
5-3. Promoting Cooperation with Member Countries, International Organizations and NGOs

5-3-1. Establishing a Regional Network in Asia

The ADRC places high priority on the development of institutional and personal network to share disaster information in the Asia region. Developing personal networks between professionals and their counterparts in member countries, adviser countries, and observer organizations is vital to promoting cooperation on disaster reduction efforts in Asia. Therefore, the ADRC invites management level officials, including deputy directors, directors, and managers, to its annual ADRC International Meeting to encourage interpersonal exchanges.

5-3-2. Promoting Cooperation with International & Regional Organizations and NGOs

(1) ISDR Asia Partnership Meeting

ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP), a network of international/regional organizations and donor agencies operating in Asia and the Pacific region, has been promoting implementation of HFA priorities and serving as a coordination body for the biennial Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Since its inception, the ADRC has been involved with IAP activities as one of its core members. IAP meetings in fiscal year 2010 mainly focused on the preparation and coordination of the 4th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Incheon, Republic of Korea in October 2010, under the strong leadership of the host country, Republic of Korea (See Table 5-3-2-1-1).

Table 5-3-2-1-1 Major IAP Meetings in FY2010

Time	Venue	Meeting
July 2010	Bangkok, Thailand	IAP Expert Meeting
August 2010	Incheon, Republic of Korea	IAP Meeting (Preparatory meeting for 4th AMCDRR)
October 2010	Incheon, Republic of Korea	4th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

① Technical Workshop for the Regional Roadmap for Promoting Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

The Technical Workshop to develop the Regional Roadmap for Promoting Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 1-2 July to discuss and develop the regional roadmap for promoting regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in Asia, which is planned to be one of the main outcome documents of the 4th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) to be held in Incheon, Korea in October.

As many as around 50 experts from UN and other international organizations, Government Ministries/Agencies, and INGOs participated in the Workshop. Mr. Atsushi KORESAWA and Mr. Huy Nguyen from the ADRC, participated in the workshop. Also, the ADRC facilitated the participation of experts from JICA, the Meteorological Research Institute of Japan's Meteorological Agency, and JAXA.

The experts discussed, inter areas 1) the conceptual framework for promoting regional cooperation for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in Asia; 2) the objectives of the regional road map, and; 3) the elements of the regional road map. Based on the result of two day discussion, UNISDR in cooperation with other partners made the first draft of the roadmap which was further examined at the following IAP meeting in Incheon, Korea on 11-13 August.

The ADRC had been taking an active part in its following preparatory process since the ADRC was expected to play a key role as one of lead agencies at the 4th AMCDRR.



Fig 5-3-2-1-1 Plenary meeting



Fig 5-3-2-1-2 Group discussion

② IAP Meeting (August 2010)

The meeting was organized to speed up the preparations for the 4th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (4th AMCDRR) scheduled for 25-28 October 2010 at Songdo ConvensiA in Incheon. The main themes, procedures, and expected outcomes of the

4th AMCDRR were among the key items discussed.

In this meeting, preliminary drafts of the outcome documents, namely Incheon Declaration, Incheon Roadmap, and Incheon Action Plan were further elaborated through the discussion among disaster management officials from Asia and the Pacific region and officers from relevant agencies.

In the plenary sessions, the Government of the Republic of Korea led the discussion on Incheon Declaration and Roadmap and reflected various opinions and suggestions made by country representatives and relevant agencies.

Following group discussions aimed at identifying the activities, countries in need, implementing countries and agencies, and necessary budget to be included in the Action Plan, based on each main theme of the roadmap. However, it was difficult for participants to identify budget since they did not have appropriate information with them. Therefore this work was continued by participants through on-line communication after the meeting.

In addition, except the discussion on the 4th AMCDRR, the reporting methods of the HFA Monitor for the Year 2009-2011 were explained by UNISDR. Regarding the reporting for 2009-2011, various countries expressed their concerns about the deadline and time consuming work. Therefore, UNISDR provided substantial advices to solve these problems, such as utilizing the support from UN country teams or SNAP program which is in line with HFA in order to avoid duplicated work.

5-3-3. MOU between World Bank and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center

The World Bank and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen cooperation and regional partnerships for disaster risk reduction, and to enhance capacity-building and knowledge-sharing in disaster prevention, mitigation and response across Asia and the Pacific in February 16, 2011. The MOU was signed by Mr. James W. Adams, World Bank's Vice President, East Asia and the Pacific and Dr. Shigeru Itoh, the ADRC chairman and was followed by a high-level workshop identifying the main needs in the current disaster risk management and climate change adaptation agenda, and concrete ways in which the WB and ADRC can jointly deliver expected results.



The new cooperative arrangement between the World Bank and the ADRC will promote capacity-building and technical assistance in the

areas of disaster prevention, mitigation and response by mobilizing technical experts within ADRC member countries and technical assistance projects. Through cooperation with relevant stakeholders across Asia and the Pacific, the Memorandum seeks to encourage knowledge exchange and foster activities and projects.

5-3-4. Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Expert Group Meeting towards Developing a Roadmap to Reduce Flood Disaster Risks in Pakistan

The ADRC attended the Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Expert Group Meeting towards Developing a Roadmap to Reduce Flood Disaster Risks in Pakistan held on 16 September 2010 in Nanjing, China. The Preparatory Meeting was organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The meeting was opened jointly with the Stakeholder Meeting on the Regional Cooperative Mechanism on Disaster Monitoring and Early Warning, Particularly Drought in the same venue, and was started with a moment of silence for the victims of the Pakistan Floods and China landslides that happened in July/August 2010. Dr. Xuan Zengpei, Director of the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division (IDD) of ESCAP, delivered a statement of Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

Following the opening session and setting the scene, Mr. Ahmed Amjad Ali, Deputy Head of Mission and Alternate Permanent Representative of Pakistan to ESCAP made presentation briefly on the current situations of flooding damage of Pakistan. He stressed that unprecedented floods affected the entire length of Pakistan, causing maximum damage in province of Khyber Pakhtunkwa (KPK), Punjab and Sindh. The number of affected people by the floods was more than 20 million. All participants made presentations and brainstormed on how they could provide potential assistance to reduce flood disaster risk in Pakistan.



5-3-5. The Typhoon Committee

The Typhoon Committee (TC) is an inter-governmental body that was organized in 1968 under the joint auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in order to promote and coordinate the planning and implementation of measures required for minimizing the loss of life and material damage caused by typhoons in Asia and the Pacific.

The founding members of the TC were China, Hong Kong (China), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, the Philippines, and Thailand. These were followed by Cambodia (1972), Malaysia (1976), Viet Nam (1979), Macao, China (1993), People's Democratic Republic of Korea (1993), Singapore (1997), and the US (1998), bringing the present membership to 14.

In recent years, the ADRC has been involved in TC activities as an adviser, and promoting the GLIDE (Global unique disaster Identifier) system that it had developed.

The ADRC participated in the 43rd Session of Typhoon Committee organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Typhoon Committee in Jeju on 17-22 January 2011.

The 43rd Session was hosted by Republic of Korea and around 100 participants attended the meeting included representatives from China, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, USA, Viet Nam, Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, as well as representatives from the organizing institutions.

The Committee consists of three working groups, namely, WG on Meteorology (WGM), WG on Hydrology (WGH), and WG on Disaster Risk Reduction (WGDRR), among which the ADRC has joined WGDRR. The Committee as well as those WGs addressed issues related to the impact of climate change on tropical cyclone frequency and intensity, growing risks of urban flooding, among others. The ADRC gave a presentation on the recent activities introducing the framework of Sentinel Asia using GLIDE numbers for effective disaster response.

For more details, please refer to: <http://www.typhooncommittee.org/tc.htm>.