

DRR Workshop Secretariat

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Registration Form

Name:

Position:

Organization:

Postal Address:

Telephone No.: Fax No.:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

Photo Exhibition

I will bring materials for the photo exhibit

Please provide some information about your exhibit. _____

*To register for this workshop, please complete this form and submit to the Workshop Secretariat by fax or email on or before 17 August 2009.

Practitioners' Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific

15-17 September 2009
Phuket, Thailand

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Building safer and more resilient communities in Asia and the Pacific

I. Background

The Practitioners' Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific provides an opportunity for disaster risk reduction practitioners to share experiences and lessons, identify emerging trends and strategies, develop and enhance partnership elements in order to promote community-based approaches to disaster risk reduction (CBDRR). With funding support from European Commission, Humanitarian Aid Department – ECHO, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Southeast Asia Regional Office (SEARO) in collaboration with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center will host the Practitioners' Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific from 15-17 September 2009 in Phuket, Thailand. This will build on five previous disaster management practitioners' workshops organized by ADPC, IFRC and UNESCAP with funding support from ECHO from 2001-2008 in Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia.

II. Workshop Theme

The theme of the workshop is "Building safer and more resilient communities in Asia and the Pacific". This will be a unique learning and networking opportunity for DRR practitioners and organizations to enhance capacities in building community resilience to disasters through sharing of experiences. The workshop would also provide an opportunity for the participants to visit sites where at-risk communities jointly with the local government units have undertaken successful disaster risk reduction and recovery initiatives in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami in the southern part of Thailand.

III. Workshop Objectives

The workshop aims to equip disaster risk reduction practitioners with knowledge on how to build community resilience and expose them to innovative initiatives on undertaking community based disaster risk reduction measures and strengthening community preparedness for response. It also aims to provide an avenue for strengthening networks, and promoting regional cooperation through cross regional knowledge sharing. The involvement of the non government organizations and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and sharing of their rich experiences with the vulnerable communities will add great value to the event.

Partnerships will be strengthened between and among the governments, non government organizations and UN Agencies working on DRR. This will enhance and promote sharing of local and indigenous knowledge, good practices and lessons learned in implementing community based DRR initiatives.

The Workshop will include the following proposed themes:

Sub-Theme 1: Strengthening linkage between CBDRR and Development

- a. *CBDRR in national development planning*
- b. *Integrating CBDRR in local development planning process*
- c. *Integrating DRR in community development programmes and projects*
- d. *Linking CBO, RCRC and Local authorities work in DRR*

Sub-Theme 2: Implementing national programmes on CBDRR

- a. *CBDRR prioritized in national policies and frameworks in DRR*
- b. *CBDRR prioritized in national DRR Plans*
- c. *Partnerships between CBOs, RCRC, local authorities for implementation*
- d. *National tools on CBDRR*
- e. *Funding schemes for CBDRR*

Sub-Theme 3: Knowledge sharing on tools, techniques and partnerships on CBDRR

- a. *Tools and techniques for CBDRR*
- b. *Public awareness and advocacy on CBDRR*
- c. *National networks of DRR practitioners*
- d. *End to End Early Warning systems for effective CBDRR*
- e. *Regional partnerships on addressing various issues of DRR*
- f. *Training and learning on CBDRR*

Sub-Theme 4: Innovative approaches for implementing CBDRR

- a. *Women, girls, boys and men involvement in CBDRR*
- b. *School as a medium for involving communities in DRR*
- c. *Natural resource management and CBDRR*
- d. *Linking DRR and Climate change adaptation*

- e. *Indigenous techniques for community led DRR measures*
- f. *Mainstreaming Disability in DRR*

Sub-Theme 5: IFRC Framework for Community Safety and Resilience

- a. *Global Alliance on Disaster Risk Reduction*
- b. *Global Framework for community safety and resilience*
- c. *Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Reduction Framework*

IV. Workshop Participants

The workshop will be attended by disaster risk reduction practitioners from Government, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies particularly field level DRR focal points and CBOs working in South, Southeast, East Asia and the Pacific regions. Representatives of the United Nations agencies, regional organizations and other specialized agencies at the international, regional and national levels together with donor organizations are encouraged to attend the workshop. The total number of participants expected to attend are 100. Registrations will be done on a first come first serve basis. The Workshop Secretariat will ensure that there will be balanced representations of countries and organizations.

V. Workshop Format

The workshop will employ a range of formats to enable participants to share knowledge and stimulate active discussions.

1. *Presentations*
2. *Plenary Sessions and Discussions*
3. *Poster and Photo Exhibitions*
4. *Film Screening*
5. *Skills Building Activities*
6. *Field Visit*

VI. Presentation

Presentations and learning events will be done by invitation. There will be a limited number of presentations. Joint presentations by some organizations on common themes are encouraged. However if your organization is interested in making a presentation based on the different sub-themes of the workshop, please send a one page brief that includes short background, objectives and expected output of your presentation to the Workshop Secretariat on or before 24 August 2009.

VII. Photo /Poster Exhibition

A photo/poster exhibition will be held concurrent with the workshop. The photos should depict innovative approaches and techniques on CBDRR undertaken by your organization and/or in your locality. The participants may also bring promotional materials, posters, books, brochures and publications for display and distribution. Limited space depending on the number of exhibitors will be provided. Participants who wish to bring materials for exhibition should inform the secretariat on or before 28 August 2009.

Workshop Particulars

Venue and Accommodation

The workshop will be held in Phuket, a province located in the south of Thailand. While making your travel reservation, check with your own travel agencies for direct flight schedules to Phuket. If you intend to arrive in Bangkok, please make sure to include a domestic route to Phuket (Bangkok-Phuket-Bangkok). We recommend that participants stay in the hotel venue. Rates of the hotels in Phuket would range from US\$40/night and up. The main venue of the workshop will be announced separately.

Visa Requirements

Citizens of ASEAN member countries as well as USA, Australia, Switzerland, Japan and the United Kingdom can obtain a one-month (30 days) visitor's visa at the immigration counter upon arrival at either Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Phuket International Airport. Citizens of other countries should 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.