

ASIA-PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FORUM
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Theme: Mainstreaming Adaptation in to Development Planning

SIDE EVENT 3: LINKING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

**ORGANIZERS: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
Disaster and Environment Working Group of Asia (DEWGA)
Kyoto University**

VENUE: Conference Room 4, First Floor, UNCC

TIME	EVENT TOPICS	PRESENTER
4:00-4:10	Linkages and Differences between DRR and CCA	Loy Rego ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER (ADPC)
4:10 – 4:15	Overview of Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) Mainstreaming Program	Loy Rego ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER (ADPC)
4:15-4:30	Mainstreaming DRR and CCA In National Development Planning	Ms. Maria Victoria H. de Guzman NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), PHILIPPINES
4:30-4:40	Questions	
4:40-4:45	Overview of The Disaster and Environment Working Group for Asia (DEWGA)	Anshuman Saikia DEWGA
4:45-5:00	Role of Higher Education in Environment Disaster Linkages	Prof. Rajib Shaw KYOTO UNIVERSITY
5:00-5:10	Questions	

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MAINSTREAMING DRR AND CCA IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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DESCRIPTION

While mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in national development planning has been challenging, a number of ADPC'S Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) member countries, among them, Philippines, have actually undertaken the process and moved on to implement DRR mainstreaming in priority sectors underscored in their national development plans. The growing threats of climate change as manifested in the frequency and intensity of hydro-meteorological hazards and the vulnerability of the Filipino people have advanced the mainstreaming of Climate Change Adaptation in the national development plan of the country.

In this session, the government of the Philippines shall share their experience in undertaking DRR and eventual CCA mainstreaming in the national development plan. The sharing shall focus on the linkages between DRR and CCA as reflected in the national development plan and in the process of mainstreaming, such as: stakeholders involved in each mainstreaming DRR and CCA efforts; similar and different strategies and measures for DRR and CCA, i.e. what has remained and what has changed from DRR mainstreaming to adding CCA mainstreaming; how the mainstreaming in the national development plan bridges stakeholders of DRR and CCA in terms of policy, planning and implementation; budget allocation for DRR and CCA; lessons learned; and challenges.

ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENT DISASTER LINKAGES

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DESCRIPTION

The link between development, environment and disasters is a very deeply entrenched one. The intermediary in this process is often the environment, as can be seen clearly in the case of climate change that has been established to have arisen out of anthropological causes. While there is very popular recent focus on carbon footprints, the concept of ecological footprints has existed for a long time in the academic domain.

Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform
Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development Planning

The Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Risk Management (AUEDM: www.auedm.net) is a unique initiative of prominent Asian universities coming together to share knowledge resources related to environment and disaster risk management amongst themselves and with the larger group of stakeholders working on these issues beyond conventional national and thematic boundaries. AUEDM partners work in close collaboration to jointly conduct research, share findings and find ways forward in a part of the world that is increasingly at threat due to rising disaster events and climate change impacts. AUEDM also works closely with governments, corporate citizens, international agencies and civil society organizations to establish collaborations that eventually lead to reduction of risk for the most vulnerable communities. Recent work by some of the AUEDM university partners has thrown light on the intricate linkages between cross sectoral development activities, their impact on the environment, subsequent detrimental impacts of a deteriorating environment on human life, and the integrated approach needed to address this combined threat of climate change and disasters. Such an understanding can be very meaningfully deployed at various levels – from governance to voluntary action to education, and can go a long way in developing community based and environment based resilience to climate change as well as disasters. The presentation will highlight some of the achievements of AUEDM.