

Comprehensive Risk Management: The 'How-To' for Achieving Coherence

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With average global temperature increase already having reached 1.1°C, climate change is rapidly altering the risk profile of the planet, magnifying the magnitude, frequency and severity of disasters. Extreme weather events have doubled over the last 20-year period when compared with the previous twenty years. Further, the increasing complexity and interaction of human, economic, political and natural systems is resulting in cascading disaster impacts. To mitigate these, impacts, a systemic risk management approach that transcends across disciplines, sectors and institutions is required.

Risk reduction cannot occur without the use of climate and forecast information; climate change adaptation will not be successful without risk reduction. However, despite a high recognition of the need to integrate climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, wide gaps remain in planning and implementation of integrated approaches, often impeded by institutional silos at the national levels. Recognizing that greater coherence between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaption action can contribute to ensuring that development does not create new or exacerbate existing and future levels of risk, and that development gains are protected from the impact of disasters and climate change, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) is supporting the application of comprehensive climate and disaster risk management principles and guidance.

Description/Objective of the Session:

This event will unpack ways to enhance coherence between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction policies, strategies, plans and practices through the application of comprehensive climate and disaster risk management – from risk assessment to governance, planning, implementation and monitoring.

At the heart of coherence building is having a common understanding and assessment of risks, including their comprehensive and systemic nature and the how this understanding feeds into policy development and planning processes and are translated into concrete actions and investments – thus, putting risks and the need to comprehensively address, manage and reduce them, front and center.

Comprehensive Risk Management (CRM) aims to strengthen synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, identifying mutually beneficial opportunities across policies and programmes and enhancing the capacity of governments for cross-sectoral planning while ensuring vertical alignment. CRM locates risk at the core of all development and humanitarian interventions and focuses on nurturing a common understanding of risk, including its comprehensive and systemic nature and the how these feed into policy development and planning processes and are translated into concrete actions

Through a conversation with government representatives and development partners active on climate action and disaster risk management, the session will allow identifying enablers, challenges and opportunities for applying CRM for integrated risk-informed development solutions.

Agenda:

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions	Marco Toscano-Rivalta Chief, UNDRR Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
9:10 – 9:30	Key Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and Climate change adaptation (CCA) Strategic Planning Instruments as enablers for more coherent practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National adaptation plan (NAPs) process in Timor Leste National DRR Strategy in Mongolia. 	Timor Leste (TBC) Secretariat of State for Environment, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Lieutenant Colonel D. Bazarragchaa. Head of the Disaster Risk Assessment Division of NEMA Mongolia
9:30 – 9:40	UNDRR-SEI regional analysis. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA): Coherence pathways in Asia-Pacific	Iria Touzon Calle Risk knowledge and analysis Programme Officer UNDRR Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
9:40 – 9:50	Comprehensive Risk Management (CRM) and UNDRR's CRM Initiative	Donna Mitzi Lagdameo Programme Management Officer, UNDRR Office in Bonn
9:50 – 10:30	Small group discussions on the challenges and opportunities in applying CRM in NAPs and National DRR Strategies	Breakout group discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Sharing of key recommendations	Group rapporteurs
10:45 – 10:55	Recap and reflections on the way forward	
10:55 – 11:00	Closing remarks	Prof. TAKEYA Kimio Distinguished Technical Advisor on Disaster Risk Reduction. JICA; Japan International Cooperation Agency/Visiting Professor, Tohoku University. IRIDeS; International Research Institute of Disaster Science