



Practitioners'  
Workshop on

**RISK REDUCTION &  
RESILIENCE IN ASIA**

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## Background

Since 1999, disaster risk management practitioners in Asia have gathered every two years with the objectives of sharing lessons learned in disaster risk reduction (DRR), stocktaking and consolidating good practices, and creating professional networks. The Practitioners' Workshops are organized with the financial support of the European Commission's Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG-ECHO), and other contributors. Seven events have been hosted to date, organized in inter-agency collaboration between the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).



## What is the theme of the practitioners' workshop?

In order to sustain the momentum of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which took place in Sendai, Japan in March 2015, the 8th Practitioners' Workshop on Risk Reduction and Resilience in Asia will focus on the outcomes of this conference, and especially the Sendai Framework of Disaster Risk Reduction.

During the 8th Practitioners' Workshop, participants will identify ways to translate the Sendai commitments into practice and implement the framework on the ground – putting policy debates aside. The outcomes of the workshop will be harnessed to support regional and global disaster risk reduction efforts in support of the motto "DRR is everyone's business".

The workshop will be organized by and for practitioners with relevant technical expertise and knowledge of risk reduction in Asia.

The workshop program will revolve around the following four themes:

-  **Enhancing Community Resilience**
-  **Expanding Preparedness for Response**
-  **Innovation and Risk-Informed Development**
-  **Mainstreaming DRR Within and Across Sectors - Focusing on Agriculture and Resilient Livelihoods**



## *Who should attend?*

The workshop is targeted at practitioners who are making a difference at implementation and policy level. When you are working in the field of disaster risk reduction and resilience building the Practitioners' Workshop can offer you the opportunity to engage with other practitioners from the region, share your experiences and opinions, and contribute to discussions around the four thematic areas. The total number of participants which is expected to attend is 100. Participants are chosen based on their profile and experience.



## *How can you contribute?*

The Practitioners' Workshop will provide a number of opportunities for you to actively engage yourself in the discussions and activities. First, there will be the opportunity to share your knowledge and experiences with the other participants throughout the workshop. Furthermore, there is always the possibility to contribute to the Participants' Workshop by showcasing interesting videos, pictures, or other materials which are of interest to other participants. Last but not least, you can become one of our social media documenters by actively engaging in the documentation of the key thoughts throughout the workshop. Please contact the workshop secretariat to learn more about the possibilities to engage before, during and after the workshop.



## *What else do you need to know?*



### **Venue and Accommodation**

The workshop will be held in Bangkok, Thailand at the Swissotel Nai Lert Park. We recommend that participants stay in the hotel venue. Rates of the hotels in Bangkok would range from US\$60/night and up.



### **Visa Requirements**

Most nationalities can obtain a one-month (30 days) visitor's visa at the immigration counter upon arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Please check whether your nationality falls under the visa exemption rule or whether you will need to obtain a Thai Visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate located in your country before entering Thailand. Please secure your visa at least three weeks prior to scheduled departure.



### **Language Requirement**

As the workshop will be conducted in English, it is essential that participants are fully conversant in English.



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