

Ms. Hazar Fadhl Dammag from Yemen



My name is Hazar Fadhl Dammag and I'm from Yemen. I graduated in 2007 from the Agriculture College in the Department of Soil and Water at Sana'a University. I work at the Ministry of Water and the Environment (MWE) as head of the Water Policy Section. Since 2008, I have been working in water awareness, reporting and evaluation, and correspondence. The ministry aims to contribute to the development of water resources based on the integrated management of water resources and to provide clean drinking water and sanitation services, as well as to allocate water for other uses. It also aims to protect the environment from pollution, to prevent desertification, and to promote the conservation and rational use of natural resources. It strives achieve these goals by adopting relevant legislation and implementing awareness programs, and by encouraging the participation of local communities, NGOs, other civil society institutions, the private sector, and women in efforts to reform the water and environmental conditions, thereby contributing to the promotion of sustainable development, the improvement of public health, and the alleviation of poverty. The ministry also develops plans to cope with environmental disasters in coordination with the relevant authorities.

In 2008, I worked with a group from the MWE to organize an exhibit at the International Expo Zaragoza 2008 Spain (telling visitors about irrigation systems used in Yemen) for the Yemeni water authorities. From 28-29 Aug 2010, I participated in a training workshop on Rock Falls and Landslides for Disaster Risk Management organized by the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals in Sana'a, Yemen. I also participated in a training course on Ground Water and Artificial Recharge held by the Training Sector for Water Resources and Irrigation (TSWRI) in Cairo, Egypt from 2-28 December 2012 with JICA.

I joined ADRC this August as a visiting researcher to share the experiences of my country in disaster management and to study disaster management systems in Japan and other ADRC member countries. This experience will be useful in helping me perform my duties and in minimizing damage from disasters in Yemen, particularly because my country has a lot of problems related to water resources. My research will therefore focus on how to strengthen technical water resource management in Yemen, including issues related to database creation and raising public awareness.