

## Program

### The Regional Launch of “Natural Hazards, UnNatural Disasters: The Economics of Prevention”

14:00-16:00, Wednesday, 8 December 2010,  
Plaza Athénée 2 Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Plaza Athénée Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

13:30 **Registration**

14:00 **Opening Ceremony and Remarks**

By *Professor Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center*  
*H.E. Mr. Korn Chatikavanij, Minister of Finance, Royal Thai Government*  
*H.E. Mrs. Katja Nordgaard, Ambassador of Norway*

14:15 **Presentation of the Report “Natural Hazards, UnNatural Disasters: the Economics of Effective Prevention”**

By *Dr. Apurva Sanghi, Senior Economist, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, World Bank*

15:00 **Panel Discussion on “the Report and its Implication for Asia and the Pacific Region”**

*Panelists:*

*Dr. Naris Chaiyasoot, Director General, the Fiscal Policy Office, Ministry of Finance, Royal Thai Government*

*Dr. Patrick Fox, Head of Disaster Management Coordinator for Southeast Asia, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)*

*Dr. Mathew A. Verghis, Lead Economist, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Representative for Myanmar, World Bank*

*Dr. Xuan Zengpei, Director, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*

*moderated by Assoc. Prof. Sukum Attavavutichai, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University*

15:45 **Closing Remark**

By *Mr. A.J. Rego, Deputy Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center*

*\* Snacks and coffee will be served after the event*