

H.E. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay to open a regional meeting on disaster risk reduction

Media Release

THIMPHU, Bhutan – The 12th meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management will bring high-level government officials from across Asia to Bhutan on 16–18 June 2015.

Organized shortly after the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction that adopted the global Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the meeting will discuss risk-sensitive development and contribute to the setting of a safer and resilient development agenda for the Asian region.

Interested media professionals are invited to attend a press conference on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 15.40 at the Royal Banquet Hall of the Convention Centre in Thimphu. The press conference will be attended by H.E. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan, H.E. Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs, Dasho Dr. Sonam Tenzin, Secretary for the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Martin Hoppe, Head of Division at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, and Prof. Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center.

The changing climate is posing new risk globally, and particularly in Asia. As a result of the rising sea level, Asia's numerous coastal cities, including 16 megacities, risk seeing significant urban areas flooded, causing the displacement of urban residents from their homes and the loss of assets if this threat is not addressed. The climate change will also increase the magnitude and frequency of hydro-metrological hazards.

“ Sixty percent of the built environment of 2030 has yet to be constructed. The RCC member countries have an opportunity to ensure long-term sustainable urban development by minimizing disaster risk as towns and cities grow over the next 15 years and beyond, ”

says Prof. Dr. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center.

The meeting is organized in collaboration between the Department of Disaster Management of the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, with support from the Government of Germany through GIZ.



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Date:

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Venue:

Royal Banquet Hall/
Convention Centre
Thimphu, Bhutan

Note to editor:

Established in 2000 as one of the first regional dialogue platforms to promote consultation and cooperation on reducing disaster risk, the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) on Disaster Management encourages peer advocacy and the exchange of experiences in disaster risk reduction. Its secretariat, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, initiated the committee to bring countries in the Asian region together to achieve common goals in disaster risk reduction, explore ways to transform policies into practice, and promote regional cooperation.

The committee comprises of members who are working in key government positions in the national disaster management systems of 26 countries in Asia. For more information about the committee, visit www.adpc.net/rcc12 or www.rccdm.net.

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