



Asian Regional Expert Meeting on Development, Disasters and Catastrophes Am-DC

Policy Research and Implementation

25 - 26 April 2023, Hybrid event, Venue: ISEAS, Singapore

Objectives and focus of the Asia Regional Expert Meeting, April 2023

Countries in Asia and the Pacific are highly exposed to natural hazards and the exposure is increasing. For instance, recent data shows that occurrence of disasters in Asia and the Pacific for 23 year-period of 2000-22 increased for about 90% compared to the previous 23-year period (EM-DAT database). Reducing catastrophic risk is vital for development in countries in Asia and the Pacific.

The Asia Regional Expert Meeting on Development, Disasters and Catastrophes (Am-DC) provides opportunities to discuss policy priorities, analytical approaches and data challenges, and contributes to narrowing the gap between policy research and practical policy implementation in disaster mitigation and response.

Collaboration among people with diverse backgrounds can build useful platforms to exchange views and strengthen policy dialogue on how to mitigate disaster risks at the regional level. This platform also promotes networking between research and the policy decision makers in Asia and Pacific economies with the hope of spurring further dialogue beyond the events (See Concept note for details).

There are several key issues for discussion at *the Asia Regional Meeting on Development, Disasters and Catastrophes* in April 2023.

- Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance
- Near-Term and Long-Term Challenges Toward Disaster Resilient Growth
- Disasters and Supply Chain
- Budgetary Frameworks and Fiscal Measures in Disasters
- Development, Institutional Framework and Governance in Disasters
- Disasters and Climate Change

Programme

DAY 1	9h30-16h30 on 25 April
9:30-9:50	Registration
9:50-10:00	Opening Remarks Kensuke Molnar-Tanaka , Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France Terence Chong , Deputy Chief Executive Officer, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore
10:00-11:10	Session 1: Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance
<i>Speakers</i>	Pan Tso-Chien , Professor and Executive Director, Institute of Catastrophe Risk Management, Nanyang Technological University Singapore Jiseok Byeon , Director, Disaster Insurance Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety, Korea Kensuke Molnar-Tanaka , Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France
<i>Moderator</i>	Prasiwi Ibrahim , Deputy Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France Q&A session
15-minute coffee break	
11:25-12:35	Session 2: Near-Term and Long-Term Challenges Toward Disaster Resilient Growth
<i>Speakers</i>	Minoru Masujima , President, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Cabinet office, Japan Peter Sammonds , Professor, University College London, Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, UK Hyun Bang Shin , Professor, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, Department of Geography and Environment, Director, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, UK
<i>Moderator</i>	Prasiwi Ibrahim , Deputy Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France Q&A session
Lunch break	
13:50-15:00	Session 3: Disasters and Supply Chain
<i>Speakers</i>	Muhammad Habib Abiyan Dzakwan , Researcher, Department of International Relations & Fellow, Disaster Management Research Unit, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia Archanun Kohpaiboon , Professor, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand Jayant Menon , Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore
<i>Moderator</i>	Cassey Lee , Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore Q&A session
15-minute coffee break	

15:15-16:25	Session 4: Budgetary Frameworks and Fiscal Measures in Disasters
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Sonny Domingo, Senior Research Fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)</p> <p>Thai Minh Huong, Viet Nam Disaster and Dike Management Authority</p> <p>Nathan Sussman, Professor and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, The Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland</p>
<i>Moderator</i>	<p>Cassey Lee, Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
DAY 2	9h00-12h00 on 26 April
9:00-10:20	Session 5: Development, Institutional Framework and Governance in Disasters
<i>Speakers</i>	<p>Mark Skidmore, Professor and Morris Chair in State & Local Government Finance & Policy, Michigan State University, USA</p> <p>Hans Guttman, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand</p> <p>Meen Bahadur Poudyal Chhetri, Executive Member Nepal Center for Disaster Management (NCDM), Nepal</p> <p>Duangnapa Uttamangkpong, Director of Natural Disaster Policy Section, Thailand Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation</p>
<i>Moderator</i>	<p>Prasiwi Ibrahim, Deputy Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
15 minutes coffee break	
10:35-11:45	Session 6: Disasters and Climate Change
<i>Speaker</i>	<p>Mirza Sadaqat Huda, Lead Researcher, Climate Change in Southeast Asia Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute</p> <p>Raditya Jati, Deputy Minister, National Disaster Management Authority, Indonesia</p> <p>John Zhu, Chief Economist Asia Pacific, Swiss Re Institute, Hong Kong</p>
<i>Moderator</i>	<p>Siwage Dharma Negara, Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
11:45-11:50	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Cassey Lee, Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore</p> <p>Kensuke Molnar-Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, France</p>
11:50-13:00	Lunch

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