

The Regional Capacity Development Workshop: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Sustainable Development Planning

Overview, Conclusions, and Way Forward

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AIMS

Jointly engage policymakers from ministries of planning, finance and disaster management to:

- **Promote awareness** on the need for mainstreaming DRR in **long-term strategies** for national development planning across various sectors of development
- **Share good practices and lessons** from the countries of the Asia-Pacific region that can be easily **adopted and adapted** according to specific needs of the countries
- **Provide practical guidance and approaches** about tools and processes that can be applied for mainstreaming DRR in existing programmes, activities and projects
- **Strengthen regional and south-south cooperation** by sharing knowledge and experiences, and **bridging gaps in policy and planning** for mainstreaming DRR in sustainable development planning

ATTENDANCE

- **Ministries of planning, finance, and disaster management from the following member States in Asia-Pacific: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Samoa and Sri Lanka.**
- **Resource persons from India, the Philippines, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), ESCAP, and NIDM.**

PROCEEDINGS

- Introduction of **Regional Guidebook for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Sustainable Development** as a customizable approach for mainstreaming DRR into national, sub-national, and sectoral development planning
- Introduction of **guidelines for a risk-sensitive approach** for mainstreaming DRR at the **subnational level**
- Presentation of **Sector-specific guidelines** by UNDP, UNICEF, NIDM and ESCAP; with a **specific focus on integration of CCA and DRR**
- Introduction of **new analytical tools and techniques** to support evidence-based mainstreaming in development planning; including ***ex-ante* risk assessments and *ex-post* damage and loss assessment methodologies**

DISCUSSIONS & KEY OUTCOMES

- **Substantive feedback and input** from participants on **components of the Regional Guidebook**
- Need for **improved data collection, documentation, and enhanced technical capacity** of Governments and line Ministries to understand and use risk assessments in planning decisions
- Requirement expressed for **sustained and dedicated resources** in DRR-related national and sub-national priorities, and **enhanced awareness and capacity** across Ministries at all levels of governance for mainstreaming DRR into development planning.
- Need for **enhanced regional exchanges** in planning approaches and frameworks, due to the increasingly **transboundary** nature of disasters and growing **multi-hazard exposure** in

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