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Concept Note of Technical Session

Event title	Technical Session 2: Disaster Risk Governance
Event code	TS2
Date and Time	Thursday 3 November 2016: 11.30 – 13.30
Venue/ Room no.	Inaugural Area, Back Lawns, Vigyan Bhawan
Theme	Strengthening disaster risk governance to support the shift towards risk-resilient development in Asia.
Organizers	<p>Lead: Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>Collaborators:</p> <p>Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield (On behalf of the WG for Sendai Framework Words into Action on Disaster Risk Governance)</p>
Session objectives	<p>This Technical Session aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree on actions to strengthen disaster risk governance in Asia. 2. Deliberate on how to achieve the governance related milestones and two-year actions proposed in the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of Sendai Framework. 3. Share knowledge and experiences in disaster risk governance, taking in account the unique opportunity to make integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into sustainable development practice. <p>The outcomes of the session will be shared at the Summary Plenary. They will serve the implementation of the Sendai Framework in the region including the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework.</p>

<p>Background and context</p>	<p>The Sendai Framework emphasizes the great importance of disaster risk governance for an efficient and effective management of disaster risk. Clear vision and strategies are needed to create the paradigm shift from disaster management to disaster risk management that facilitates sustainable development.</p> <p>Coherent policies, adequate institutional arrangements, capacities and coordination within and across sectors are important to enable all state institutions at all levels to manage disaster risk and strengthen resilience through risk-sensitive plans and implementations. Sustained mechanisms for participation of communities and relevant stakeholders (such as at-risk population, volunteers, civil society, the private sector, etc.), to build their capacity and promote leadership, are critical to realize the principle of “shared responsibility” in disaster risk reduction and to build the culture of prevention.</p> <p>Strengthening accountability mechanisms is fundamental to hold all public and private entities accountable, not only for disaster losses, but also the increase of disaster risk.</p> <p>The Asia-Pacific inputs to the Sendai Framework, in particular, emphasized reinforcement of accountabilities through, amongst others: (i) Setting clear mandates and responsibilities of institutions at different levels; (ii) Ensuring adequate authority, access to resources and technical and managerial capacity of local level institutions, particularly for functions such as land use planning, construction safety compliance and social safety mechanisms etc.; (iii) Providing adequate legal support, rights and access to information, transparent communications and inclusive policies for citizen empowerment; (iv) Developing a monitoring and evaluation system including financial tracking mechanisms and (v) Strengthening legislation and regulatory frameworks and legislative oversight, including parliamentary, as key instruments for accountabilities.</p> <p>At this first AMCDRR to set directions for implementation of the Sendai Framework in Asia, deliberations in the Technical Session will focus on ‘How to’ tackle the following critical issues to strengthen disaster risk governance in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to achieve Sendai Target e on risk-informed national and local DRR strategies by 2020, which will enable an adequate and effective national legislative, policy and institutional framework that reinforces disaster risk management in all development sectors?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to strengthen regulatory and financial means to empower local authorities to work and coordinate with civil society, communities and other stakeholders in disaster risk management and resilience building at the local level? • How to reinforce the people-centred preventive approach to disasters, particularly to strengthen participation, capacity and leadership of at-risk population (women, children, people with disabilities, the elderly, migrants, etc.), volunteers, civil society and the private sector? • How to ensure that legislative and policy framework includes measurement of an institution's performance in DRR? How to develop and utilize culturally appropriate accountability tools (i.e. participatory budgeting, social audit, citizen record card and surveys) and How to enable and capacitate civil society to promote social accountability, especially accountability for prevention and reduction of risk in the built environment? • How to strengthen regional cooperation including Inter-Governmental Organizations to make disaster risk management an institutional priority across sectors and to address trans-boundary risks? <p>The deliberations will draw on experiences of countries and organizations in Asia. Latest discussions on disaster risk governance and global experiences will also be brought in to enrich the identification of solutions for the region. This includes the sharing of the draft Sendai Framework Words into Actions Implementation Guide on Disaster Risk Governance.</p>
Session format	<p>The session will be in the form of a panel discussion and interactions with the participants. This includes the sharing of outcomes of related Thematic Sessions as interventions from the floor.</p> <p>Indicative agenda:</p> <p>11.30 – 11.35: Introduction by the Chair – Objectives, agenda and panelists</p> <p>11.35 – 12.45: Panel discussion</p> <p>12.45 – 13.25: Interactions with participants</p> <p>13.25 – 13.30: Chair's summary of the discussion and key recommendations</p>
Main outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of agreed actions in response to the above-mentioned critical issues • A set of recommended actions on how to achieve the milestones and the

	<p>two-year action plan of the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to improve the Sendai Words into Action Implementation Guide on Disaster Risk Governance
<p>List of speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Chair: H.E. Saber Chowdhury, President of IPU, Member of the Parliament, Bangladesh</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Her Excellency Isabel Amaral Guterres, Minister, Ministry of Social Solidarity, Timor-Leste. The minister can share insights on how to strengthen institutional arrangements to reinforce disaster risk management in development, especially through an integrated approach that coherently addresses DRR, response to climate change and critical development issues of a country such as social security. 2. Prof. Chandrashekhar, Hon. Minister, Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar, India. Prof. Chandrashekhar will share Bihar's experience in developing State DRR Strategy in line with State development agenda. The strategy shifts from managing disaster to managing risk with five components focusing on building resilience, namely Resilient Villages, Resilient Livelihoods, Resilient Critical infrastructure, Resilient Basic Services, and Resilient Cities. 3. Ms. Annisa T, PhD Student on Disaster Risk Governance, Indonesia. Anissa will share case studies on disaster risk governance from Indonesia and India and also her practical experience in local level work. Representing the UN Major Group on Children and Youth, Anissa will add a scientific content and intergenerational perspective. 4. Prof. Ali Ardalan, Adviser to Health Deputy Minister, Member of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction at National Disaster Management Organization, I.R.Iran. Prof. Ardalan will share Iran's experience in mobilizing sectors' proactive roles in DRR such as leading role that Iranian Ministry of Education plays in the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools or the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in Hospital safe from Disasters and Integration of DRR in national primary health care system. He will also discuss how governments can play a stronger role in enhancing regional cooperation for DRR, taking the example of the regional center for development of disaster management information hosted by

	<p>Government of I.R.Iran.</p> <p>5. Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga, Head, Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield and Coordinator of the Working Group for Sendai Words into Action Implementation Guide on Governance. Prof. Amaratunga can share her experience in disaster risk governance, the case studies gathered for the Guide as well as current thinking on critical disaster risk governance issues to be addressed in implementing the Sendai Framework including regional cooperation.</p>
<p>Technical Equipment</p>	<p>Projector, computer, microphones, others: cards for participants to write recommendations if time does not allow for all to speak.</p>