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Concept Note for Thematic session

Event title	From Local to Global: Developing, implementing and integrating DRR and climate risk management strategies across scales
Event code	THEM-8
Date and Time	Thursday, 3 RD November, 13.30-15.00
Venue/ Room no.	Annexe B, Ground Floor, Vigyan Bhawan
Organizers	<p>Lead: Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA</p> <p>Collaborators: Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK; Department of Disaster Management, Government of Bihar, India; Action on Climate Today, India;</p> <p>Contact Details* (lead): Name: Mr. MIMURA Satoru Designation: Deputy Director General, and Group Director for Disaster Risk Reduction Email id and phone number: Mimura.Satoru@jica.go.jp, +81-3-5226-9548 Organization name and address: Disaster Risk Reduction Group, Global Environment Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA 5-25 Niban-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8012, Japan</p>
Session Objectives	<p>This thematic session will provide an opportunity to discuss and deliberate on;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Methodology to develop and/or upgrade national and local DRR strategies to achieve Global Target (e) of Sendai Framework by 20202. Guidance and support by national governments to develop and/or upgrade Local DRR strategies

	<p>3. Methods of enhancing integration/alignment/synergy of national, sub national and local level risk management strategies</p> <p>4. Explore practical methods of enhancing the integration of DRR plans and climate risk management plans to support comprehensive risk management across scales</p>
<p>Background and context</p>	<p>2015 emerged as a landmark year for ongoing efforts towards disaster risk reduction. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 with its seven Global Targets and four priorities for action was adopted at the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in March, 2015 in Sendai, Japan. The Sendai Framework is a voluntary and non-binding agreement which recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risks, while the responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders in the country.</p> <p>Its Targets (a) – (d) focus on reduction of mortality, affected people, direct economic losses and damages to critical infrastructure by 2030, while the Target (e) aims to “Substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020.” Importance of national and local strategies is well recognized as it regulates implementation of the entire DRR activities in the countries. Crucially, the Sendai Framework works alongside and overlaps with the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals, that also came into force in 2015.</p> <p>Therefore, a number of countries have started to consider the manner in which their national and subnational strategies for disaster risk reduction and climate risk management can be aligned with the international frameworks that came into force last year.</p> <p>In this session, the panelists from national and state governments, NGOs, private sector, development partners and stakeholders will share their knowledge and experience on the development and implementation of disaster risk reduction and climate risk management strategies at the national, subnational and local levels in line with Sendai Framework and other international risk management frameworks. Case studies and examples of the manner in which this alignment is starting to happen in countries across Asia will be shared. Discussions with respondents will shed light on institutional culture, administrative mandates, financial issues and governance arrangements that can curtail and enable enhanced integration of risk management strategies from the local to global scales.</p>

Session format and programme
(detailed agenda)

The event will last for 90 minutes (including panel speech and plenary discussion).

Opening Remarks by the Moderator (10 min)

Moderator: Dr. Satoru Nishikawa, Japan Center for Area Development Research

TOPIC: The moderator will provide a brief introduction about the Target 'e' (number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies) of the Sendai Framework and the current situation of its progress across a range of contexts.

Panel Discussion (10 min each)

Speaker 1: Hon. Minister, Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar, India Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar, India (TBC)

TOPIC: •The need for development of State Level DRR Strategies in line with State Development Agendas

Speaker 2: Dr. Aditya V. Bahadur, Research Associate, Risk and Resilience Programme, Overseas Development Institute, UK

TOPIC: Aditya will draw on his work with the National Disaster Management Authority of India and examine the degree to which State Disaster Management Plans in a representative sample of Indian States are currently aligned with the targets and priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. He will suggest a detailed set of measures to enhance alignment between these subnational risk management plans and international policies.

Speaker 3: Ir Dody Ruswandi, Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB), Indonesia

TOPIC: How national government can support local DRR strategies, based on their new target programme for 133 districts at risk with a list of indicators to measure their reduction of risk including local DRR plan

Speaker 4: Major General L B R Mark, Director General, Disaster Management Centre, Sri Lanka

TOPIC: Sharing view on how to update/develop national DRR strategy that is risk-informed and aligned with Sendai Framework

Speaker 5: Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Regional Program Manager, Action on Climate Today, India

TOPIC: Dr. del Rio will explore the degree to which sub-national and national disaster risk management plans from Pakistan, Nepal and India are integrated with climate risk management plans at corresponding scales in these countries. She will provide focused recommendations on improving the integration between these two sets of plans. Her presentation will give clear insight on institutional shifts required within national and subnational

	<p>governance structures to ensure closer alignment of these two policy streams with one another to provide an enabling environment for comprehensive risk management across scales.</p> <p><u>Discussion with the participants and audience(30 min)</u></p>
<p>Intended main outcome and Key messages</p>	<p>Key Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk reduction and climate risk management strategies/policies at different levels (local, regional, national and global) need to be better aligned with one another. • It is vital to support national and sub-national governments to develop risk management strategies in line with international frameworks. <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of good practices and success stories of integrating risk management strategies and policies across scales in Asia; • An understanding of good practices, lessons learned, challenges and practical solutions in developing DRR strategies at local level. • Insights on the nature of support needed by national and sub-national governments to develop local risk management strategies. • Clear recommendations for achieving the Target (e) of the Sendai Framework;
<p>List of Speakers and their interventions</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Satoru Nishikawa, Japan Center for Area Development Research</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Speaker 1: Hon. Minister, Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar, India Disaster Management Department, Government of Bihar, India (TBC)</p> <p><i>TOPIC:</i> •The need for development of State Level DRR Strategies in line with State Development Agendas</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dr. Aditya V. Bahadur, Research Associate, Risk and Resilience Programme, Overseas Development Institute, UK; a.bahadur@odi.org.uk</p> <p><i>TOPIC:</i> The alignment of subnational risk management plans in India with the Sendai framework, drawing on ODI's recent work with the Government of India</p> <p>BIO-Dr. Aditya Bahadur has more than 10 years of experience in research, evaluation and practice of DRR, climate change and development. He has</p>

	<p>published widely on these issues including in highly regarded academic journals. His work has been cited by the IPCC and it has informed DfID’s approach to disaster resilience. He has been an advisor to a range of international organisations, multilateral organisations, bilateral organisations, national governments and international civil society organizations on risk management policies. He has been conferred a Fellowship of the Royal Geographic Society (FRGS) and was awarded the World Social Science Fellowship in 2015.</p> <p>Speaker 3: Ir Dody Ruswandi, Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB), Indonesia</p> <p><i>TOPIC:</i> How national government can support local DRR strategies, based on their new target programme for 133 districts at risk with a list of indicators to measure their reduction of risk including local DRR plan</p> <p>Speaker 4: Major General L B R Mark, Director General, Disaster Management Centre, Sri Lanka</p> <p><i>TOPIC:</i> Sharing view on how to update/develop national DRR strategy that is risk-informed and aligned with Sendai Framework</p> <p>Speaker 5: Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Regional Program Manager, Action on Climate Today, India; Cristina@actiononclimate.today</p> <p><i>TOPIC:</i> Recommendations for improving the integration of disaster risk management and climate risk management plans across scales in Nepal, Pakistan and India.</p> <p><i>BIO:</i> Prior to joining ACT, Dr. del Rio worked at The Rockefeller Foundation (2007-2015). As a Senior Associate Director at the Foundation, Dr. Rumbaitis del Rio helped develop the Foundation’s initiatives on resilience to climate change, including the landmark Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network initiative. Prior to that, she was a post-doctoral fellow conducting research on sustainable development at Columbia University’s Earth Institute. She also did policy research for the United Nations Environmental Program, the U.S. Department of State, and other institutions.</p>
<p>Background document</p>	<p>Strengthening disaster risk management in India: A review of five state disaster management plans (2016)- http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/India-disaster-management-web.pdf</p> <p>Insights from the Frontlines of Disaster Risk: Ten Key Recommendations by Experts from South Asia on the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/South-Asia-Expert-Views-on-2015-Disasters-Agreement1.pdf</p> <p>What does it take to mainstream disaster risk management in key sectors?</p>

	<p>http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/CDKN_Guide_Mainstreaming_dr_management_final_rev_web-res.pdf</p> <p>Other documents may be released closer to the event.</p>
Technical Equipment	<p>Projector, 6 microphones.</p>