

**Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development
19th Session**

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session.

The 19th session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) will be opened in the morning of Monday, 26 October 2015. Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of ESCAP will deliver an opening speech.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda will be adopted immediately after the opening of the session.

3. Election of officers.

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as well as rapporteur of the session will be elected.

4. Reconfirmation of the Membership of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC).

The members will confirm to the secretariat their National Focal Point of the ICC, as per the standard procedure.

5. Statement by the Chairperson

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Chairperson will make a statement on the major purpose of the meeting.

6. Report by the secretariat on the progress of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) and implementation of related resolutions

The secretariat will present a report reviewing the work undertaken since the 18th session of the ICC, aimed at promoting regional cooperation and enhancing space technology applications to reduce disaster risk and build resilience in the Asia-Pacific region within the context of the post-2015 development agenda. This report will focus on the progress of work in four major areas: (i) the timely provision of near real-time satellite imagery to countries affected by severe disasters; (ii) operationalization of the Regional Drought Mechanism; (iii) enhancing institutional capacity to address remaining gaps and emerging challenges; (iv) deepening emerging innovative technology applications.

ICC member countries are invited to make comments and provide valuable advice and guidance to the secretariat.

7. Status and future plans on space technology applications for sustainable development by RESAP member countries

The ICC member countries will be invited to introduce their achievements, best practices and needs on utilizing space technology for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. ICC member countries will also exchange views on the regional gaps as well as their future plan on space technology applications for sustainable development.

As a general rule, statements and presentations should not exceed 15 minutes.

8. Ways forward.

The meeting will take stock of work under the RESAP network and consider how to situate RESAP under the post-2015 development agenda, giving members an opportunity to brief the ICC on the contributions of RESAP to disaster risk reduction in the region.

The ICC will consider how to work together to promote regional cooperation and the role which space technology can play in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

The ICC will deliberate on regional strategies and future project proposals prepared by the secretariat, and provide guidance and recommendations to address disaster risk reduction and sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, share perspectives on enhanced geospatial information applications and discuss opportunities for enhancing regional mechanisms, particularly RESAP.

9. Joint agenda item with the fourth session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction

ICC member countries are invited to attend the joint session on regional cooperation on the applications of space technology and GIS for disaster risk reduction, which is agenda item 8 of the fourth session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction. This session will be held at 14.00 - 16.00hrs, 28 October 2015. The session will discuss the promoting regional cooperation on the applications of space technology and geographic information systems for effective disaster risk reduction (E/ESCAP/CDR(4)/5). During the session, a high-level panel discussion will be held to exchange views and share good practices in the applications of space technology and GIS for building resilience to disasters.

The members and associate members may wish to provide their statements on the status and future focus and activities. The national statements will not exceed 5 minutes. United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and other entities from the floor may wish to provide their views, including fostering regional cooperation in space applications for disaster risk reduction and management,

10. Other matters.

The ICC members and the secretariat will be invited to raise any other matters relevant to RESAP not already addressed under any other agenda item.

12. Summary and adoption of the report.

The Chairperson of the meeting will present a summary and ICC member countries will adopt the report of the 19th session of ICC on RESAP.

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