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The sixth Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 13-17 May 2019. Held bi-annually since 2007, the Global Platform was established to provide a venue for professionals working on DRR from many different stakeholder groups to get together and explore DRR challenges. The groups represented at this year's event included national governments, international organizations, regional organizations, academic institutes, civil society, and the private sector. This sixth meeting was co-hosted by the government of Switzerland as well as UNDRR, and was attended by representatives from 182 countries. ADRC was represented by Mr. Suzuki, Executive Director, as well as Ms. Shiomi and Mr. Ikeda.



Opening Ceremony

1. GLIDE Stakeholder Meeting

ADRC organized a GLIDE stakeholder meeting in Geneva as a side event of Global Platform 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss challenges involved in GLIDE and possible ways forward among the supporting organizations. Participants from UNOCHA/Relief Web, IDMC, JAXA, and Tohoku University pointed out the need to establish a steering committee for GLIDE improvements and agreed to continue discussions toward that end. This meeting can be counted as a step forward in that process.

2. Meetings with Member Countries

ADRC conducts DRR programs in cooperation with its 31 member countries. Many counterpart organizations from those countries



Meeting with delegation of Tajikistan

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participated in the Global Platform. ADRC had several meetings with these organizations to discuss future cooperation and specific activities. For example, meetings were held with the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense of Tajikistan to discuss early-warning platforms using space technologies; with the National Disaster Management Authority in the Maldives to discuss capacity-building programs for GIS and remote sensing technologies; with the delegation from Kyrgyz to talk about a disaster education program to be conducted in Japan in 2019; with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) in Turkey to discuss a future relationship; and finally, with MES-Armenia to share ideas about a program in earthquake engineering which is being planned in Yerevan city.

3. Official Statement

A session for developing an official statement for participating organizations was held on 17 May, the last day of the Global Platform. ADRC Executive Director Mr. Suzuki announced ADRC's future plans during this session. He noted that natural hazards in ASEAN countries have been increasing in recent years, and that ADRC has started to study business continuity planning (BCP) and business continuity management (BCM) as DRR investments specifically for the ASEAN region.

Many reports were given at the Global Platform on progress made toward the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. ADRC would like to implement DRR activities in collaboration with its 31 member countries to enhance the effectiveness of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.



Official Statement by Mr. Suzuki

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