
4-1-2. Cooperative Projects between UN OCHA and ADRC

ADRC and the Asian Disaster Response Unit of OCHA Kobe (ADRU/OCHA Kobe) have developed the partnership through implementation of the cooperative project since ADRU/OCHA Kobe was established in February 2000 in Kobe.

Based on the cooperative project, on 4-6 July 2001, ADRC and ADRU/OCHA Kobe co-organized the Consultative Meeting on Regional Cooperation in the Field of Natural Disasters in Kathmandu, Nepal. The meeting was attended by the representatives from ADB, ADPC, ICIMOD, USAID/OFDA, UNDP Nepal, WFP, WHO, OCHA Geneva.

The aims of the meeting were to:

- (1) Enhance and strengthen regional cooperation in the field of natural disasters, including preparedness, reduction, capacity building, response and recovery
- (2) Provide a forum for regional organizations and regional offices of international organizations to share views and experiences related to natural disasters
- (3) Achieve a shared vision of regional cooperation

At the Meeting, following the presentations by the participants on their organizations and activities, they shared views on the main issues and outlined the common concerns in regional cooperation in the field of natural disasters. The meeting concluded with concrete future actions to be taken by group. The actions include the following: 1) advocating a holistic approach to disaster management-Total Disaster Risk Management, 2) developing an inventory or database of who is doing what, where in disaster management, by agency, disaster type, sector, hazard should be created and 3) preparing for a calendar of key disaster management events through the web. For these projects, ADRC will play a leading role in cooperation with other organizations. Due to the insightfulness of this forum, all the participants agreed to have the second consultative meeting. The next meeting was proposed to be co-hosted by ADPC and ADRC in Bangkok during the second quarter of 2002.

Table 4-1-2-1 Participants

Name	Position	Organization
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Nick Russell (Resource person)	Chief Technical Advisor	UNDP Bangladesh
Thomas O. Brennan	SR. Regional Advisor	Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance /USAID
Binayak Bhadra	Director of Programmes	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
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Kathie M. Julian	Program Officer/ Economist	Asian Development Bank (Katmandu)
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Man B. Thapa	National Program Manager	UNDP
Erik Kajaegarrd	Technical Officer	WHO
Yoshihiro Takashima	Regional Coordinator	Emergency and Humanitarian Action, Regional Office for the Western Pacific, WHO
John Aylieff	Regional Program Advisor	WFP
Rudolf Muller	Humanitarian Affairs Officer	OCHA Geneva
Feng Min Kan	Regional Disaster Response Advisor	OCHA Asian Unit
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