



**Asia Pacific Coalition  
for School Safety**

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# Asia Pacific Coalition on Safe Schools (APCSS) – A Regional Collaboration



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- The coalition was established in 2012
- The members of **APCSS** are IFRC, ADPC, Plan International, Save the Children, World Vision, UNICEF, UNESCO, and UNISDR. (Plan International is the secretariat).
- **APCSS** aims to create a space at the regional level for discussion and sharing of technical resources, good practices/lesson learns and model policies on Safe Schools to minimize the impacts of disasters to children's education and to coordinate and promote advocacy for Comprehensive School Safety.
- **APCSS** is a regional branch of Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES)



# APCSS - Objectives



## Comprehensive School Safety

A global framework in support of  
The Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector  
and The Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools,  
in preparation for the 3rd U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015

- Promote comprehensive school safety – advocacy at regional, sub-regional and country levels.
- Coordinate and collaborate with stakeholders on school safety
- Develop and share technical resources, good practices, policies and lessons learned – knowledge management

## AMCDRR 2016 – Delhi, India

### Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 (2-5 Nov. 2016, India):

- **Thematic session:** *Promoting educational continuity and resilience of children and community through increasing child-focused Comprehensive School Safety in different contexts and innovative educational solutions.*
  - Collaborators: APCSS, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), and the International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (IIEES)
- **Technical Session 3:** *Investing in DRR for resilience.*
  - **Theme:** Increasing public & private sector investment in disaster risk prevention and reduction that strengthens economic, social, health and cultural resilience.
  - **Collaborators:** Thailand Ministry of Health; Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry FICCI; Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); Asia Pacific Coalition for Safe Schools (APCSS); the Centre for Asia Pacific Partnership

## AMCDRR 2016 – Delhi, India

### POLICY BRIEF

#### ADVANCING COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



*This paper, jointly released by Asia Pacific Coalition for School Safety (APCSS)<sup>1</sup> and its partners<sup>2</sup> in advance of the Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), in India, 2-5 November 2016, shows that the education rights of school children to access to the quality of education are being disrupted because of natural and man-made disasters. It calls for the countries and their humanitarian and development partners to urgently ensure the children's right to safety and security in schools, and to educational continuity in the face of emergencies are included in the Asia Regional Implementation Plans, AMCDRR declaration, national education and disaster management plans and policies, and collect better data to monitor the progress.*

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<sup>1</sup> The Asia Pacific Coalition for School Safety (APCSS) was established in 2013. The shared framework for understanding and acting to bring about Comprehensive School Safety, including the "3 pillars": 1. Safe Learning Facilities, 2. School Disaster Management and 3. Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Education, founded on multi-hazard and cross-hazard risk assessment, education sector analysis, and alignment of education and disaster management sector policies and plans. The members of APCSS are: Australia, Cambodia, China, the Maldives, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the United Kingdom.

<sup>2</sup> All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIMI), and International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (IIEES).

- Prepared by APCSS members for the AMCDRR
- Provides policy recommendations related to school safety for each of the 4 Priority for Action of the SFDRR
- Available on Preventionweb [here](#).

# APCSS's Engagement with AMCDRR



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## AMCDRR2018 – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The following *tentative* events were proposed by APCSS in collaboration with different groups for APCSS's engagement in AMCDRR2018:

- APCSS submitted **Thematic event**: *Promoting investment in disaster risk reduction through good examples of child-focused Comprehensive School Safety implementation in different contexts and innovative education solutions.*
- APCSS submitted **Market Place** (approved already): *Presentation of good practices, showcasing tools, modules, and findings from research at regional and country levels*
- APCSS also collaborated with GADRRRES & ASSI, SC for a **side event** that covers Safe Schools: *Researcher, Practitioner and Policy-maker Collaboration for evidence-based practice*
- **Pre-conference activities** (joining with UNMGCY). A pre-conference Children and Youth meeting entitled "The agents for behavioural change: Children and Youth in DRR" was submitted. This is a chance for children and youth from different countries in Asia to meet together and discuss issues relevant to the sector".
- **Side event** "*Risk-Aware and Disaster-Ready Generation towards Sustainable Community Resiliency*" (led by UNMGCY)
- **Side event** "Collaborative Surge – enabling localisation enhancing resilience" (Christian Aid, ASIA platform, On Call, SERT, ART (OXFAM), SATHI Network)
- **Side event** "Making Schools Safer in Asia" with support from AIDMI.