

Central Asia Centre for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction

- A proposal -

History

- Kobe 2005 – inception
- New Delhi 2007 – confirmation of interest
- Almaty 2008 – discussing details
- Kuala Lumpur 2008 – agreement on concept note
- Almaty 2009 – agreement on legal framework + assessing donor interest
- Geneva 2009 – confirmation of donor interest
- Consultancy 2009 – consolidation

Legal framework

- Legal agreement based on 1998 Agreement of Eternal Friendship (Cholpon-Ata)
- Legal agreement based on ASEAN agreement (Vientiane 2005)
- Regulates the center's objectives, TOR, organizational and financial arrangements and status

Guiding principles

- Enhance central Asia synergies Maximize national ownership
- Improving communication and coordination between member states and programmes supporting disaster risk reduction
- Maximize ownership by member states

Overall objective

Reduce the risk of disasters associated with natural hazards in Central Asia by creating sustainable mechanisms for DRR through the formation of the Central Asian Centre for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction

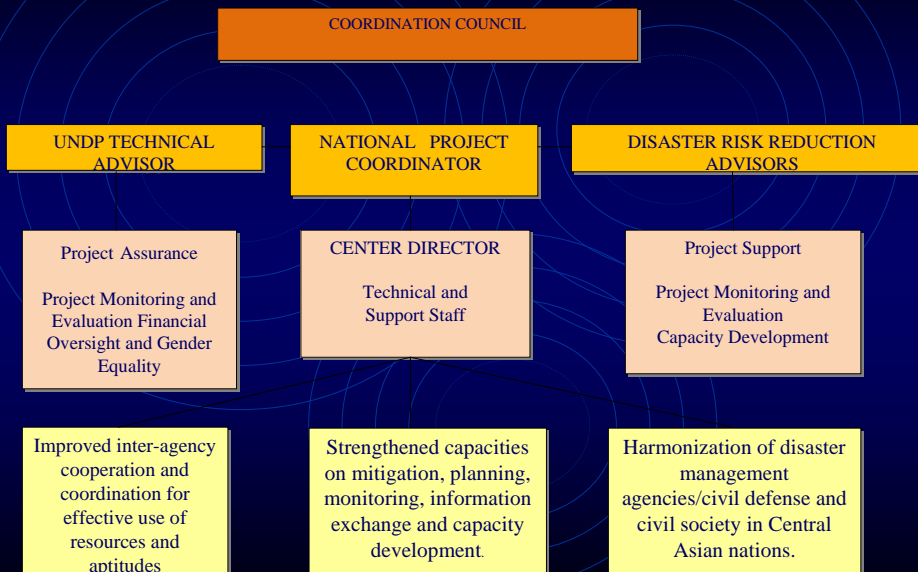
Specific objectives

1. Development of national disaster prevention and management systems in Central Asia;
2. Development of coordinated preparedness and response planning including emergency services and assets of member/non-member states;
3. Development of a modern information/communication system for the collection and analysis of data to support effective disaster preparedness and response initiatives in the Central Asia region;
4. Update hazard, risks and vulnerability/capacity assessments for natural and human induced hazards in the Central Asian region and establish linkage with international disaster risk monitoring systems and networks; and
5. Expand cooperation with international disaster risk reduction partners for participation in international seminars, training, workshops and conferences.

Activities first 18 months

- Technical knowledge and capacity assessment of member state institutions and disaster preparedness and response stakeholders
- Development of a regional database on hazards and vulnerable areas – particularly cross border
- Complete risk assessment + create a regional strategy to redress vulnerabilities – particularly cross border
- Development of regional early warning and contingency plans
- Baseline data study
- Strengthen civil society involvement

Management arrangements



Budget first 18 months

Budget item	USD
Staff cost	660,000
Equipment and furniture	148,000
Travel	50,000
Database development and maintenance	230,000
Capacity, vulnerability and risk assessments + analysis	125,000
Joint assessment development + training	35,000
Dissemination materials, workshops and training	40,000
Baseline study	30,000
Total	1,300,000

Next steps

- Establish centre with support from UN
- Mobilize donor support for resource gaps
- Estimated time schedule for opening of centre half 2010