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Concept Note of Technical Session

Event title	Technical Session 3: Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for resilience
Event code	TS3
Date and Time	Thursday 03 November; 16.30-18.30
Venue/ Room no.	Vigyan Bhawan Back Lawns Inaugural Area
Theme	Increasing public & private sector investment in disaster risk prevention and reduction that strengthens economic, social, health and cultural resilience.
Organizers	<p>Chair: Brig-Gen T Badral, Chief of NEMA, Government of Mongolia</p> <p>Collaborators:</p> <p>Thailand Ministry of Health; Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry FICCI; Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); Asia Pacific Coalition for Safe Schools (APCSS); the Center for Asia Pacific Partnership</p>
Session objectives	<p>This Technical Session aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share knowledge and experiences that demonstrates how investing in DRR for resilience saves lives, protects livelihoods, strengthens economic and social resilience and preserves cultural heritage 2. Deliberate on how to achieve the investing in DRR-related milestones and two-year actions proposed in the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of Sendai Framework.

Background and context

The Sendai Framework says assessing and anticipating the economic, social and cultural dimensions of disasters will strengthen long-term resilience. It advocates for measures to prevent and reduce disaster risk in these areas. This requires all sectors to be ‘disaster risk-informed’ and for DRR considerations to be integrated into the instruments and processes of decision making in the public sector, private sector and at the local level.

In terms of the **public sector**, providing secure ‘lifelines’ to businesses and communities in the forms of disaster-resilient roads, water, power and other infrastructure is a vital government service. Over the lifetime of the Sendai Framework, the public sector, often in partnership with the private sector, will invest trillions of dollars in Asian infrastructure. The more disaster-risk resilient this investment is, the more sustainable and competitive individual businesses and the overall economy will be. Beyond infrastructure, government leadership is important across the whole range of economic and social life. Within this, health resilience is one of the most important elements. The ‘Bangkok Principles’ – agreed in March 2016 at the International Conference on the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework – detail seven recommendations to help governments and partners to ensure better health outcomes in disasters.

For the **private sector**, the business case for disaster risk reduction is compelling. The vast majority of businesses in Asia are small and medium-sized enterprises, so-called SMEs (i.e. 97% of all enterprises in APEC economies). They form the backbone of Asia Pacific economies, and the evidence is clear: SMEs that adopt even basic business continuity management are more likely to survive during and after disasters. Those companies that pursue more comprehensive disaster risk management strategies will make their enterprises more sustainable and competitive.

At the **local level**, education is one of the most critical areas of social resilience. The Sendai Framework recognizes the sector as an integral aspect of disaster resilience. The Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools – a government-led global partnership – has generated significant momentum in Asia. Many countries have prioritized safe learning facilities (disaster-resilient infrastructure); school disaster management; and DRR and education on resilience as part of their national DRR strategies. It is also at the local level that cultural heritage is nourished and preserved ... or lost, as the case may be. Incorporating the protection of cultural heritage sites and

	institutions in broader national disaster risk reduction strategies is an important – yet often overlooked – element of resilience.
Session format	<p>The session will be in the form of a panel discussion with interactions from plenary.</p> <p>16.30-16.35: Introduction by Chair – objectives, agenda & panelists</p> <p>16.35-17.45: Moderated panel discussion guided by the below three questions</p> <p>17.45-18.20: Q&A with plenary</p> <p>18.20-18.30: Chair’s summary and recommendations</p>
Main outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge and experiences documented and shared on investing in DRR for resilience 2. Recommendations made to achieve the related milestones and two-year actions in the proposed Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework
List of Speakers and their interventions	<p>Chair: Brig-Gen T Badral, Chief of NEMA, Government of Mongolia</p> <p>The moderator will ask the following three questions to the panel</p> <p>Question 1 (30 mins): The Sendai Framework says DRR needs to be mainstreamed across all sectors and at all levels. Please share one example of how your government/sector/organization has invested in DRR for resilience</p> <p>Question 2 (20 mins): The Sendai Framework emphasizes the importance of collaboration under the overall leadership of government. Please share one example of how your government/sector/organization has worked in partnership to strengthen disaster resilience.</p> <p>Question 3 (20 mins): The Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework is set to be one of the main outcomes of the AMCDRR. What are your main recommendations to achieve the milestones and actions related to investing in DRR for resilience?</p>

	<p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Khamlieng Pholsena, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment, Government of Lao PDR2. Dr. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the House of Representatives, Indonesia3. Dr. Phusit Prakongsai, Director Bureau of International Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand4. Mr. R.K. Jain, Member Secretary NDMA, India5. Ms. Ronilda R. Co, Director of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service, Department of Education, Philippines6. Ms. Sandra Wu, CEO & Chairperson Kokusai Kogyo & UNISDR ARISE Asia Focal Point
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