

Red Cross Red Crescent Engagement in AMCDRR 2018

What is the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction?

The Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) is the regional platform for dialogue and action on DRR, under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR)¹. Since its inception in 2005, the biennial Conference has met in: Beijing 2005, New Delhi 2007, Kuala Lumpur 2008, Incheon 2010, Yogyakarta 2012, Bangkok 2014 and New Delhi 2016. Each of the seven Asian Ministerial Conferences has adopted a political declaration and developed action plans that reaffirmed commitment to strengthen disaster resilience and renew regional approaches to implement first the Hyogo Framework for Action and now the SFDRR.

AMCDRR 2018 represents a key milestone to reflect on regional progress against the SFDRR three years since its adoption. Governments and key DRR stakeholder groups from across Asia, Central Asia and Iran are invited to participate. Participants from the Pacific are invited as observers.

This year, Mongolia will play host to the 8th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR which will be held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 03 – 06 July 2018**. More information and background to the Conference can be found [here](#).

*The diagram below seeks to demonstrate **the interconnectedness of the 2030 Global Agendas and how AMCDRR fits**. It highlights that we cannot achieve our global development ambitions unless we tackle both humanitarian issues and climate risks. Importantly, it also emphasises that the various regional and global converge around resilience. There are Seven Common Global Targets between SGDs and SFDRR (and its Asia Regional Plan)*



¹ The Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), supported by the ISDR-Asia Partnership Forum, and together with the sub regional platforms and forums in the Pacific, forms the regional platform structure of the Asia-Pacific region.

What Red Cross Red Crescent Commitments were made in the 2016 AMCDRR?

As a key stakeholder group, Red Cross and Red Crescent has made commitments to work with governments and other partners to translate the Sendai Framework for DRR and its corresponding Asia Regional Plan into action on the ground.

The AMCDRR 2016 in New Delhi resulted in the [New Delhi Declaration](#) and the [Asia Regional Plan for implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR](#). The Asia Regional Plan provides a long-term road map, spanning the 15-year horizon of the Sendai Framework to set out vision to achieve the seven targets. It also contains a more detailed two-year action plan with specific activities that are prioritized based on the long-term road map. Red Cross Red Crescent was actively engaged and influenced the 2016 AMCDRR including making our own commitments to the implementation of the Asia Regional Plan, you can read more about Red Cross and Red Crescent participation and commitments [here](#).

Your governments have committed to implement this Asia Regional Plan and will be reporting against their progress in July. Some of their progress to date has been captured in the statements made in the December 2017 preparatory meeting. Check out what your government said [here](#)

Red Cross and Red Crescent will also be reporting on progress against the commitments we made in 2016 to support the implementation of the Asia Regional Plan. Check out the statement we made in the most recent preparatory meeting, summarising our key achievements to date [here](#).



This July we will submit a report to the conference showing Red Cross Red Crescent progress against the Asia Regional Plan (2016 – 2018) and our 2016 Action Statement

*Your **National Society's contribution is key!** Not only will this help to demonstrate our collective RCRC achievements in the region, it will also be a strategic opportunity to profile your National Society's contribution to the resilience agenda with your government and partners, including your role in implementing Sendai and the Asia Regional Plan and thereby increase the possibility of support for your future DRR and Resilience work.*

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What is the Focus of the 2018 AMCDRR?

The theme of the AMCDRR 2018 '**Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development**'. This theme has been chosen to demonstrate that disaster risk reduction is a key instrument to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, as highlighted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Full concept note is available [here](#).

The organisers have outlined some areas of opportunity in this year's AMCDRR:

- To agree an outcome that reaffirms political commitment to DRR in Asia and renew/revise action commitments to implement and monitor the Sendai Framework;
- To agree on the 2018 – 2020 Asia Regional Plan for DRR and revised voluntary commitments;

- To enable governments and stakeholders to review and report progress made against the commitments at the AMCDRR 2016, i.e. the New Delhi Declaration, the Asia Plan, and ten stakeholders voluntary action statements.
- To monitor progress against the seven targets of the Sendai Framework and to have initial feedback from the online Sendai Monitor reporting system which will identify initial achievement in preventing and reducing disaster risk as well as gaps that require attention.
- To provide a unique forum for those countries and cities that have not yet developed and/or updated their DRR strategies and thus meet target e), the most immediate deadline of the Sendai Framework.

The AMCDRR 2018 will result in the following key outcomes:

- Ulaanbaatar Declaration** (Political Declaration)
- 2018-2020 Action Plan for the Asia Regional Plan** for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction [Key focus area: Target E – National and Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies]
- Voluntary Commitments** and Updates by Stakeholders

The AMCDRR 2018 will feature the following main substantive events: Ministerial and stakeholder statements; Technical Sessions; Featured Events; DRR in Action sessions; Public Forum; Video Contest on DRR; Pre-Conference Events.

What does RCRC Want to Achieve in the 2018 AMCDRR?



In the lead up and during AMCDRR 2018 it is proposed that Red Cross Red Crescent engagement be framed in the need to increase focus and investment on the **implementation and localisation** of the Sendai Framework, Asia Regional Plan and its corresponding 2-year action plan, ensuring global and regional agendas **translate into local level action and benefits**. Our interventions will focus

on tangible climate smart DRR action on the ground. We will seek public recognition of the value of local and community actors and commitments to take concrete steps to support local actors in this work and empower local communities to build their own resilience.

It is proposed that Red Cross Red Crescent Messages will be developed against the Four Key Priorities of Sendai and the Asia Regional Plan and framed under the localisation agenda.

Some of the key advocacy messages developed so far are:

Localise the Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Agenda enabling reach and channelling funding to at-risk communities; including through institutionalising Forecast-based Financing;

Scale Up Local Voices and Leadership, particularly amongst women and marginalised groups, in climate smart DRM decision making Including in the development and implementation of laws, strategies and plans.

We **value your National Society's contribution to further positioning and messaging including examples and case studies** to support our case on why there needs to be increased focus and investment in local action and actors across the four priority areas!

How will Red Cross and Red Crescent Engage in the Lead up to and During the AMCDRR?

- Use key messages as a call to action to local, national and regional decision makers in the lead up to AMCDRR 2018 (see some ideas for engaging your government below);
- Influence and shape the regional outcome documents to ensure greater investment in and attention on identified RCRC Priorities;
- Focus our engagement in the Conference including participation and investment of resources in technical sessions, thematic DRR in Action sessions, panel discussions and wider profiling opportunities etc.
- Red Cross and Red Crescent Invited to take a leadership role in Technical Session Two (Disaster Risk Governance); Technical Session Four (Preparedness for Effective Response and Building Back Better) and Technical Session Six (Coherence of the Global Agendas), as well as advocate for 'Localisation' across all 4 Sendai Priority areas;
- Red Cross Red Crescent has also been invited to be a member of the AMCDRR 2018 Drafting Committee
- Propose topics for the "thematic sessions" - Some ideas currently under consideration include (i) *Disasters, Climate Change and Human Mobility* (ii) *Early Warning, Early Action – Forecast Based Financing*



We want to **hear from you National Society** on the proposed messages and strategy for our engagement in AMCDRR!

Please get in touch with us to share your views and evidence and case studies to assist us to make an even stronger case on why Governments and partners need to accelerate investment and action in localisation of DRR

If there are thematic areas / issues you want to take forward, please us know!

In the coming months, after receiving your feedback, we will further develop and refine key messages to support ongoing advocacy and engagement efforts as well host webinars to share information and ideas!

Get in touch with the Asia Pacific DRR Coordinator to start the conversation sanna.salmela@ifrc.org

Some ideas on Engaging your Government in the lead up to this year's AMCDRR!

We hope that your active engagement in preparation for the AMCDRR will further consolidate your important auxiliary role and highlight your position as partner of choice in climate smart DRR and local level action!

WHAT?

Organise a **meeting with your government's Sendai Focal Point** (likely your National Disaster Management Office) to discuss preparations and positioning for AMCDRR

Find out how your government will be **reporting progress against Sendai and Asia Regional Plan**, and ask how your National Society's contributions can be captured in this?

Reach out to development and humanitarian partners and most importantly **local communities to get their feedback** on gaps and opportunities for Sendai implementation in your country – use this information in your engagement efforts!

Use the discussions in preparation for the AMCDRR to help strengthen your **positioning and partnership with government** in disaster risk reduction and climate change in the long term

Demonstrate to your government your National Society's contribution **to Sendai and the Asia Regional Plan** in your country – use evidence and data to show your value add!

Promote the **key messages** and encourage your government to include the key messages and to reference the work of you National Society in their **National Action Statement**

WHY?

WHO

Find out whether there will be **Ministerial attendance** from your country, how they will be engaging in AMCDRR 2018, and who else will be participating from government and civil society?

Where appropriate, request that you National Society to be considered as part of the **"official country delegation"** to the AMCDRR (funding dependant)