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## **ADPC Development Partners Forum (ADPF-2025)**

**Chelsea B Conference Room  
The Berkeley Hotel, Pratunam, Bangkok, Thailand  
24 January 2025 (11.00 hrs. – 13.00 hrs.)**

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), together with the Government of Thailand and its other member states, is hosting the Development Partners Forum (ADPF-2025), a strategic meeting to foster dialogue and collaboration among ADPC, its member states, and development partners, who are working in the broader Asia Pacific Region and the countries. This forum serves as a unique platform for the partners to discuss critical development and resilience-building priorities and gaps, positioning ADPC and its member countries to play a key role in addressing these issues sustainably. The forum offers a crucial opportunity to enhance synergy, collaboration, and coordination among the development partners, ADPC member countries, and the ADPC in advancing disaster risk reduction and climate resilience in the region. Through engaging in meaningful dialogue and aligning strategies, ADPC and its member states will be better equipped to tackle the pressing development challenges and resilience-building needs in a sustainable and cost-effective manner at scale. The outcomes of this forum are designed not only to inform ADPC member states but also to inspire collective action toward creating a safer and more resilient future for the region in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement, and other regional frameworks.

ADPC Board of Trustees, comprised of ADPC founder member countries, approved its 2030 strategy in July 2024, which has been developed in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and various other global and regional frameworks, as well as country-specific national strategies and priorities. This comprehensive approach has enabled ADPC to identify critical challenges and establish priority actions that member countries need to invest their resources and efforts in reducing disaster and climate risks. A key aspect of the development partners forum will be to ensure that ADPC's strategy remains in harmony with country priorities and the strategies and objectives of development partners, facilitating effective partnerships in tackling these pressing issues in a timely and sustainable manner.

## Objectives of the Forum:

The Development Partners' Forum has three overarching objectives:

1. **Inform and Update:** The forum will provide participants an overview of ADPC's Strategy 2030, including strategic action plans tailored to ADPC member states. This briefing will cover key priorities, initiatives, goals, and the anticipated impact of these strategies on disaster risk reduction and climate resilience across the region.
2. **Align Strategies:** A core purpose of this gathering is to facilitate alignment between the strategies and priority actions of development partner organizations and ADPC's 2030 strategy. This alignment is crucial in optimizing resources and efforts to ensure that the initiatives supported by development partners effectively meet the needs of ADPC member states.
3. **Explore Engagement and Sustainable Partnership Approaches:** Lastly, the forum aims to identify and discuss methods for enhancing the effectiveness of partnerships between development partners, ADPC, and member states. By exploring innovative approaches to cooperation, stakeholders can find synergies that lead to more impactful results in disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

## Participants (by Invitations Only):

The forum will gather a diverse group of participants, including:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Thailand.
- H.E. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Embassies of the ADPC Charter Member countries based in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Representatives from Development Partner Organizations.
- Executive Management of ADPC.

This diverse assembly of stakeholders will enrich the discussions, bringing various perspectives and expertise to the forum while establishing synergies and partnerships in advancing resilience-building efforts in the ADPC member countries and the region.

## Structure and Format:

The discussions will be conducted in a structured manner, ensuring that all participants could contribute their perspectives. This format is designed to facilitate an inclusive dialogue that remains focused and productive, aligned with the objectives of the forum.

**Discussion Topics:**

The structured and facilitated discussions are organized around the following key topics to drive the discussions:

- ADPC 2030 Strategy and its implementation priorities within ADPC member states.
- Areas of mutual interest and collaboration between ADPC, its member states, and development partners.
- Strategies for building stronger, more resilient communities through targeted interventions with impacts and scale.
- Opportunities for innovative partnerships and collaboration to advance disaster risk reduction and climate resilience initiatives in the region and specific countries.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Sessions</b>
11.00 – 11.15 hrs	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
11.15 – 11.45 hrs	<b>ADPC 2030 &amp; Beyond: Strategy and Strategic Priorities</b> by Mr Aslam Perwaiz, Executive Director, ADPC.
11.45 – 12.45 hrs	<p><b>Reflections and Synergizing Strategies, Partnerships, and Financing Opportunities by the Development Partners, and ADPC Member Countries</b></p> <p><b>Reflections by Development Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha and Melinda Good, World Bank</li> <li>• Dr. Valerie Bemo, Gates Foundation</li> <li>• Ms. Dinah Zeltser-Winant and Mr. Todd Hammer, USAID</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations by H.E. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Embassy of Bangladesh, Bangkok</li> <li>• H.E. Hun Saroeun, Embassy of Cambodia, Bangkok</li> <li>• H.E. Dhan Bahadur Oli, Embassy of Nepal, Bangkok</li> <li>• H.E. Rukhsana Afzaal, Embassy of Pakistan, Bangkok</li> <li>• H.E. Millicent Cruz-Paredes, Embassy of Philippines, Bangkok</li> <li>• H.E. A.S Wijayanthi Edirisinghe, Embassy and Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, Bangkok</li> </ul> <p><b>Reflections by the Development Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ohashi Makiko, Director, Disaster Management Bureau, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan</li> <li>• Mr. Marco Toscano-Rivalta, Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Asia Pacific Region</li> <li>• Representatives from other Development Partners</li> </ul>
12.45 – 13.00 hrs	<b>Closing Remarks</b> ADPC

**Annex II:**

**List of confirmed Participants for the ADPC Development Partners Forum  
(ADPF)**

**24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025  
11.00 – 13.00 hrs**

**ADPC Member State Embassies & ADPC Center**

S.N.	Organization Name	Delegate Name	Presence	
			Physical	Online
1.	Embassy of Bangladesh	H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Murshid Kazi Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
2.	Embassy of Bangladesh Embassy of Cambodia	Ms. Nayeem Rubaiyet Counsellor	Confirmed	
3.		H.E. Mr. Hun Saroeun Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
4.	Embassy of Cambodia Embassy of Pakistan	Ms. Niem Kanchana First Secretary	Confirmed	
5.		H.E. Ms. Rukhsana Afzaal Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
6.	Embassy of Philippines	H.E. Mrs. Millicent Cruz-Paredes Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
7.	Embassy of Nepal	H.E. Mr. Dhan Bahadur Oli Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
8.	Embassy of Nepal	Mr. Prakash Adhikari	Confirmed	

	Embassy of Sri Lanka	Deputy Chief of Mission/Minister Counsellor		
9.		H.E. Mrs. Sriyani Wijyanthi Edirisinghe Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary	Confirmed	
10.		Ms. A.W.S. Samanmali Deputy Chief of Mission	Confirmed	
11.	Embassy of Mongolia	H.E. Mr. Tumur Amarsanaa, Ambassador of Mongolia to Thailand	Confirmed	
12.	ADPC	Mr. Aslam Perwaiz Executive Director	Confirmed	
13.	ADPC	Dr. Sisira Madurapperuma Director	Confirmed	
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### Development Partner Organizations and other Embassies:

S.N	Organization Name	Delegate Name	Presence	
			Physical	Online
15.	NDC Partnership	Deo Gabinete Regional Manager for Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe Email: <a href="mailto:Deo.Gabinete@ndcpartnership.org">Deo.Gabinete@ndcpartnership.org</a>	Confirmed	
16.	World Bank	Saroj Kumar Jha Global Director World Bank Group's Water Global Practice	Confirmed	
17.		Melinda Good Country Director for Thailand and Myanmar	Confirmed	

		World Bank Group <a href="mailto:mwood@worldbank.org">mwood@worldbank.org</a>		
18.	Asian Development Bank	Anne Orquiza <a href="mailto:morquiza@adb.org">morquiza@adb.org</a>		Confirmed
19.	USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance	Dinah Zeltser-Winant Deputy Regional Director <a href="mailto:dzeltser@usaid.gov">dzeltser@usaid.gov</a>	Confirmed	
20.	USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia	Todd Hammer, Deputy Director of Regional Environment Office <a href="mailto:thammer@usaid.gov">thammer@usaid.gov</a>	Confirmed	
21.	Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP)	Connie Warho Program Officer, Disaster Relief & Recovery <a href="mailto:cwarhol@macphil.org">cwarhol@macphil.org</a>		Confirmed (only some part due to late nighttime in the USA)
22.	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Dr. Valerie Bemo Deputy Director and Head of EMR Team <a href="mailto:valerie.bemo@gatesfoundation.org">valerie.bemo@gatesfoundation.org</a>	Confirmed	
23.		Pilar Pacheco Senior Program Officer, Emergency Response <a href="mailto:Pilar.Pacheco@gatesfoundation.org">Pilar.Pacheco@gatesfoundation.org</a>	Confirmed	
24.		Hari Menon Regional Director for Asia / India <a href="mailto:Hari.Menon@gatesfoundation.org">Hari.Menon@gatesfoundation.org</a>		To be confirmed this week
25.	Trafigura Foundation	Laura Frühwald Programme Manager <a href="mailto:Laura.Fruehwald@trafigura.com">Laura.Fruehwald@trafigura.com</a>		Possibly. To be confirmed this week
26.	Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Secretariat	John Harding Head of the CREWS Secretariat <a href="mailto:JHarding@wmo.int">JHarding@wmo.int</a>		Confirmed
27.		Maria Lourdes Kathleen Macasil		Confirmed

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29.	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	Erik Kjaergaard Senior Regional Programme Manager / Disaster Risk Management Advisor SDC Regional Hub Southeast Asia Embassy of Switzerland in Thailand <a href="mailto:erik.kjaergaard@eda.admin.ch">erik.kjaergaard@eda.admin.ch</a>	Confirmed	
30.	Swedish Embassy / Sida	Dr. David Lymer First Secretary and Senior Advisor Environment, Climate, and Research	Confirmed	
31.	EU SWITCH-Asia	Mr. Ranga Pallawala Climate Change Policy Expert EU SWITCH-Asia Bangkok, Thailand <a href="mailto:ranga@switch-asia.eu">ranga@switch-asia.eu</a>	Confirmed	
32.	New Development Bank	Garvit Sah Principal Professional <a href="mailto:sah.garvit@ndb.int">sah.garvit@ndb.int</a>	Confirmed to the RCC. To be confirmed to the ADPF	
33.	UNDRR	Mr. Marco Toscano-Rivalta Chief of Office UNDRR Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	Confirmed	
34.	Japanese Cabinet Office	Ms. OHASHI Makiko Director in Charge of International Cooperation Disaster Management Bureau Cabinet Office of Japan	Confirmed.	
35.	Japanese Embassy	Mr. OZAWA Haruka Second Secretary	Confirmed to RCC. To be confirmed to the ADPF	
36.	New Zealand Embassy	Ms. Tarika Wongsinsirikul, Senior Development Advisor on Climate Change	Confirmed	



37.	Rockefeller Foundation	Busaba Tejagupta Director of Operations and Grants Management	Confirmed	
38.		Ms. Charu Chadha Regional Climate and Innovation Advisor		Confirmed
39.		Ms. Philippine		Confirmed

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