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● Announcement

Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2025 to be Held in Tokyo

As announced in the previous issue, the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2025 (ACDR2025) will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 17 to 19 December 2025, hosted by the Cabinet Office of Japan. This year's theme is 'Forging Resilience Together: Toward a Sustainable Society Prepared for Mega-Disasters.'

The draft conference agenda is as follows:

Agenda (tentative as of 28 November 2025)

Day 1: 17 December 2025 (Wed)

- Opening Session
- Panel Discussion: "Building Resilience to Mega-Disasters for Sustainable Growth—Economic & Societal Consequences of Past Mega-Disasters"
- Roundtable Session 1
- Session 1: "Technological Innovation for Disaster Resilience"

Day 2: 18 December 2025 (Thu)

- Roundtable Session 2
- Session 2: "Societal Foundations for Inclusive DRR—Economic and Social Return on DRR Investment"
- Closing Session

Day 3: 19 December 2025 (Fri)

- Field trip (by invitation only)

This conference will be held in a hybrid format. We have already received numerous registrations for on-site participation. Once capacity is reached, registration for onsite participation will close.

**Important Notice: Please be noted that the system may accept registrations beyond capacity. If this occurs, we may need to request some registered onsite participants to switch to online participation. To ensure your participation, we kindly ask you to also consider registering for online participation. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.*

For further details regarding the conference such as the latest agenda, please visit the ACDR2025 website or see the flyer, via the links below. We look forward to your participation!

ACDR2025 Website: <https://acdr.adrc.asia/home/acdr2025>

ACDR2025 Flyer: https://www.adrc.asia/acdr/2025/documents/ACDR2025_Flyer_eng.pdf

**Asian Conference
on Disaster Reduction 2025**
Forging Resilience Together:
Toward a Sustainable Society Prepared for Mega-Disasters

**17-18
December 2025**

DAY 1 17 December (Wed)
10:00 - 17:30 (Japan Time, UTC+9)

DAY 2 18 December (Thu)
10:00 - 14:40 (Japan Time, UTC+9)

Venue: Mita Kaigisho
(Mita Common Conference Hall)
2-3-8 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0073, Japan

REGISTRATION
To register for the event, scan this QR code or
access the link below.

Participate at the VENUE
On-site participation:
Registration required by 5 December 2025.
Registrations will be closed once capacity is reached.
<https://acdr.adrc.asia/home/acdr2025>

Participate ONLINE (ZOOM)
Online participation:
Open for same day registration.
<https://bit.ly/acdr2025jpn>

Conference Format: Hybrid (In-person & Online)
Language: English
Simultaneous interpretation available for
Opening Session & Panel Discussion.
Participation Fee: Free
Organizer: The Cabinet Office,
Government of Japan

ACDR2025
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● Promoting Cooperation with Affiliated Institutions

ASEAN-related Events

Launching of the AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030

Started in January 2025, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) has been supporting the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) in developing the AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030 (AWP 2026-2030). The AWP 2026-2030 is the fourth iteration of a five-year strategic plan of ASEAN in implementing the mandate of ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). The ten month development process includes technical work, interviews with ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat, and the AHA Centre, consultation workshops with the three ACDM working groups in February and March 2025, a consultation workshop with the ACDM and a consultation workshop with ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform that included the participation of ASEAN's 13 sectoral bodies in May 2025, and series of consultation workshops with ASEAN Dialogue Partners, including Japan, ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partners, ASEAN Development Partners, United Nations agencies, the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, relevant regional organisations, multilateral banks, ASEAN entities, academia, AADMER Partnership Groups, civil society organisations, representatives of youth, women, and people with disabilities, and the private sector. It was then followed by series of consultation, drafting, and deliberation with the ACDM Task Force for the development of AWP 2026-2030 and ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management for their adoption.



Disaster Management Ministers of ASEAN Member States and Secretary General of ASEAN holding AWP 2026-2030

After ten months of development, the AWP 2026-2030 was launched during the Welcome Ceremony of the 13th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management and Related Meetings on 15 October 2025 in Phnom Penh Cambodia. The AWP 2026-2030 is now available publicly here (<https://asean.org/book/aadmer-work-programme-2026-2030-2/>) to guide ASEAN Member States and broader partners in realising a resilient ASEAN. The AWP 2026-2030 strives to bring the region closer to its vision as "a region of disaster-resilient nations, where disaster losses in lives, social, and environmental assets are substantially reduced through concerted national efforts, intensified regional and global cooperation and leadership, in pursuit of safer communities and sustainable resilience" through 5 Priority Programmes, its 15 Outcomes and 44 Outputs (including 13 cross-sectoral outputs). The five Priority Programmes are Risk Assessment, Monitoring, and Early Warning; Prevention and Mitigation; Preparedness and Response; Resilient Recovery; and Global Leadership.

The ADRC is not only facilitating the technical and collaborative development of AWP 2026-2030, but also development of strategic and creative communication products including artworks of the AWP 2026-2030 book, a launch video, and three sets of infographics. With this creative communication products development, the AWP 2026-2030 can be strategically reached out to relevant actors for a whole-of-society collaboration in ASEAN resilience building. The AWP 2026-2030 video is available here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LFNkJPRMSc&t=1s>), while the infographics are available on all social media channels of ASEAN Secretariat.



Introducing the gist of AWP 2026-2030

Following the launch of AWP 2026-2030, related work plans will be developed, including the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2026-2030, ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management, and others. The ADRC remains

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committed to support the process and activities that will bring resilience to ASEAN Member States and Japan, through existing and future collaborations with ASEAN.

5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) Plus Japan Meeting

ADRC participated in the 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) Plus Japan Meeting held on 16 October 2025 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. During the meeting, various activities supported under the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025 were reported.

The launch of the AWP 2026-2030, whose development was supported by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), was also announced. Participants shared their deep appreciation and positive evaluations for the development process of the AWP. In addition, a proposal was presented for developing the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2026-2030 based on the newly launched AWP.

In addition, ADRC held several individual side-meetings with its member countries to further strengthen cooperation.



Japanese Delegation

● Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries

Knowledge Sharing on DRR with NDMI of the Republic of Korea

To further strengthen the partnership between ADRC and the National Disaster Management Research Institute (NDMI) of the Republic of Korea, the two parties met in Kobe, Japan on 23 October 2025 to share their knowledge on disaster risk reduction.

Officials from NDMI – comprising: 1) Dr Woojung CHOI, Head of Disaster Prevention Research Division; 2) Dr Chihun LEE, Senior Research Officer; 3) Dr. Seongsam KIM, Senior Research Officer; 4) Mr Jaejung KIM, Research Officer; 5) Ms Areum CHA, Research Officer; 6) Ms Hyesun LIM, Principal Researcher, and 7) Ms Eunji SEO, Researcher – shared the latest development and progress on the following research areas:

- Technologies for Disaster Investigation
- Landslide Mitigation
- Emerging Risk
- Community-Based Recovery Models



(Left) Knowledge Sharing on DRR, (right) NDMI and ADRC

Participants from ADRC – comprising: 1) Mr SASAHARA Akio, Executive Director; 2) Ms KODAMA

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Miki, Director of Research Department; 3) Ms SHIOMI Yumi, Senior Researcher; 4) Mr IKEDA Makoto, Senior Researcher; and 5) Mr POTUTAN Gerald, Senior Researcher – shared information on the following projects:

- Sentinel Asia
- GLIDE
- Visiting Researcher (VR) Program
- CBDRM + ICT
- Webinar Series on Climate Change Projection

ADRC and NDMI have been collaborating in various projects, including those in the purview of Trilateral Cooperation (China-Japan-Korea), Sentinel Asia, Typhoon Committee, APEC Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG), and the Visiting Researcher (VR) Program. The knowledge sharing activity offered new opportunities for wider collaboration.

● Participation in International Conferences

The Fifth Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics

The Fifth Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics was organised online on 6 – 8 October 2025 by the United Nations in collaboration with regional partners, under the guidance of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics (IAEG-DRS).

The 2025 Forum, hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) aims to a) provide a platform to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences between producers and users of disaster-related statistics, b) to increase awareness of, engagement in, and contributions to the work of the IAEG-DRS, especially the preparation of the Global Disaster-related Statistics Framework (G-DRSF), and c) to highlight key emerging areas for consideration in future efforts to improve the production and use of disaster-related statistics.

More than 100 representatives and experts from governments, academia, international organisations and NGOs, including ADRC, participated in the forum to discuss national and regional experiences, explore technical developments, and engage with G-DRSF.

The G-DRSF is expected to serve as a common statistical framework for disaster-related statistics to be proposed for consideration by the United Nations Statistical Commission. The draft framework is expected to undergo global consultation in late 2025 and be submitted to the Commission in early 2026.

The forum reaffirmed the global commitment to generating quality statistics that would contribute to public policies for disaster risk reduction, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The Fifth Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics

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