
1-2. Composition

At the outset, ADRC was comprised of 22 member countries, four advisor countries, and an observer organization. Armenia joined later, in August 2000, followed by the Kyrgyz Republic in July 2002, Pakistan in July 2005, and Yemen and Bhutan in December 2007, bringing the number of member countries to 27. In March 2004, the US joined as the fifth advisor country to ADRC.

1-3. Activities

ADRC engages in the following basic activities:

- (1) Information Sharing
 - Provision of online disaster information
 - Promotion of the GLobal unique disaster IDentifier (GLIDE) system
 - Organization of international meetings
- (2) Human Resource Development
 - Organization of seminars, workshops, and training programs on disaster reduction
 - Acceptance of visiting researchers from member countries
- (3) Building Community Capabilities
 - Development and distribution of tools for encouraging community involvement
 - Assistance with the activities of the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)