



SIDE EVENT:

Disaster Risk Reduction and Displacement: The Importance of Local Actors and Local Action



→ Thursday 5 July 2018, 09:00 – 10:15
Room – Soyombo 1, Soyombo Hall – 5th Floor
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Each year, disasters force millions of people in Asia Pacific to flee their homes. This number is expected to increase as the effects of climate change intensify. Displacement can have devastating effects on those forced to flee, as well as for host communities.



Local Actors, including Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, have a critical role in supporting governments to address the challenges of disaster displacement, including through initiatives to prevent and prepare for displacement, to respond to displacement and to support recovery and the attainment of durable solutions for those displaced. Local actors stand with communities, before, after and during disasters, including those disasters that never receive global attention.



This side event looks at practical experiences, challenges and successes of local action to implement DRR initiatives to both prevent and prepare for displacement. This side event looks at ways that greater attention can be placed on the needs and rights of the most vulnerable affected by disasters and climate change: including through increased support for DRR, early action and resilience initiatives. The side-event also looks at ways that all actors, local and national government, regional and global actors can work together in the Asia Pacific region to implement stronger DRR and to better address the humanitarian impacts of disaster displacement.



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The side-event is facilitated by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



Speakers include:



Md. Nikaruzzaman,

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Ukhia, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh;



Md. Rezaul Karim,

Asst. Secretary, MoDMR, Camp in Charge, Kutupalong Refugee Camp, Ukhia, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



Achala Navaratne,

Country Representative – Bangladesh, American Red Cross

Disaster Preparedness in Complex Settings: Multi-hazard DRR initiatives to support displaced and host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



Oscar Palabyab,

Secretary General, Philippines Red Cross

Mega Events and Displacement: Housing, Land and Property and Planned Relocations in the Philippines



Donna Mitzi D. Lagdameo,

Senior Policy Adviser and Asia Pacific Regional Focal Point, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

Climate Change and Displacement: Best practice on Climate Smart and Displacement Sensitive DRR



Thomas Bebeu, (TBC)

Secretary General, Solomon Islands Red Cross

Disasters, Climate Change and Displacement in the Pacific

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