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## Highlights

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➤ **ADRC Participates in the Regional Workshop on Mitigation, Preparedness and Development for Tsunami Early Warning Systems in the Indian Ocean Region**

The Regional Workshop on Mitigation, Preparedness and Development for Tsunami Early Warning Systems in the Indian Ocean Region organized by UN/ISDR, UNESCAP and UNESCO/IOC, was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 14 - 16 June 2006. Eighty officials from the UN, other international organizations and 26 countries participated in the event.



The aims of the workshop were to build a strategy for strengthening risk mitigation in the development and planning of a tsunami early warning system in the Indian Ocean region, as well as to adopt the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for a sixth proposed Working Group (WG on mitigation, preparedness and response) to be added to the Intergovernmental Coordination Groups (ICG) for the Development and Coordination of Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Systems.

Mr. Koji Suzuki, Executive Director, and Mr. Akihiro Teranishi, Senior Researcher, participated in the meeting and shared information on the ADRC's tsunami-related activities, including the Tsunami Education Project in Thailand.

The workshop consisted of reports on the efforts of UN agencies, international/regional organizations, donors and participating countries in the development of tsunami early warning systems, as well as regional (Africa, South Asia and South-East Asia) and thematic (early warning systems and UN/donor agencies) group discussions. Each group submitted its recommendations at the end of its discussion. Further discussion is needed on the ToR of a new WG/ICG, which will be proposed at the Third Session of the ICG to be held in Bali, Indonesia on 31 July to 2 August.

For more information, please contact Mr. Teranishi ([teranishi@adrc.or.jp](mailto:teranishi@adrc.or.jp)).

➤ **Third Regional Consultative Meeting for Central Asia was held in Kyrgyz Republic**

The Third Central Asian Regional Consultative Meeting on Disaster Reduction was held in Issy-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic on 23-24 May 2006. It was attended by government officials from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, as well as representatives from UN/OCHA, UNDP, FOCUS, World Vision and ADRC. This meeting was organized by UN/ISDR in Central Asia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Situations and UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The objectives of the meeting were to: (1) review actions taken as follow-up measures on the outcomes of the Second Consultative Meeting, held in Almaty, May 2005, (2) follow up on the outcomes of Asian Conferences on Disaster Reduction (ACDR) 2006, (3) identify further steps to ensure that progress is more efficiently made towards the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), (4) discuss the role of individual countries in a potential Disaster Preparedness Centre in Kazakhstan, and (5) facilitate cooperation between governments and international organizations.

Ms. Etsuko Tsunozaki, ADRC Senior Researcher, participated in this meeting and gave a presentation on how to better use the HFA as guidelines for developing long-term national strategies, as well as on how to use examples of best



practices. She also described the outcome of the ACDR 2006 held in March in Seoul. Central Asia will be in a special position to exemplify and demonstrate the efforts made in the region, as the ACDR 2007 will be held in Kazakhstan.

The meeting participants reaffirmed their commitment to regional cooperation, which facilitates the priority implementation of disaster risk reduction efforts in individual nations.

For more detailed outcomes and information on the meeting, please contact UN/ISDR in Central Asia (Fax: +992-372-51-00-21).

➤ **UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction**

UN/ISDR has launched the nomination process for the 2007 UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. The award was established by the Nippon Foundation in 1986. As in previous years, the award recognizes outstanding experts and organizations that have contributed significantly to the development of innovative practices in disaster reduction. As 2007 marks the 20th anniversary of the award, the UN/ISDR secretariat will focus its efforts on commemorating this important milestone. The deadline for the submission of nominations is **29 June 2007**.

Nomination booklets can be downloaded from the UN/ISDR homepage (<http://www.unisdr.org>).

➤ **ADRC Member Country Report**

The latest version of ADRC Member Country Report was updated on the ADRC homepage ([http://www.adrc.or.jp/country\\_report\\_aca.php](http://www.adrc.or.jp/country_report_aca.php)).

If you have comments or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact the ADRC.

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