

## OUTCOME DOCUMENT

We, the delegates attending the EAS-ASEM Roundtable Meetings on “Innovations in Technologies for Disaster Rescue Efforts amongst Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) member Countries” and “Meetings of the 24x7 PoCs of EAS Countries” in New Delhi during 4-5 December 2014.

**Noted** with concerns the increasing risk of disasters and their impact on people’s lives, livelihoods, infrastructure, resources, ecosystems and thereby causing setbacks to the pace of sustainable development in the East Asia Summit (EAS) and ASEM Member countries.

**Recognized** that technology innovations and their applications are integral to capacity building and planning for disaster risk reduction and effective response in case of natural or human-induced disasters, including disaster related implications of climate change, environmental and complex emergencies;

**Shared** technological innovation, best practices, knowledge, experience on capacity enhancement and emergency response prevailing in EAS and ASEM countries;

**Observed** inauguration of the Virtual Knowledge Portal (VKP) intended to share the critical disaster related information among EAS countries.

**Discussed** the terms of reference of Point of Contacts (PoC), the focal point of the EAS countries for co-ordination/co-operation in the field of disaster management;

**Acknowledged** the leadership of Heads of Governments of all participating countries for sending delegation to this workshop;

**Appreciated** the role of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for hosting these Roundtable Meetings for consideration at the respective High Level meeting(s) of Heads of Governments;

We further propose that EAS and ASEM member countries may give further consideration, where ever necessary to:

**Mainstream** Disaster Risk Reduction into the development agenda of member countries, especially through increasing pre-disaster capacity development, improving preparedness and coordination for effective response, implementing smooth and sustainable recovery and reconstruction arrangement in members countries in case of a natural hazards or human-induced disasters.

**Develop** and promote implementation of strategies and methods for integration of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, resilient

infrastructure, ecosystem management approaches and sustainable (post-disaster) recovery frameworks for addressing sustainability of communities, their livelihoods, food security, health, business continuity at national, sub-national and local developmental planning process, in EAS and ASEM member countries;

**Explore** better application of Science & Technology innovations for Search & Rescue and Disaster Risk Reduction sectors

**Encourage** scientific and technological development through sharing of basic, field based and applied research, harnessing local and traditional knowledge, products/materials, establishing technology and best practices exchange programme and collaborating in such programme/projects.

**Encourage** the development of necessary competencies in EAS and ASEM Member countries for DRR strategic planning and implementation at different levels and across relevant sectors including conducting an assessment of the current status of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and role of various institutions and key stakeholders.

**Assist** NIDM, India in updating the information in VKP possibly by extending required support of data and information by EAS member countries by sharing of web-based and published resources.

**Encourage** establishing/promoting and strengthening the institutions and mechanisms on financial aspects of disaster risk management, towards enhancing resilience of people, ensuring safety in structural and physical development, and enabling financial mechanism for appropriate disaster relief, speedy process of post-disaster sustainable recovery and reconstruction process, involving national, sub-national, private and corporate sectors and international/ bilateral or multi-lateral agencies and financial institutions.

**Encourage** development of approaches/methods and relevant guidelines or codes/regulations on integrating attributes of SDGs (sustainable development goals), climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction towards a common goal of sustainable and safer development. Evolving mechanisms of relevant assessments of such processes at ground level and policy level implementation including improved hazard-risk, vulnerability analysis and capacity assessment systems, integrated with the existing tools of land-use planning, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), project monitoring and evaluation, resilient housing and infrastructure, as basis of sustainable socio-economic development planning and design etc.

**Encourage** development of strategy and action plan for role of international or regional institutions like UNDP, UNEP, UNSPIDER, UNESCAP, UNICEF,SDMC, ICIMOD, ADPC, RIMES, NIDM, etc., by establishing understanding and programme, bilateral / multilateral cooperation, exchange of training and professional capacities, and facilitating deputation of experts/faculty for extending such assistance, including cooperation on undertaking/promoting risk assessment, technology needs assessment and post-disaster damage assessment, developing mitigation strategies and mainstreaming, recovery framework, and related documentation of case studies and good practices, etc.

**And we further resolved to**

Pursuing the activities and initiatives proposed under this outcome document.