UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Expert Group Meeting on Capacity Development for Disaster Information Management in South and South West Asia

New Delhi, India, 16-17 April 2014

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

DAY 1	Wednesday, 16 April 2014

09:30 — Registration

10:00-10:45 — **Agenda item 1: Opening of the session**

Welcome Remarks

- Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi

Opening Remarks

- Ms Shamika Sirimanne, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP

Keynote Address

- H.E. Dr Shailesh Nayak, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India

Special Address

- H.E. Mr. Seyed Hamid Pour Mohammad, Deputy Vice President, Vice Presidency for Strategic Planning and Supervision, Islamic Republic of Iran

Inaugural Address

- H.E. Mr. K.N. Shrivastava, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India (tbc)

Agenda item 2: Election of officers

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda

10:45-11:15 — Group Photo and Tea Break

11.15-12.00 — **Agenda item 4: Issues and challenges**

Disaster Information Management in South and South West Asia (SSWA): Issues and challenges

- o ESCAP Secretariat

Agenda item 5: Introducing APDIM

Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) – Vision, Mission, Plans and Strategic Framework

- o Mr. Mojitaba Khalesi, Officer-in-charge, APDIM

Discussion

12.00-13:00	**Agenda item 6: Development Partners**

Discussions – remarks by development partners on the issues related to disaster information management in SSWA subregion

- o UNDP, ECO, SAARC, BIMSTEC

Discussion

13:00-14:00	*Lunch Break*

14:00-15:00	**Agenda item 7: Country experiences**

Sharing national experiences and identifying the critical gaps in disaster information management (15 minutes for each) and Q&A sessions (10 minutes)

- Experts/representatives of **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan**

15:00-15:30	*Coffee/Tea Break*

15:30-17:00	Sharing national experiences and identifying the critical gaps in disaster information management (15 minutes for each) and Q&A sessions (15 minutes)

- Experts/representatives of **India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Maldives, Nepal**

DAY 2	**Thursday, 17 April 2014**

10:00-11:00	**Agenda item 7: Country presentations (continue)**

Sharing national experiences and identifying the critical gaps in disaster information management (15 minutes for each) and Q&A sessions (10 minutes)

- Experts/representatives of **Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey**

11:00-11:15	*Coffee/Tea Break*

11:15-13:00	**Agenda item 8: APDIM's Programme of Work**

A. Disaster information management hub in SSWA region

- APDIM Partnership Groups (National Cartographic Centre/National Disaster Management Organization of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

B. Knowledge management hub for seismic risk reduction in SSWA region

- APDIM Partnership Group (Building and Housing Research Centre of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

Discussion

- The discussion will provide the opportunity for all participants to comment on APDIM programme of work

- APDIM Partnership Group will interact with participants on programme of work and chart out the way forward

13:00-14:00	*Lunch Break*
14.00-15.30	Recess
15:30-16:00	*Tea Break*
16:00-17:00	**Agenda item 9: Conclusion and adoption**

Conclusions and adoption of the recommendations based on the comments and feedbacks from key stakeholders - representatives from the member Countries

Valedictory Address
- H.E. Ms. Snehlata Kumar, Secretary (BM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Vote of thanks by ESCAP Secretariat

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