

18th Meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC)

Venue:

Jubilee Ballroom on the 11th Floor

The Berkeley Hotel, Pratunam

Bangkok, Thailand

23-24 January 2025

UpFront Session 2 - Innovation and Localization

Time: 13:30 – 14:30 (1 hour); 24 January 2025

1. Preamble

In a world marked by exacerbating disaster and climate risks, ‘innovation’ and ‘localization’ emerge as important action areas for bending the curve of vulnerability. On their own, both concepts are celebrated for their potential to address the current crisis. However, when combined, do they yield sustainable, scalable, and resilient outcomes? This session explores the intersection of innovation and localization to examine their potential for creating societal resilience at scale, achieved more effectively and efficiently.

2. Objectives

While technology-driven innovations have caught much of the limelight in recent years, this session draws attention to various types of innovation that help promote localized solutions for disaster and climate resilience of last-mile stakeholders. The “UpFront Session” on Innovation and Localization, aims to:

- 2.1 Highlight diverse types of innovation—beyond technology—that support localized disaster and climate resilience for last-mile stakeholders.
- 2.2 Explore catalysts for scaling and sustaining innovative DRR and CCA solutions.
- 2.3 Demonstrate the potential of localization in fostering innovative ideas and initiatives for resilience-building.

3. Key Outcomes

- 3.1 Facilitate understanding of innovative practices for resilience-building to strengthen regional collaboration and coherence among RCC member countries.

- 3.2 Highlight practical, localized DRR and CCA solutions to support the exchange of knowledge and experiences across RCC mechanisms.
- 3.3 Provide actionable strategies to integrate innovation and localization into broader regional and global resilience agendas, fostering sustainable implementation across RCC nations. Insights into strategies for scaling and sustaining innovation through localization will be provided.

Session Plan

Day 2: 24 January 2025 (Friday)		
Time Frame	Activity	Remarks
13:30 – 13:35 (05 minutes)	Introductions Setting the Tone	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hisan Hassan, CEO, NDMA, Maldives <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ronilda Co, ADPC
13:35 – 14:05 (30 minutes)	<p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Thurein Aung Director of Community Engagement, Public Outreach & Education, Doh Eain, Myanmar Ms. Ishrat Shabnam (TBC) Country Director, Practical Action, Bangladesh Ms. Veronica Gabaldon Executive Director, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF), Philippines Ms. Nion Sirimongkonlertkul Air Quality Advocate, Rajamangala University of Technology, Thailand Mr. Damien Riquiet Regional Anticipatory Actions Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAORAP), Thailand 	The presenters will share a story about their innovation. Five (5) minutes will be allocated for each of the five (5) presenters (plus one minute each for transition).
14:05 – 14:15	Ask the Audience	Moderators

(10 minutes)		
14:15 – 14:20 (05 minutes)	Final Messages by Innovators	One (1) minute will be allocated for each of the five (5) presenters.
14:20 – 14:30 (10 minutes)	Closing	Moderator Chair