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ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar 2022

ADRC Online Tsunami Seminar held on 15 June 2022 featured experts offering insights on improving our understanding of tsunamis as well as enhancing practical countermeasures.



Speakers clockwise from top left: Dr Alvisyahrin (TDMRC), Mr Swatteuk (DDPM), Mr Arakida (ADRC), Mr Potutan (ADRC), and Mr Nakagawa (ADRC)

Dr Teuku Alvisyahrin (Professor at Syiah Kuala University and Former Head of the Professional Services Division of the Tsunami and Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Banda Aceh, Indonesia) highlighted the importance of moving away from viewing tsunami risks from the conventional disaster risk perspective and instead toward adopting the cascading/systemic disaster risk perspective.

Mr Somneuk Swatteuk (Disaster Early Warning Specialist at the National Disaster Warning Center of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior of Thailand) showed how tsunami early warning systems can help inform practical evacuation actions while also helping with the management of disaster response and recovery activities.

Mr ARAKIDA Masaru (Director of the Research Department at ADRC) demonstrated how satellite images, especially the use of before and after photos, can be used in assessing disaster impacts.

In his remarks, ADRC Executive Director NAKAGAWA Masaaki said "to reduce the impacts of tsunami disasters in the future, we need to learn more about tsunami risks and to continue sharing information and experiences. We also need to pass these lessons on to the next generation so that our knowledge and skills related to tsunami countermeasures are not forgotten."

Mr Gerry Potutan (Senior Researcher at ADRC) moderated the seminar, which attracted 279 participants from 25 countries. In the after-event survey, participants

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indicated that they gained a greater understanding of tsunami risks, practical countermeasures, and the latest satellite technologies as a result of the seminar.

Visit this link for details: <https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2022tsunami.php>.

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Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022)

ADRC sent representatives to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022) that was held on 23 to 28 May 2022 in Bali, Indonesia. ADRC participated in many events, including the following: (1) Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference, 23-24 May, where we learned new developments relating to impact-based forecasting, forecast-based financing, early warning/early action, anticipatory action, and the effectiveness of early warning; (2) World Reconstruction Conference, 23-24 May, which showed pathways to a greener and more resilient future as well as recovery models for a post-COVID-19 world; and (3) Midterm Reviews of the Sendai Framework Plenaries, 26-27 May, which offered insights on progress made in the fields of financing and governance (Plenary 1), multi-hazards and the systemic nature of risk (Plenary 2), and the operating environment (Plenary 3). In the sidelines of the Global Platform, ADRC representatives also participated in separate meetings with officials from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), ASEAN Secretariat, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Thailand, and the Office of Civil Defense of the Philippines, as well as with officials from Fiji and Cambodia.



Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework Plenary 1, BNDCC, Bali, Indonesia

Moreover, ADRC Executive Director NAKAGAWA Masaaki delivered a statement expressing ADRC's commitment to improving regional partnerships to address transboundary risks in the Asia Pacific region. He highlighted two ongoing initiatives aimed at helping to strengthen preparedness, response, and recovery from transboundary disasters; namely, GLIDE and space-based technologies (e.g., Sentinel Asia and QZSS). His statement, in aiming to address one of the issues mentioned in the Co-Chairs' Summary: Bali Agenda for Resilience, noted that "Effective disaster risk management is often hindered by siloed and limited intersectoral and transboundary approaches."

You can read the full statement here: <https://bit.ly/3tHvFuQ>

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