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● Announcement

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2021 (ACDR2021)

The basic theme of last year's Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) was "Can We Adapt to the New Normal?" This theme reflected the idea that developments like the climate crisis and COVID-19 are prompting us to adapt to new conditions by rethinking the wide range of activities that encompass our personal lives and economic activities. At the conference, many member countries and experts acknowledged the current state of the crisis and pointed out the need for change across a wide range of areas. "Crisis," "Adaptation," and "New Normal" were the key words of the last conference. It was suggested that we need to make significant changes to become a sustainable society that takes into consideration the needs of vulnerable groups. We need to abandon the old economic structures and build a new model based on sustainable development and social fairness.

At ACDR2021, we will further develop these ideas with a focus on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and will discuss what kind of world we want to live in and how to realize it. Based on the issues discussed at ACDR2020, we set the following basic theme for this year's event: "Time for Change and Transformation: The Road to a Resilient Asia." The ACDR2021 virtual conference will be held on 14-16 December 2021 using Zoom. The conference will allow participants to discuss the issues raised in the papers shared on the event website, which will be launched in October. The tentative agenda of ACDR2021 is shown below:

Agenda:

Day 1: 14 December 2021 (Tue) 15:00-17:00 (GMT+9)

- Opening & Keynote Session
- High Level Round Table, Statements by Member Countries

Day 2: 15 December 2021 (Wed) 15:00-17:00 (GMT+9)

- ADRC Steering Committee
- Session 1

Day 3: 16 December 2021 (Thu) 15:00-17:00 (GMT+9)

- Session 2
- Session 3
- Closing Session

The ACDR2021 sessions will focus on the following themes:

-Session 1: "Developing DRR Technologies that Meet Local Needs to Create a Safe, Secure, and Livable Society"

Session 1 is aimed at supporting member countries in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and the SDGs, and contributing to the creation of a safe, secure, and livable society with the latest DRR technologies.

Continued**-Session 2: "Strengthening Disaster Preparedness: Education and Awareness Raising for Promoting Proactive Disaster Risk Reduction Actions"**

Session 2 is aimed at seeking effective methodologies for DRR education and public outreach to promote and encourage actions that people can take proactively before and during disasters, including the transmission of lessons learned from past disasters.

-Session 3: "Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for a Resilient Society"

Session 3 is aimed at sharing recent knowledge, perspectives, and approaches to accelerate risk-informed investment and provide an overview of practical methods of investment through organizing DRR strategies from a local perspective.

Registration details will be shared in ADRC Highlights in October. We look forward to your active participation in ACDR2021!

Third ADRC Online DRR Seminar: "Developing DRR Technologies That Meet Local Needs to Create a Safe, Secure, and Livable Society"

ADRC is pleased to present the third in our series of ADRC Online DRR Seminars (the second was held 13 July 2021) entitled "Developing DRR Technologies That Meet Local Needs to Create a Safe, Secure, and Livable Society," to be held on 14 September 2021.

In this third seminar, speakers will share case studies highlighting DRR investments made before disasters and activities aligned with international standards. In the seminar, participants will hold discussions that will advance efforts to achieve the SFDRR and the SDGs.

- We will share and discuss ISO initiatives and their affinity with DRR activities.
- We will share and discuss the importance of risk reduction in the Asian region from the perspective of DRR investment before disaster.
- We will hear reports from ADRC member countries on the development of early warning and disaster information system, and the possibility of deploying them to other countries.

For details on this third seminar, please visit: <https://acdr.adrc.asia/home/2021Seminar>
To participate, please register through Zoom (<http://bit.ly/adrcseminar3>). We look forward to seeing you at the event!



14 September 2021 (Tue.)
15:00 - 16:30
[Japan Time, UTC+9]

Third Seminar

*Developing DRR technologies that meet local needs to
create a safe, secure, and livable society*

<Case Studies on Utilization of Standardization for Structural and Non-structural DRR Measures>

Third ADRC Online DRR Seminar

Fourth ADRC Online DRR Seminar "GLOF Impacts on Local Economies and Risk Reduction Measures"

ADRC is pleased to present the fourth in our series of ADRC Online DRR Seminars entitled "GLOF Impacts on Local Economies and Response Measures" on 28 September 2021. This fourth seminar will focus on the issue of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region, which are attributed to climate change. It will cover the impact of GLOFs on the region and the risk reduction measures being taken there.

For details on the fourth seminar, please visit: <https://adrc.adrc.asia/home/2021Seminar>
To participate, please register through Zoom (<http://bit.ly/adrcseminar4>). We look forward to seeing you at the event!

● Participation in International Conferences

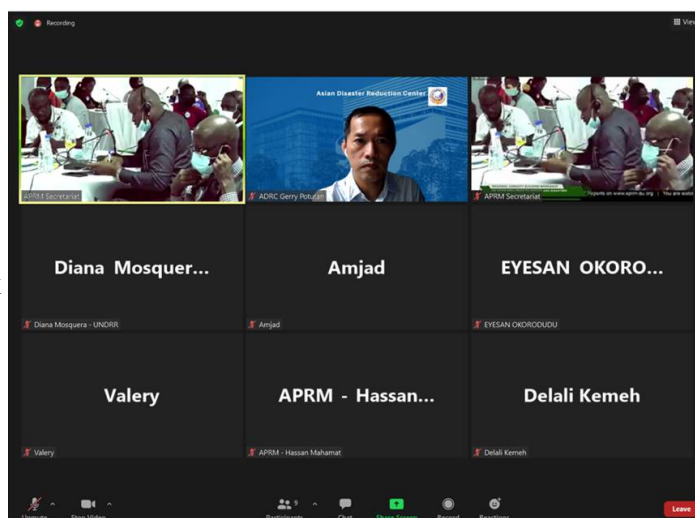
Sharing Asian Disaster Response Experiences with Africa

ADRC participated in a two-day "Regional Capacity Building and Experience Sharing Workshop on State Resilience to Shocks and Disasters" held 13-14 August 2021 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) – in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Commission (EC), African Risk Capacity (AFC), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) – organized this event under the auspices of the African Union. Most participants were high-level officials from the 40 APRM member countries.

The discussions held during the workshop focused on five themes: (1) Disaster Risk Knowledge; (2) Understanding Disaster Risk Governance, (3) Building Resilience in Health, Agriculture, Peace, and Security in Africa; (4) Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems and Emergency Operations; and (5) Developing Integrated Disaster Risk Financing.

ADRC gave a presentation on theme (4), via Zoom, entitled, "Building the Case for Multi-Hazard DRM System Experiences in Asia during the COVID-19 Pandemic." The key messages of the presentation were as follows:

- In Asia, many disaster response mechanisms are based on a "single-hazard" approach to disaster response. Thus, when multiple disasters occur simultaneously, the response systems are overwhelmed.
- Responding to disasters during the COVID-19 pandemic has complicated disaster response efforts, especially in governments where disaster response and pandemic response are managed separately by different agencies.
- Evolving response practices (e.g., digitalization of early warnings, dispersed evacuations, and remote psychological first aid) are starting points for moving from a single-hazard disaster response approach to a multi-hazard disaster response approach.



ADRC presented via Zoom, specially arranged by the APRM Secretariat. Other workshop participants gathered in person in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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