



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**NEW DELHI, INDIA**  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2007

**ORGANIZED BY**

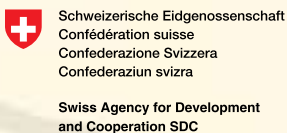


**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
Government of India

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## CONFERENCE PARTNERS

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## about the conference

Asia is the largest and most populous continent of the world, characterized by a wide range of geographical, geological and climatic features, which create various types of natural hazards at regular intervals. Many of these hazards turn into disasters causing enormous loss of life and property and unaccountable sufferings of people, particularly the poor and other vulnerable sections of society. Rapid growth of population, unplanned settlements, unsafe building practices and erratic climatic conditions caused by global warming have compounded the frequency and magnitude of natural disasters in Asia.

Asia has always taken a leading role in the global movement for disaster risk reduction. The Asian city of Yokohama hosted the first World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 1994 which adopted the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World: Guidelines for Natural Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Mitigation and its Plan of Action, providing landmark guidance on reducing disaster risk and the impacts of disasters. A decade later, in 2005, another Asian city, Kobe hosted the second World Conference during which 168 countries adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster which, in essence, advocates mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into socio-economic development planning and activities.

Following the adoption of HFA, China hosted the First Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction, in September 2005, to enhance regional understanding and cooperation in the implementation of HFA. This Conference adopted the Beijing Action for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and resolved to meet again in 2007 to review the implementation of the HFA. India is hosting this 2nd Asian Conference in November 2007 in New Delhi.

Development without Disasters is the underpinning theme of the Conference. The objectives of the Conference are to:

## objectives

- Review the action taken by the national governments and other stakeholders for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action;
- Review the implementation of Beijing Action for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia;
- Take stock of initiatives taken in various sub-regions of Asia for promoting and enhancing cooperation among the nations within and outside the governments for disaster risk reduction;
- Share and exchange best practices and lessons learned from disaster risk reduction in various fields including application of science and technology, community based disaster preparedness, public-private partnership etc;
- Discuss the new international initiatives such as Global Platform and Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction and their relevance for disaster risk reduction in Asia; and
- Develop a vision and roadmap for disaster risk reduction in Asia.

## structure

The Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions of the Conference and Special Panel Discussion would be held in plenary. The remaining sessions would be structured in two segments: (a) Inter-governmental and (b) Technical. The Inter-governmental segment would be attended by Ministers and other representatives of Government, regional and international organizations, while the Technical segment would be open also to the scientists, professionals, NGOs and other invitees. In addition, eight different Side

Events shall be organized on various specialized themes. Four of these events shall be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 for select countries by invitation, while two each shall be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

## exhibition

An exhibition on the products and services of various Government organizations, scientific and technical institutions, UN organizations, national and international NGOs, corporate sector etc shall be organized to showcase their initiatives in reducing the risks of disasters. Necessary space will be available on demand to participants to set up their stalls in the exhibition.

The Conference would be attended by Government and Non-Government representatives from Asia and Pacific Island Countries. Government representatives will consist of the Ministers and one/two senior officers concerned with disaster management in their respective countries. Limited support for travel and accommodation will be available for the least developed countries and small island countries. Financial support may also be available to some NGOs. To avail of this facility, the Conference Secretariat may be requested well in advance.

## participation

Selected experts shall be invited for the Technical Sessions and Side Events. The costs of their travel, accommodation and local costs would be borne by the Conference Secretariat.

Representatives of the United Nations agencies, regional organizations and other specialized agencies at the international, regional and national levels shall also attend the Conference.

## venue/ website

The venue of the Conference is Convention Hall, Hotel Ashok which is located at the heart of Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Participants shall be accommodated in the same hotel and other hotels in the vicinity.

Various technical, logistic, administrative and other arrangements of the Conference shall be uploaded at the Conference website **<http://www.amcdrrindia.com>** for the facility of the participating countries, organizations and individuals.

M/s ITDC-ARMS have been appointed as the Event Manager for the Conference, for arranging administrative and logistic support for the Conference. The Event Manager shall be making arrangements for online registration, processing requests for support for travel costs, accommodation arrangements and organizing the exhibition.

## event manager

The Event Manager (contact: Mr. Rajiv Makin / Mr. Yogesh Pandey) can be contacted at the following numbers:

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**Plenary Sessions : Inaugural Session : 10 a.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007**  
**Valedictory Session : 5 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007**

Special Plenary discussion on the Conference Theme – Development without Disasters – 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL SEGMENT**

High-level Round Table 1 (7 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in National Policies and Programmes
High-level Round Table 2 (7 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Enhancing Public-Private Partnership in Disaster Risk Reduction
High-level Round Table 3 (8 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Integrating Disaster Reduction into Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Activities
High-level Round Table 4 (8 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Promoting Regional Cooperation Mechanisms on Disaster Risk Reduction

**TECHNICAL SEGMENT**

<b>Technical Group A</b>	Application of Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction
(7 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Theme 1: Hazard Monitoring, Vulnerability Mapping, and Risk Assessment
(8 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Theme 2: Disaster Warning and Communication System
<b>Technical Group B</b>	Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction in Development
(7 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Theme 1: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Poverty Alleviation
(8 <sup>th</sup> November 2007)	Theme 2: Addressing the Issues of Women and Children in Disaster Risk Reduction

**SIDE EVENTS**

Side Event 1  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 2  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 3  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 4  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 5  
(7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 6  
(7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 7  
(8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

Side Event 8  
(8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)

**Pre-Conference (6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)**

Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management in Central Asia

Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management in ASEAN

Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Management among SAARC Countries

Meeting the challenges of Disaster Risk Reduction in communities and cities : Building on good practices in the Asian region

**During Conference (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007)**

Problems of Disaster Risk Reduction in Island Countries

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning for Resilient Development

Risk Financing and Risk Insurance

Preparedness for Professional Disaster Response Management Systems

### **Registration**

Fill in the registration form and send it to the Conference Secretariat by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

### **Flight Information**

Inform the Conference Secretariat of your flight schedule as soon as it is confirmed.

### **Medical and Overseas Travel Insurance**

The Conference Secretariat will not take responsibility of medical or travel insurance for the participants. It is strongly recommended that participants make necessary arrangements for the insurance coverage.

### **VISA Application**

The Government of India will issue official invitation letter for participants to obtain visa smoothly. Participants are requested to apply for visa at the Indian Embassy/ High Commission well in time.

Visit the website of the diplomatic missions of India in your country for information regarding visa.

Participants from [Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Belarus, Denmark, Singapore, Hong Kong, Argentina, Vietnam, Paraguay, Mauritius, Germany (only diplomatic), Uruguay, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh (only diplomatic), Malaysia, Colombia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Chile, Armenia (only diplomatic), Peru, Israel, Brazil, Guyana, Russia, Myanmar, Laos, Hungary, Tajikistan (only diplomatic), Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Mongolia and Mexico] traveling on diplomatic/official passports may not require visa, however, it is strongly suggested to check the current regulation in force.

### **Conference Venue**

Ashok Hotel, 50-B, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 021, India

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### **Accommodation**

Participants who are being sponsored by the Conference Secretariat shall be provided accommodation at Ashok Hotel or any other hotel in vicinity.

### **Lunch**

Lunch during the conference period (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, 2 days) will be provided.

### **Reception**

All participants are welcome to the reception on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

### **Transportation between Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi to the Hotel**

Transportation will be provided by the Government of India. For guidance of the participants, Reception Counter shall be set up in arrival area of the Airport. All participants are requested to report to the Reception Counter to avoid any inconvenience.

### **Currency, Credit Card, Travelers' Cheque**

Major international credit cards and travelers cheques are accepted in major hotels and restaurants. It is recommended that delegates purchase some Indian Rupees at the Airport or at their hotel.

### **Climate**

November is the winter month in India. Temperature during this month is generally around 12°C to 25°C at night and maximum about 22°C to 28°C during the day.

### **Electricity**

The standard electric supply in India is 220 volts A.C., 50 cycles, single phase for all domestic lighting. Most hotels also provide 110 volts electric point for use of electric shavers, hair dryers etc. If you are carrying a laptop/portable computer or other 110 volts equipment, it is advisable to check for bringing an adopter with it. You may check with us for any specific query in this regard.

### **Time Zone**

Republic of India is + 5.30 hours ahead of GMT.

### **Remarks**

Always carry your passport with you in India.

### **Conference Secretariat**

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