

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

SESSION 1: OPENING



PREETY BHANDARI, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, Asian Development Bank

PREETY M. BHANDARI is the Director for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) at Asian Development Bank (ADB). She also serves as Technical Advisor for the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management thematic group. She is responsible for providing policy and strategic direction to ADB's climate change program and leads the work on climate finance, with a particular focus on accessing finance from the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Coordination of ADB's activities in disaster risk management is also part of her portfolio. Prior to joining ADB, she was heading the Finance, Technology and Capacity Building Program of the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. She has also worked as the Director of the Policy Analysis Division at TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) in India. She is on the editorial board of Climate Policy and has in the past served as a member of the core group on climate change, established by the Government of India to assess India's strategy for the UN climate change negotiations.



KAVEH ZAHEDI, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

KAVEH ZAHEDI is the Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). He oversees ESCAP's work on social development, environment, energy, disaster risk management and information communications and technology. Prior to ESCAP, Mr. Zahedi was Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He managed UNEP's technical and policy support programmes and represented the organization in the region. Over two decades Mr. Zahedi worked in UNEP's offices in Kenya, Mexico, UK, France and Thailand. Before UNEP, Mr. Zahedi worked at an NGO as project manager for micro credit and development projects.



AYESHA REKHI, Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of Canada to Kingdom of Thailand, Kingdom of Cambodia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic

AYESHA REKHI is a career Canadian diplomat, focusing largely on Asia where she has served as Vice Consul (Immigration) in Hong Kong (2000-02), First Secretary (Political & Economic Affairs) at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi (2005-09) and Counsellor (Political & Public Affairs) at the Canadian Embassy in Hanoi (2012-15). In Ottawa, Ayesha was most recently the Deputy Director responsible for political relations with Southeast Asia and Oceania. She has also worked extensively on human rights and human security issues including as the Advisor on Women, Peace and Security and Children and Armed Conflict. Ayesha completed her BA (honours) at McGill University (1996) and has a MSc in Development Studies from the LSE (1997) and an MPA (2016) from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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OPENING PANEL



MARGA ORTIGAS, Journalist

MARGA ORTIGAS has been a journalist for over 25 years – working across Europe, the Middle East, the Americas, and Asia – first for CNN, and then Al Jazeera – where she was Senior Correspondent for Asia Pacific. Marga got her start during a catastrophic volcanic eruption in the Philippines. Since then, she's travelled the globe meeting communities affected by disasters, both triggered by natural hazards and man-made. Recognized by the ICRC for her humanitarian reporting, Marga hosts a podcast and runs "I, Migrant" – a website which highlights the universal spirit behind every journey. A British Council scholar, Marga holds an MA in Literature.



THONGCHAI ROACHANAKANAN, Director, Department of Town & Country Planning, Ministry of Interior, Thailand

THONGCHAI ROACHANAKANAN is a senior architect at the Department of Town and Country Planning at the Ministry of Interior, Thailand, which he joined in 1999. Dr Thongchai completed a flood protection scheme for Chumporn province as part of the King's project and has since been involved in urban flood projects throughout Thailand. He gives technical advice to local authorities nationwide on alternative solutions and best practices in coping with urban drainage problems. He currently works on several flood protection and mitigation projects in Thailand. He was also appointed as a climate change convention officer by the Cabinet in 2010.



ROGER VEGA RODRIGUEZ, Vice President, Latin American & Caribbean Network of Public Investment Systems and Director of Public Investment, Ministry of Finance & Public Credits, Government of Nicaragua

ROGER VEGA RODRIGUEZ is Vice President for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Public Investment Systems (SNIP) and Director of Public Investment at the Ministry of Finance of Nicaragua. For more than ten years, he has led the economic analysis and selection process of projects in Nicaragua, including the mainstreaming of DRM/CCA through methodological and technical support to public institutions. He has participated as a panelist and lead discussant in the most relevant seminars on DRM/CCA in Latin American and Caribbean. Mr. Vega holds a Master's in economy and public regulation at Universitat de Barcelona (Spain), postgraduate studies on public policy and innovation at Georgetown University (USA) and economic valuation of projects at Catholic University (Chile).



CHERRY BARNUEVO, President, Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api

CHERRY DELEÑA BARNUEVO was elected President of Damayan ng Maralitang Pilipinong Api (DAMPA) in December 2015. DAMPA is a federation of women-led grassroots organization located in the Philippines consisting of multiple community-based organizations countrywide. It was in 2012 when she realized the "calling" of serving other people while working in business process outsourcing industry. As the president of DAMPA, she strongly believes that women should be empowered to be more resilient because of traditional and cultural dynamics they encounter in their everyday lives. DAMPA is a member of Huairou Commission, an international coalition of grassroots women's organizing, leadership, local development and collective political power.



ANDER CHOW, Associate Director and East Asia Region Maritime Leader, Arup

ANDER CHOW, Arup's Associate Director and East Asia Region Maritime Leader, has over 30 years of experience in maritime/coastal engineering and completed more than 50 feasibility studies, climate risk and impact studies for both public and private sectors in Canada, China, Hong Kong and the Region. Currently, Dr. Chow is the Project Manager for a climate change study to review climate change and its implications on the design of coastal structures in Hong Kong; and a strategic study on resilience of critical infrastructures for the Hong Kong Government to assess over 300 critical infrastructures in Hong Kong and develop resilience enhancement plan



HLAING MYINT AUNG, Farmer, Sagaing Region, Myanmar

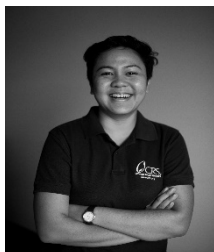
HLAING MYINT AUNG is a farmer from Autseikta village, Monywa township, in Sagaing region, Myanmar. He has 30 acres of farm land comprising of rice paddy, pulses, vegetables and oil seed crops. He started farming when he was 17 years old. He has attended trainings on good agricultural practices, farmer field school, seed production training, and forecast translation and rain gauge installation. He is a member of the Seed Grower Association of Monywa Township.

SESSION 2: MARKETPLACE OF SOLUTIONS



SANNA SALMELA-ECKSTEIN, Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator & Climate Change Focal Point, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

SANNA SALMELA-ECKSTEIN has worked as the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator for IFRC at the Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) in Kuala Lumpur since December 2017. She joined the IFRC APRO Disaster and Crisis Prevention, Response and Recovery team early 2016 as an Operations Coordinator. Sanna started working with the Red Cross a decade ago in the Americas with a focus on community-based disaster risk reduction and institutional disaster preparedness – areas that she remains passionate about. Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) and non-RCRC work assignments have kept her in Asia Pacific for close to 12 years. Her academic background is in risk management, economics and international development – with specialization in environmental and climate change.



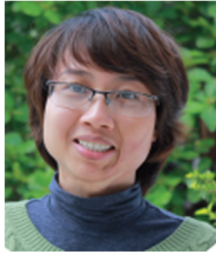
JANEEN KIM CAYETANO, GIS Analyst, Catholic Relief Services

JANEEN KIM CAYETANO is a graduate of geography at the University of the Philippines. She currently works as a Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) based in the Philippines providing remote GIS support to CRS programs worldwide that serve as valuable communication tools. Ms. Cayetano also serves as a key member of the ICT4D community within CRS and is active in promoting the smart and effective use of GIS to support CRS programming. Interests focus on the use GIS in disaster risk reduction, community involvement through participatory mapping and applying spatial analysis improving the efficacy of programs.

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NGUYEN ANH THO, Program Officer, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition

NGUYEN ANH THO is a program officer with the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), a non-governmental organization with active engagements in Southeast Asia, committed to inclusive resilience building in the face of climate change, natural hazards, and urbanization. Ms. Nguyen is involved in various resilience building projects of ISET in Viet Nam, including those under the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network, and Mekong-Building Climate Resilience in Asian Cities programs, among others, contributing to project development, research, learning, and project management. Ms. Nguyen holds an MSc in Environment and International Development of University of East Anglia (UK).



KO HAMAMOTO, Infrastructure Specialist, Asian Development Bank

KO HAMAMOTO holds a master's degree of science in meteorology of Jupiter and Saturn using a telescope observation and image analysis from Hokkaido University, Japan. He joined the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) in 2013, and had led SAFE, an international cooperation initiative for demonstration of practical applications of satellite technology as the representative of the secretariat. He joined the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2017. He has supported several ADB projects using satellite technology and led Spatial Data Analysis Explorer (SPADE) development and utilization in ADB and developing member countries.

SESSION 3: RISK-INFORMED NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES



XIANFU LU, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank

XIANFU LU combines her scientific background with policy and practice experiences in the fields of climatology and climate change risk management. She worked with the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research (UK) on the development and application of climate scenarios; as a technical specialist with UNDP where she supported developing countries to assess and plan for the management of climate risks; as a team leader for methodologies related to adaptation at the UNFCCC secretariat; and as a consultant at the Asian Development Bank on climate risk management. She was a coordinating lead author for the IPCC fourth assessment report.



SUPRAYOGA HADI, National Development Planning Ministry, Republic of Indonesia

SUPRAYOGA HADI is currently the Primary Planner for Deputy Minister of Regional Development, National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia (BAPPENAS). Formerly he had been assigned as Director General of Special Region of Ministry for Village, Disadvantaged Region and Transmigration, and as Deputy Minister for Resource Development and Deputy Minister for Specific Area at Ministry of Disadvantaged Region. Since 2006 he has been the focal person for disaster and conflict issues, working with respective donor agencies, such as World Bank, ADB, and UNDP. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in socio-economics in 1990, and Doctoral degree in Planning and Development Studies in 2002 at University of Southern California (USC).

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SALVADOR MALDONADO PEREZ, Expert and former General Director of Insurances & Risks, Ministry of Finance, Mexico

SALVADOR MALDONADO holds a Master's degree in Finance and is an independent consultant expert in design of disaster risk management strategies and risk transfer schemes. He works with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and with the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ). He worked at Ministry of Finance in Mexico as General Director of Risk Management and developed the Mexican risk model (R-FONDEN) to support the natural hazard risk management strategy of the Mexican government, including risk transfer instruments and advice to local governments in structuring disaster risk transfer schemes.



SANNY RAMOS JEGILLOS, Senior Adviser, Disaster Risk Reduction & Recovery Team Leader, United Nations Development Programme

SANNY RAMOS JEGILLOS is a Senior Adviser at the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub. Prior to 2014, Mr. Jegillos was the Regional Disaster Reduction Adviser and Practice Coordinator for UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery in Asia-Pacific Regional Centre in Thailand. From 2005-2011, he was the Programme Coordinator of the Regional Programme on Capacity Development for Tsunami affected countries. Mr. Jegillos has more than 25 years of progressive professional experience in risk reduction and recovery in region with advanced expertise in community-based disaster risk management. Mr. Jegillos also provides technical and policy advisory services to UNDP country offices and international non-government agencies on disaster risk management and recovery.



JOOST BECKERS, Senior Advisor, Flood Risk Management, Deltares

JOOST BECKERS has a PhD in computational physics (TU Delft, 1999) and has over 15 years of professional experience in water management. After working for the Dutch Institute for Marine and Coastal Management for 5 years, Dr. Beckers joined Deltares as an international consultant in flood risk assessment, flood forecasting and probabilistics. Countries of working experience include Australia, Azerbaijan, China, Indonesia, Myanmar, UK and USA. Recent projects are the EU-funded research project RASOR (rapid assessment and spatialization of risk), South-East Asia flood monitoring and NRT impact assessment (SEADRIF) and Strengthening Climate and Disaster Resilience of Myanmar Communities.

SESSION 4: RISK-INFORMED AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT



SANJAY SRIVASTAVA, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

SANJAY K SRIVASTAVA, Ph D (Applied Physics), is presently Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction at UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). He was ESCAP Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction from Oct 2009 to June 2014; Head of SAAARC Disaster Management Centre – New Delhi from 2007-2008; Deputy Project Director of Disaster Management Support Programme at Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO); Scientist/Engineer at ISRO HQ Bangalore since 1991. He is the recipient of ISRO's Team excellence award in 2008-09 for his contributions towards harnessing space technology applications for the benefits of rural poor. While he has more than 100 publications on disaster risk reduction, including research papers in peer

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reviewed international journals, intergovernmental reports and books; Sanjay has been a lead author of ESCAP's flagship publication – Asia-Pacific Disaster Report.



KHIN MAUNG NYUNT, Regional Director, Department of Agriculture, Myanmar

KHIN MAUNG NYUNT is the Regional Director of Myanmar's Department of Agriculture Sagaing Region. He provides management guidance for implementation of Good Agricultural Practices for 15 crops, ensuring food security and good quality seeds, and training and education for 13 townships in the region. He has a degree in agriculture from Yezin University and is currently doing his Master's in Business Administration at Monywa University of Economics. Mr. Khin Maung Nyunt is a member of Land Utilization and Management Committee as well as secretary for Agricultural Development Committee and Disaster Management Committee for Sagaing Region.

JEREMY CAREW-REID, Director General, International Centre for Environmental Management



JEREMY CAREW-REID, Director General of the International Centre for Environmental Management, has more than 35 years' experience working in over 30 countries, including extensive experience in the Mekong region. Dr Carew-Reid has a BSc Honours in freshwater ecology and a PhD in Environmental Impact Assessment. He specializes in integrated environmental assessments, spatial planning and climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation. He has led many seminal biodiversity, infrastructure and climate change studies and assessments in the Mekong region.

KAREFF MAY RAFISURA, Economic Affairs Officer (Disaster Risk Reduction), United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



KAREFF MAY RAFISURA has been working on climate risk management initiatives in Asia for over 10 years. She worked for projects demonstrating weather and climate forecast applications for rural livelihoods in South and Southeast Asia. Her graduate work at Columbia University (USA) focused on using advances in climate science for societal applications, including disaster risk reduction. She was involved in formulating the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) of Nepal and in designing a long-term climate change adaptation initiative being implemented by the Government of Ghana and UNDP with support from the Adaptation Fund.

SHIBENDU S. RAY, Director, Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare, Government of India



SHIBENDU S. RAY is the Director of Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, since its inception in 2012. He is leading a team of scientists for national level programs on crop production forecasting, drought assessment, horticultural development, crop insurance, etc. With Masters and Doctorate, in Agricultural Physics, from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, he has worked with Space Applications Centre, ISRO, since 1991. He has more than 160 publications including 60 peer-reviewed journal papers. He has been honored with Vikram Sarabhai Award, ISRO Merit Award, Pisharoty Memorial Award & Satish Dhavan Award and National Geomatics Award.

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PAOLO MANUNTA, Infrastructure Specialist, Asian Development Bank / European Space Agency

PAOLO MANUNTA has 20 years' experience in the field of satellite earth observation and its applications. Paolo has been contributing and managing projects for the private and public sectors in the areas of earth observation, spatial data infrastructure and thematic exploitation platforms. At present he is the European Space Agency resident on-site support at the Asian Development Bank. Supporting the operations on the use of satellite-based mapping for urban, water resources, agriculture, marine and disaster risk management. Paolo has a Bachelor and Masters of Science from Kansas State University in the U.S. and a Ph.D. degree, from the University of Alberta, Canada.



A.R SUBBIAH, Director, Program Unit, Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia

A.R SUBBIAH has operational responsibility for the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES) Program Unit and Regional Early Warning Center. He provides strategic direction and leadership for translation of policies established by the RIMES Council into programs and services that meet RIMES Member State needs and demands. Mr. Subbiah has 35 years of experience in drought mitigation and management and more than 15 years of experience in establishing multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary mechanisms and capacities for the generation and application of climate information at different timescales. He served as a reviewer of the IPCC Special Report on Managing Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX).

SESSION 5: RISK-INFORMED URBAN DEVELOPMENT



ARGHYA SINHA ROY, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank

ARGHYA SINHA ROY has been working on disaster risk management in Asia countries since 2003, initially with recovery and reconstruction process following 2001 Gujarat Earthquake in India. From 2004-2012, he worked with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center on strengthening capacities of countries in South and Southeast Asia to integrate disaster risk management considerations into development processes. Since 2012, Arghya has been working with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in supporting the implementation of ADB's disaster risk management policy and plan. Arghya is involved in supporting integration of disaster resilience considerations in ADB projects in urban, transport, agriculture and rural development, social development and water resources sectors. With a master's degree in urban planning, Arghya's specific interest includes strengthening pro-poor urban resilience and community resilience.



PEERANAN TOWASHIRAPORN, Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

PEERANAN TOWASHIRAPORN works as department head for the Disaster Risk Assessment and Monitoring unit. Previously Dr. Peeranan worked as senior engineer at AIR Worldwide Corporation, a premier catastrophe risk modeling firm in the United States. He engaged in works related to seismic vulnerability and risk assessment of buildings as well as earthquake-induced casualty estimation. He joined Asian Disaster Preparedness (ADPC) in 2010 as senior project manager under the Urban Disaster Risk Management



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program. Dr. Peeranan has published several technical papers on earthquake engineering and vulnerability assessment. Dr. Peeranan holds Ph.D. Degree in civil engineering.



PAM JOHNSTON, Principal Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction, Earthquake Commission, New Zealand

PAM JOHNSTON is a Principal Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction with New Zealand's Earthquake Commission. She holds masters' degrees in planning and in property studies and has an extensive career as a planning and research consultant. Pam has managed a range of rebuild and recovery work programs resulting from the Canterbury and Kaikoura earthquakes. At the Earthquake Commission she leads a program of work focusing on reducing disaster risk through land use planning. Pam is passionate about implementing lessons from previous disaster events and acting as a system integrator to connect people, agencies and data to reduce risk.



SOMKIAT NONTAKAEW, Police Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Director, Fire and Rescue Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Thailand

SOMKIAT NONTAKAEW holds Master of Arts degree from Krirk University and Bachelor of Laws from Ramkhamhang University, Bangkok, Thailand. He has worked at Bangkok Fire and Rescue Department since 2003 and is currently holding the position of Deputy Director. Pol. Lt. Col. Nonthakaew has extensive experiences in disaster risk management, particularly in emergency operation management at Bangkok Metropolitan Administration's (BMA) Emergency Operation Center (EOC). He was Chief of planning and operation for flood and fire control, such as floods in BMA locality, a massive garbage dump fire in Samutprakarn province, and involved in security control and planning for BMA crisis situations. He also provides his technical support to various disaster risk reduction programs implemented by BMA



FRANCISCO TAVORA, GIS/Remote Sensing Manager, Earthquake and Megacities Initiatives

FRANCISCO TAVORA, Jr. has a wide range of interests ranging from ICT, Geographic Information System (GIS), remote sensing to instrument commissioning. Mr. Tavora has implemented GIS and remote sensing projects while working for local and international organization in fields such as biodiversity conservation, aquatic resources management, inventory of forest/non-forest in REDD+ application, mapping mining and ancestral domain claims, renewable energy mapping, and recently in high resolution exposure database development in support of disaster risk financing. He is also qualified to work in hazardous gaseous environment via his CompEX certification.



ERI HONDA, Principal Urban Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank

ERI HONDA has worked for fostering economic growth and cooperation in developing countries for over 25 years. Currently, she is Principal Urban Development Specialist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She is preparing and implementing ADB funded projects to help improve urban environment and public health conditions in Southeast Asia. Such projects aim to increase access to sustainable urban services such as water supply, sanitation, and solid waste management through upgrading of urban infrastructure as well as capacity





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development in urban management. Prior to ADB, she worked for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japanese Delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

SESSION 6: DISASTER RISK FINANCING

CHARLOTTE BENSON, Principal Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank



CHARLOTTE BENSON leads the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) disaster risk management team, located within the Climate Change Disaster Risk Management Division in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department. The team's work includes the development and coordination of ADB's disaster risk management policies and strategies and the provision of support to ADB's operational departments in implementing disaster risk management projects. Before joining ADB in 2013, Charlotte worked as a consultant for 15 years focusing on the economic impacts of disasters; on disaster risk financing; and on the integration of disaster risk management into development policy, planning and practice. Her clients included the World Bank, ADB, UNDP, UNISDR, DFID, and the British Red Cross. Prior to that, Charlotte was a Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute, London, for 6 years. Charlotte holds a BSc and MSc, both in Economics, from the London School of Economics, and a PhD from the University of London.

PAOLA SHERINA A. ALVAREZ, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of the Philippines



PAOLA SHERINA ALVAREZ is the official spokesperson of Secretary of the Department of Finance. She is also the Assistant Secretary for Communications, for Special Concerns, and for Disaster Risk Financing and Climate Change. Among her main tasks are the oversight on the content for all social media accounts of the Department and creation of insurance products and other disaster risk and climate mitigating financing options, including man-made disasters such as the finance mobilization for Marawi City rehabilitation and reconstruction. She graduated with a Juris Doctor of Law degree from Ateneo de Manila University.

DAVID SIMMONS, Willis Towers Watson Public Ltd.



DAVID SIMMONS is a managing director in the Capital Science and Policy practice. He joined Willis Towers Watson in 2011 after 24 years at (Aon) Benfield. He was a pioneer of both catastrophe modelling and capital modelling in the reinsurance industry, but recent focus has been on parametric insurance schemes to provide immediate emergency response as soon as a catastrophe event occurs/is recognized. He was broker to CCRIF, ARC and PCRIC from their first open market reinsurance placements and now is proud to work with all three. A recent project has been to provide advice on the creation of a City Risk Pool in the Philippines.

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VINCENTIUS KRISNA JULI WICAKSONO, Head of Subdivision for APEC Finance Ministers' Process, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia

VINCENTIUS KRISNA JULI WICAKSONO serves as the Head of Subdivision for APEC Finance Ministers' Process (FMP), Ministry of Finance of Indonesia. Mr. Krisna is mainly responsible for drafting and planning policy recommendations in the area of APEC FMP. As one of APEC FMP deliverables, he is currently involved in developing national framework in disaster risk financing and insurance. This issue has been acknowledged as one of strategic issues in the Macroeconomic Framework and Fiscal Policy Principles (KEM-PPKF 2019). Mr. Krisna holds a Master of International Economic and Finance from University of Queensland and a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sebelas Maret, Surakarta.



BENITA AINABE, Finance Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank

BENITA AINABE is a Financial Sector Specialist (Capital Markets) in the Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division of the Southeast Asia Department at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She specializes in financial sector development, capital markets, innovative financing mechanisms and regulatory governance and reforms in ADB's developing member countries in Southeast Asia. She has 14 years financial sector experience from commercial financial institutions and multilateral development banks in project (infrastructure and energy) and structured finance for corporate and sovereign debt and equity, securitization and investment management, serving clients in the UK, US, Asia, Middle East, Africa and CIS countries. She has an MSc in Molecular Medicine from Imperial College London and a BSc in Molecular Genetics in Biotechnology from the University of Sussex, UK.

GROUP PRESENTATION PANEL



ANIMESH KUMAR, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

ANIMESH KUMAR is the Deputy Chief of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Asia-Pacific. Dr. Kumar is responsible for coordinating the disaster risk reduction policy, and inter-governmental, stakeholders and UN mechanisms in the region. During 2013-2017, Dr. Kumar held same position at UNISDR Africa, based in Nairobi. In his previous positions, Dr. Kumar worked in other UN entities in the field of disaster risk reduction in Africa and Asia. He was also seconded to the Government of Ethiopia as their Policy Advisor on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change. Dr. Kumar is a geographer, and holds an MPhil and PhD in adaptation and sustainability.



ALEXANDRA GALPERIN, Technical Expert, Climate and Disaster Risk Management

ALEXANDRA GALPERIN holds a MA in Eastern European studies from the Free University of Berlin and a MSc in Development Management from the London School of Economics. She started her professional career in the German Red Cross in 1990, accepted a senior officer position in IFRC's disaster preparedness department in 1995 and joined UNDP as a project manager in 2001. Since 2004 Alexandra has been working as a consultant for a variety of multilateral and bilateral organizations. Alexandra's most recent work has focused on the integration of disaster risk information in project formulation and development planning at both national and subnational levels.



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CLOSING SESSION



LORETTA HIEBER-GIRARDE, Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

LORETTA HIEBER GIRARDET is the Chief of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), based in Bangkok, Thailand. Loretta joined UNISDR from OCHA where she most recently served as Chief of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Section. In this position, Loretta led the global humanitarian cluster approach, cash-based assistance and accountability to affected people. In 2016, Loretta was responsible for substantive sessions of the World Humanitarian Summit. Previously, Loretta led OCHA and the IASC's global efforts to achieve a common humanitarian assessment approach. Loretta also served as a senior programme officer for emergencies in the World Health Organization. Prior to joining the UN system, she was a founding member of Media Action International. Her academic work includes specialization in psycho-social trauma related to conflict and crises from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Master's Degree in Sociology of Information and Communication from the University of Paris-Sorbonne.



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