their perspectives on strengths and weaknesses of regional cooperation for DRR in Asia. Drawing on their practice experiences with specific regional cooperation mechanisms, the panellists will deliberate on recommended actions to strengthen regional cooperation for Sendai Framework implementation. The following questions would serve to provoke the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How regional cooperation has made a difference in advancing DRR agenda in Asia? • What has worked well and what should be improved based on experiences of different regional cooperation mechanisms such as

	<p>AMCDRR/IAP and others?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How IGOs and other regional institutions have played their role in DRR and in promoting risk-sensitive development? What could be improved? • How to link/strengthen collaboration with other regional cooperation mechanisms (such as those for SDGs implementation and monitoring or response to climate change) to ensure the coherence of Sendai Framework, SDGs and other related post-2015 frameworks and agenda? <p>Tentative agenda:</p> <p>11.15- 11.20 Session’s overview by the Chair (5 minutes)</p> <p>11.20 – 12.10 Moderated interventions by panellists (50 minutes)</p> <p>12.10 – 12.40 Plenary discussion</p> <p>12.40 – 12.45 Wrap-up</p>
<p>Intended main outcome and Key messages</p>	<p>Key Messages</p> <p>Reflecting the actual outcomes of the session, these will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements, lessons learned and gaps in regional cooperation for DRR in Asia; • Recommendations (maximum ten) for strengthening regional cooperation mechanisms to support Sendai Framework implementation and achieve the SDGs and HOW to take them forward; • Recommendations for enhancing the role of IGOs and other regional institutions and networks in line with the draft Asia Regional Plan
<p>List of Speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Chair: H.E Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State of Home Affairs, Government of India and UN DRR Champion</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Dr. Akima Umezawa, Deputy Secretary-General, Trilateral Cooperation (TCS) of China-ROK-Japan3. H.E. Arjun Bahadur Thapa, Secretary-General, SAARC4. H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General, ASEAN5. H.E. Mr. Halil Ibrahim Akca, Secretary-General, ECO6. H.E. Ambassador Sumith Nakandala, Secretary General, BIMSTEC
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