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CONCEPT NOTE

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I. Summary

Location	Online (Zoom)
Meeting Dates	30 September – 01 October 2021
Overarching Theme	Financing Resilient Development in Asia and the Pacific
Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic Session 1: Enabling Environment for Financing Resilient Development• Thematic Session 2: Financing for Resilient Development and Growth• Plenary Session 1: Innovation in Resilient Development Practices• Plenary Session 2: Inclusion in Localization of Resilient Development Practices• Plenary Session 3: Regional Cooperation for Resilient Development
Meeting Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify potential avenues and opportunities to accelerate financing resilient development through public and private financing for RCC members, observers, and ADPC as Secretariat• Promote programs on resilient development in Asia and the Pacific with a focus on innovation, inclusion, action, and financing• Identify regional priorities for the RCC on actionable strategies for resilient development through financing, innovation, inclusion, and actions for RCC members and observers and ADPC as Secretariat

II. OVERVIEW OF THE RCC

The Regional Consultative Committee (RCC), established by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in 2000, serves as a non-binding mechanism for the development of actionable strategies for disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate resilience (CR); promotion of cooperative programs at regional and sub-regional levels; and guiding ADPC on its future work and strategies in Asia and the Pacific.

The RCC is represented by National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) from over 20-member countries, promoting peer advocacy and exchange of expertise in DRR and CR. In addition, the mechanism provides a platform for member countries and observers to exchange lessons and share best practices across various DRR and CR disciplines. The RCC also ensures a periodic platform for member countries to share regional needs, systematically encouraging and facilitating regional cooperation.

Since its inception, the RCC's role has continued to expand to support countries in developing programs of broader application and encouraging more comprehensive program approaches within sub-regions and individual countries.

The annual meetings facilitate theme-specific discussions and implementation options from the member country's perspective. The thematic foci are based on three factors: priorities/preference of the host country, existing regional and global priorities, and outcomes of regional and global DRR and CR conferences and meetings. This approach ensures that deliberations harmonize with the current discourse and operationalize activities across the RCC member countries.

The RCC continues to be a platform that discusses the operationalization of the post-2015 frameworks to strive towards resilient development. For example, the 13th RCC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, in 2016 explored how government agencies and non-government organizations can potentially integrate the SFDRR, SDGs, and the Paris Agreement to strengthen risk governance. The meeting also discussed the linkages for complementarities, mutually reinforcing the implementation, entry points for implementing the frameworks, and partnerships to implement the post-2015 frameworks.

Resilient development in the context of the RCC¹ focuses on implementing the global frameworks aligned with the SFDRR priority areas. In addition, the RCC has called for enabling coherence through the provision of technical support to member countries in the implementation of relevant policies, plans, and strategies at the national, sub-national, and local levels while ensuring gender-equal, pro-poor, rights-based, and inclusive approaches².

Members and observers in the 14th RCC held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2018 have called on development partners to support and invest in regional efforts to achieve coherence among the global frameworks. The meeting also called for governments and development partners to strengthen tools, methods, and processes for measuring the impact of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation investments at the regional, national, and local levels.



The 15th RCC Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2020 provided a platform to share milestones, exchanged experiences, discussed challenges, and explored practical approaches and options for achieving Target E of the SFDRR. The meeting also identified integrated and inclusive solutions to ensure coherence and resilience and identified means to enhance the implementation of DRR and CR through gender-equal and rights-based approaches. The RCC recognizes the value of and is committed to promoting inclusive resilience through the meaningful participation of women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and displaced persons. In addition, the RCC also recognizes the importance of public financing and private investments and engagement of the development partners for the sustainable resilience of people and institutions to the threats of disaster and climate change risks.

The key objective of the 16th RCC meeting is to support countries to establish actionable strategies for resilient development through innovation, inclusion, and financing, by promoting cooperative programs at the regional level and provide guidance to ADPC on its future work and strategies in Asia and the Pacific.

¹ 13th RCC “Operationalizing Global Frameworks for Risk Resilient Development in Asia” in Islamabad, Pakistan

² 14th RCC Kathmandu Statement on Policies and Practices for Coherence between Global Frameworks

III. THE 16th RCC MEETING

The 16th RCC meeting will be held virtually in collaboration with the Republic of Korea's Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS). MOIS establishes, supervises, and adjusts policies related to safety and disaster management such as emergency countermeasure, civil defense, and disaster prevention in the country.

Overarching Theme: Financing Resilient Development in Asia and the Pacific

The Asia and the Pacific region continue to be exposed to disasters, although the nature of hazards across the region varies significantly. The region has seen some of the deadliest disasters in history, and some of the costliest causing extensive damages and eroding welfare and economic gains³. Damages to public and private assets such as buildings and factories directly impact households and businesses, interrupt economic activity, and ultimately reduce government revenue. In addition, large multi-national firms can suffer significant interruptions to production as just-in-time supply chains break down, causing potentially long-term economic impacts⁴. These impacts affect countries' long-term growth and economic development and directly slow down efforts to reduce poverty and build shared prosperity.

UNESCAP discussed in their 2018 Disaster Risk Financing: Opportunities for Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific report⁵ that disasters also have long-term macro-economic impacts which can affect national budgets, debts, and development pathways, and unbudgeted response expenditure has a high opportunity cost, disrupting long-term investment strategies across sectors.

The 15th RCC recognized the importance of public financing and private investments and engagement of the development partners for a sustainable resilience of people and institutions to the threat of disaster and climate change risks. The meeting has further identified that promotion and the use of innovation and technology to inform prevention and mitigation efforts with a focus on gender-equal and rights-based approaches continues to be critical. The RCC's engagement with regional development partners to mobilize technical and financial support for the member countries continues to be a priority to accelerate the implementation of actions aimed at achieving resilience.

³ (GFDRR, 2016)

⁴ (Haraguchi and Upmanu 2015)

⁵ (UNESCAP, 2018)

The SFDRR's Priority 3: Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience discusses that public and private investment in disaster risk prevention and reduction through structural and non-structural measures are essential to enhance the economic, social, health, and cultural resilience of persons, communities, countries, and their assets, as well as the environment.

Relevant to the focus 16th RCC, SFDRR's Priority 3 has called for countries to (i) allocate necessary resources, including finance and logistics as appropriate at all levels of administration for the development and the implementation of DRR strategies, policies, plans, laws, and regulations in all relevant sectors⁶; (ii) promote mechanisms for disaster risk transfer and insurance, risk-sharing and retention and financing protection for both public and private investment in order to reduce the financial impact of disasters on governments and societies, in urban and rural areas⁷; (iii) strengthen disaster-resilient public and private investments, mainly through structural, non-structural and functional disaster risk prevention and reduction measures in critical facilities⁸; (iv) and to promote the integration of DRR consideration measures in financial and fiscal instruments⁹.

At the regional level, SFDRR's Priority 3 seeks to: (i) promote coherence across systems, sectors, and organizations related to sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in their policies, plans, programs, and processes¹⁰; (ii) promote the development and strengthening of disaster risk transfer and sharing mechanisms and instruments in close cooperation with partners in the international community, business, international financial institutions, and other relevant stakeholders¹¹; (iii) encourage the coordination between global and regional financial institutions to assess and anticipate the potential economic and social impacts of disasters¹²; and (iv) promote and support collaboration among relevant public and private stakeholders to enhance the resilience of business to disasters¹³.

⁶ Article 30(a), Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

⁷ Article 30(b), SFDRR 2015-2030

⁸ Article 30(c), SFDRR 2015-2030

⁹ Article 30(m), SFDRR 2015-2030

¹⁰ Article 31(a), SFDRR 2015-2030

¹¹ Article 31(b), SFDRR 2015-2030

¹² Article 31(d), SFDRR 2015-2030

¹³ Article 31(i), SFDRR 2015-2030

IV. Sessions

In the context of previous RCC meetings and to support the advancement of SFDRR's Priority 3, the 16th RCC has five interlinked sessions focused on resilient development in Asia and the Pacific.

Session Title	Session Objectives
Thematic Session 1: Enabling Environment for Financing Resilient Development	Share the initiatives and practices for creating the required enabling environment for financing resilience development and help identify potential avenues to accelerate public and private financing for resilient development in RCC member countries
Thematic Session 2: Financing for Resilient Development and Growth	Share global and regional practices and initiatives in Asia and the Pacific on financing in resilient development practices, and identify public and private financing priorities.
Plenary Session 1: Innovation in Resilient Development Practices	Promote regional programs on innovation and ICT-based approaches contributing to resilient development and identify key priorities in Asia and the Pacific to further accelerate innovation and ICT- based approaches.
Plenary Session 2: Inclusion in Localization of Resilient Development Practices	Present and share practices and identify barriers to inclusive, gender-equal, rights-based, and localized approaches to resilient development practices.
Plenary Sessions 3: Regional Cooperation for Resilient Development	Deliberate on regional cooperation for resilient development by RCC Member Countries

V. Meeting outputs

- 16th RCC Statement;
- Building on the 16th RCC Statement, identify activities that will outline an RCC Annual Work Plan that will guide ADPC on its future work;
- Technical Meeting Report on Financing Resilient Development in Asia and the Pacific; and
- Detailed Meeting Minutes of the 16th RCC meeting

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