



Kathmandu Statement

**14th Meeting of the
Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC)
3-5 December 2018
Kathmandu, Nepal**

1. The Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC) mechanism seeks to promote the implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies, share experiences and best practices, advance cooperative programs at regional and sub-regional levels, and provide guidance to Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) on its future work and strategies. The RCC mechanism was established in 2000 by ADPC and its member countries. ADPC serves as the Secretariat to the RCC.
2. With the overarching theme of *“Policies and Practices for Coherence between Global Frameworks”*, the participants of the 14th RCC meeting shared progress, exchanged experiences, discussed challenges, and explored practical approaches and options for coherent implementation of the key global frameworks at regional, national, sub-national, and local levels. The meeting understood coherence as jointly strengthening resilience through processes such as mainstreaming, harmonization, localization, and alignment, which can all play a role in this.
3. As a follow-up on the commitments made at the 2018 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and to develop policies and practices which promote coherence in the implementation and reporting of the key global frameworks for sustainable development and DRR, we, the delegates of **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Viet Nam**; development partners and observers; and participants from partner organizations, reaffirm that:
 - a) *The RCC recognizes the value in enhancing coherence across policies, institutions, goals, indicators, and measurement systems for implementing the key global frameworks, particularly the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR),*

the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change¹, the Agenda for Humanity², and the New Urban Agenda³.

- b) The RCC is committed to promoting partnership at different levels and assisting countries in Asia and the Pacific to harness the benefits to sustainable development and resilience through DRR, climate change adaptation (CCA), risk-financing mechanisms, and risk-informed rural and urban communities.*
 - c) The RCC will further assist member countries in strengthening existing regional and national risk monitoring systems and enhancing capacities for better monitoring and progress reporting, particularly for the SFDRR and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*
4. Building on the established partnerships and the views expressed at the 14th RCC meeting, supported by the RCC Secretariat, we, the participants, therefore:
- i. Call for enabling coherence through the provision of technical support to member countries in the implementation of relevant policies, plans, and practices of the global and regional DRR, CCA, and resilient development frameworks at national, sub-national and local levels ensuring gender-equal, pro-poor, rights-based, and inclusive approaches.*
 - ii. Call upon development partners to support and invest in regional efforts for achieving practical coherence among the key global frameworks, including through the initiation of peer-to-peer learning and documentation of good practices, among others.*
 - iii. Encourage the RCC member countries to translate policies into practice and further strengthen linkages across sectors and line ministries for a more efficient implementation of the key global frameworks at national, sub-national, and local levels.*
 - iv. Promote regional cooperation for coherence and inclusiveness to achieve the targets of the SFDRR and SDGs at national, sub-national and local levels through developing data and information management systems and capacity development of government officials, among others.*
 - v. Encourage the RCC member countries to actively promote women leadership in DRR and CCA including women's representation at the RCC and other regional and global fora.*

¹ It sets out a global action plan to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to below 2°C.

² An outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.

³ An outcome from "Habitat III" which was the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development in 2016.

- vi. *Encourage all stakeholders including civil society, the private sector, media, and the research, academic, and scientific community to support governments in the RCC member countries in strengthening risk governance – a cornerstone of resilient development.*
- vii. *Support stakeholders in coherent planning and implementation of activities under different global frameworks for enhancing resilience to disasters through better preparedness for response and recovery at national, sub-national and local levels.*
- viii. *Encourage governments and development partners to strengthen tools, methods, and processes for measuring the impact of DRR and CCA investments at regional, national, sub-national, and local levels.*
- ix. *Call upon the RCC Secretariat, ADPC, to initiate the implementation of recommendations under the revised RCC Technical and Operational Mechanism.*
- x. *Request the RCC Secretariat, ADPC, to support the priorities of the RCC member countries highlighted in the Kathmandu Statement through its work under different programs and projects.*
- xi. *Express our deep appreciation to the excellent arrangements and leadership extended by the Government of Nepal as the host of the 14th RCC Meeting.*