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The 2017 Global Platform (GP) for Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Cancun, Mexico on 24-26 May 2017. Held bi-annually since 2007, the Global Platform was established to provide a venue for professionals working on DRR from many different stakeholder groups, including national governments, the UN system, international organizations, regional



organizations, academic institutes, civil society, and the private sector, to get together and explore DRR challenges. This fifth meeting, which was co-hosted by the government of Mexico as well as UN-ISDR, was the first to be held at a location other than Geneva. The 2017 GP was opened on 24 May and was attended by 180 countries. Diverse sessions were held throughout the three days.

### **ADRC networking breakfast on 25 May**

Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) organized a breakfast meeting on 25 May to facilitate member countries' networking. It was attended by 18 participants from nine ADRC member countries, thanks particularly to the networks of former ADRC visiting researchers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our special thanks to the participants and, in particular, to the former VRs actively encouraging participation in the early morning breakfast, despite the short notice

During the meeting, Azerbaijan, which is hosting the upcoming ACDR 2017 in Baku, expressed the idea of inviting participants to the International Caspian Exercise 2017 for DRR, just before the opening of ACDR2017. The host country requested member countries to send high level delegates to the conference given the increasing importance of DRR.

ADRC invited member countries at the SC meeting held in Kumamoto last December to share major DRR challenges and demands for regional collaboration in the future, in order to discuss ADRC future priorities. At the meeting in Cancun, the initial outcomes provided by the six member countries (Armenia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, and Sri Lanka) were shared by participants. ADRC asked member countries to share their ideas and discuss future DRR priorities during the GP meeting period and beyond. Participants then shared updates on recent DRR policies during the brief roundtable. ADRC hopes to provide opportunities for member countries to get together and exchange views so that individual countries could promote the Sendai Framework through closer collaboration.

### **ADRC Official Statement at the GP**

On the second day of the GP, ADRC made an official statement on the priority issues that had been discussed so far with member countries, based on the

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three major outcomes of the ACDR2016 in Phuket, including policy measures for surviving mega disasters, strengthening DRR and DRM through capacity development, and science and technology supporting CBDRM. Key issues raised by member countries since the study visits to Kumamoto last year were also integrated, including considerations of climate change adaptation. ADRC also reported on the ACDR2017 in Baku.

During the GP, ADRC attended various sessions and discussed the ACDR2017 with Azerbaijan. The GP gave us opportunities to exchange views with member countries, to discuss issues to be addressed beyond the 20th anniversary of ADRC, and to meet APEC economies on the opposite side of the Pacific.

It was announced that the 2019 Global Platform will take place in Geneva.

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