



The Gateway, information systems and online communities of practice

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Objectives of the Gateway

- Promotes mainstreaming of DRR into development planning
- Aggregates to the regional level information needed by disaster management stakeholders
- Encourages online communities of practice and regional networking
- Hosts the region's first and only online database of DRR policies, legislations and frameworks: provides contact list of NDMA/O and national development plans in the region

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• Also partnership with subregional organizations: ASEAN DRR Knowledge Portal, SAARC South Asian Disaster Knowledge Network, SOPAC and Pacific Disaster Net in order to ensure that intergovernmental organizations are prioritized

These partnerships:

- Improve access to information and resources on disaster risk reduction and disaster management in the region
- Compliment, rather than duplicate the work of each system
- Enhance regional cooperation

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Communities of Practice (CoPs)

- a technical working group will be held from 2-3 April to map direction of the Gateway's future development:
 - identify value-added analytical tools that Gateway can provide on regional basis
 - Identify CoPs that will benefit from the Gateway's common regional platform and that will in turn enhance the services provided by the Gateway
- These CoPs can be hosted on the Gateway
- ADPC and UNDP partners in technical working group

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Improving disaster risk preparedness in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific region

- One outcome of the project is a network of CoPs for GIS, statistics and ICT applications, which are linked into a regional-level network supportive of disaster risk identification, preparedness and related information sharing and analysis
- The expected CoPs seek to enhance cooperation and networking among experts in disaster preparedness (space applications, GIS, ICT and statistics), with a special focus on LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs
- The data and information made available through such cooperation and networks will help in planning timely disaster response and create synergies with existing databases
- The CoPs will be maintained by ESCAP or other regional entities as part of the Asia Pacific Gateway for Disaster Risk Reduction and Development for information sharing and analysis

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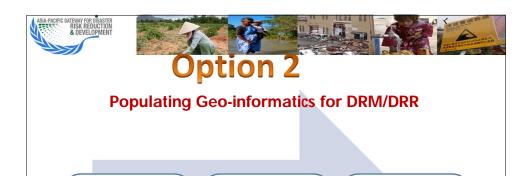


- In line with MDG implementation in the region, Gateway can support improved socio-economic analysis and promote standardized information systems for DRR, DP and DM
- In addition, Gateway can promote compatibility of data used in geospatial analysis and georeferenced information systems
- Gateway can support an online discussion on developing a common standard, at the regional and/or global level.
- It will also enhance common understandings on the linkages between MDGs and HFA and will contribute to the Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2012, to be presented at the 5th Asia Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction
- All this, will therefore enhance the capacity of government's policy formulation in DRR and disaster management in the region

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