



CONCEPT NOTE

ASEAN SAFE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (ASSI)

Road to the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018:

**Progress-to-date in Implementing Disaster Risk Reduction in Education Sector, Identification of Regional Key Messages and CSO Contributions to AADMER 2016-2020
Jakarta, 30th – 31st of May 2018**

BACKGROUND

The Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) is a regional multi-stakeholder platform that discusses the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and other emerging concerns and topics related to DRR. It established itself as an important vehicle to address the global and regional disaster challenges and provides an opportunity to address issues through cross-border leadership and solutions that can benefit the people and the countries of the region.¹ Each Conference is co-organised by the host country and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) as a platform for Asia-Pacific governments to reaffirm their political commitments to implement the Sendai Framework. The last AMCDRR (7th) was organised in New Delhi, India, November 2016.

The 8th AMCDRR will be co-organised by the Government of Mongolia and UNISDR on 3-6 July 2018 in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Taking on the main theme, “Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development” with the following outcomes: Ulaanbaatar Declaration, 2018-2020 Action Plan of the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the SFDRR (ARP), voluntary commitments and updates by stakeholders. Featuring five substantive events, including Ministerial and stakeholder statements, technical sessions, featured events, DRR in Action, Public Forum, Video Contest on DRR, and Pre-Conference Events, it will present the five areas of opportunity: the conference will represent a key milestone progress against seven targets of SFDRR, provide a unique forum for those countries and cities that have not developed/updated their DRR strategies, provide the opportunity for the Government of Mongolia to lead on a key area of DRR for Asia and showcase DRR best practices as well as agree on an outcome that reaffirms political and voluntary commitment to DRR in Asia and renew/revise action commitments to implement and monitor the Sendai Framework.²

Education is an important sector to governments in Asia-Pacific and the post-2015 education agenda is defined by SDG 4 that seeks to ‘ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong

¹ TOR on Plan engagement in AMCDRR 2018

² https://www.preventionweb.net/files/56219_amcdrr2018conceptnote30012018.pdf

learning opportunities for all'.³ Linking up with the AMCDRR, the global platform for school safety, Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools, a government-led global partnership for advancing safe school implementation was established as a response to the High Level Dialogue Communiqué at the 2013 Global Platform for DRR.⁴ The SFDRR for Action 2015-2030 itself emphasizes that DRR in Education is one of the global targets to reach by 2030 across its seven targets and four priorities of SFDRR.⁵

The ARP 2016-2018 resulted from 7th AMCDRR in India reflects the advocacy of AADMER WP 2016-2020 and underscores that ASEAN as one of the main inter-governmental organisations in Asia shall build human and institutional capacity to carry out science-based trans-boundary risk assessment, develop common policies, tools and political commitments towards implementing and monitoring the SFDRR, fostering data, information and knowledge exchange in the region.⁶ The seven targets of SFDRR are also reflected in AWP 2.0, highlighting substantial reduction of disaster risks and losses while strengthening national and local DRR strategies, international cooperation and increasing access to disaster risk information and early warning system as primarily state's responsibility across sectors and all levels supported by other stakeholders. (Annex 1: Asia Regional Implementation Plan on SFDRR; Annex 2: New Delhi Declaration).

ASEAN Governments have been engaged at AMCDRR through panel discussions, thematic/side events relevant to school safety and disaster management, video competition as well as showcases of its DRR initiatives and ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative in particular. Through ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative, ASEAN Member States (AMSs) participated as part of the Children and Youth stakeholders group and submitted a voluntary statements since 2012, organised and participated in thematic events related to school safety and technical sessions on DRR, lobbied and advocated school safety in school safety outcome documents, and provided platforms and voice for children and youth in the ASEAN through national consultations.

Leading up to the next Conference, ASEAN Governments have actively participated and provided ASEAN/AADMER perspectives in the ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) in Bangkok, Thailand and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in December 2017 and April 2018 as technical support mechanism and key regional governance to review on the Asia Regional Plan 2016-2018 for SFDRR Implementation (ARP 2016-2018).⁷ Also, country consultations with children and youth on Sendai Monitor being prepared and coordinated with country governments will be held in 5 of 10 ASEAN countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Viet Nam, and Cambodia).

Against this background, an 'ASEAN workshop: Road to AMCDRR 2018' comes at an opportune time as ASEAN is entering into its third year of AADMER WP 2016-2020 implementation by partnering with dialogue partners and different proponents including CSOs/NGOS/UN Agencies working on DRR issues in ASEAN. Organised by ASSI with the funding support from ECHO, this workshop will invite AMSs as well as relevant civil society organisations and coalitions to discuss their engagements in school safety and other relevant DRR issues prioritised in the AADMER WP 2016-2020 (climate change, resilience, community-based DRR, other vulnerable groups in DRR) and formulate a regional strategies and key messages to be advocated in the AMCDRR 2018.

³ Policy Brief: Advancing comprehensive school safety framework for Asia and the Pacific, <https://plan-international.org/publications/advancing-comprehensive-school-safety-asia-and-pacific#download-options>

⁴ <https://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/wiss>

⁵ *Op.cit.* Policy Brief; Advancing comprehensive school safety framework for Asia and the Pacific

⁶ The Asia Regional Implementation Plan on SFDRR

⁷ https://www.preventionweb.net/files/57132_2018apriapconceptnote.pdf

PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Supported by ASSI, this workshop will provide a platform for AMSs to discuss about the region's participation at the AMCDRR, in the past and forthcoming to determine regional key messages, discuss possible platforms to raise the messages or call for actions, strategies, preparations for white papers, statements, and policy briefs. Furthermore, the workshop will also discuss on an enabling environment where ASEAN CSOs continue engaging and contributing to the implementation of AWP 2.0.

The workshop specifically aims to gather AMS' focal points on school safety and ASEAN civil society organisations and other actors that have worked in school safety and relevant sectors (children & youth, climate change adaptation, other vulnerable groups, resilience, etc) in alignment with AWP 2.0. These participants are expected to attain these following objectives:

- Revisit the region's participation in the past AMCDRR and discuss key achievements, outcomes, challenges, and lessons learnt relevant to DRR in Education and children and youth;
- Develop regional key messages, call for actions, policy briefs to be shared at the AMCDRR in line with ASSI Programme Strategy 2017-20;
- Reflecting on school safety and relevant DRR aspects in ARP 2016-2018, discuss and plan for strategies and platforms in the conference where the ASEAN key messages can be showcased and raised;
- Revisit the ACDM-CSO Partnership Framework to support the implementation of AADMER WP 2.0 and identify key points to update the mechanism;

The outcome of this workshop is expected to be advocated during AMCDRR through 10 ASEAN governments' delegates and other non-state actors. Therefore, the expected outcomes of this two day workshop will be:

- Identified region's participation in the past AMCDRR with regards to its achievements, challenges, lessons learnt;
- Developed ASEAN key messages, call for actions, policy briefs, strategy statements to be advocated at different platforms/events of AMCDRR;
- Partnership/collaborations mechanism identified for supporting AWP 2.0 including ACDM-CSO Partnership Framework and partnerships with other sectors;

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will be funded by ECHO contribution to ASSI Project 2017/18 and in line with the ASSI Programme Strategy technical thrust: *strengthening inter-sectoral leadership and building community of practice* and its ASSI project's Outcome: *improved CSS programming for schools in ASEAN is supported through training and technical capacity enhancement, knowledge, and information exchange and building community of practice* and in line with five technical thrusts of ASSI Programme Strategy 2017-2020.

No.	Country/region	Participants	Designation
1.	Indonesia	1. ACDM focal point	BNPB

		2. SOM-ED Safe School focal point	MOE
2.	Cambodia	3. ACDM Focal Point 4. SOM-ED Safe School focal point	NDMO MOEYS
3.	Philippines	5. ACDM focal point 6. SOM-ED safe school focal point	OCD DepEd
4.	Myanmar	7. ACDM focal point 8. SOM-ED safe school focal point	RRRD DBE/MOE
5.	Lao PDR	9. ACDM focal point 10. Technical officer for Co-Chair P&M 11. SOM-ED safe school focal point	NDMO MOES
6.	Malaysia	12. ACDM focal point 13. SOM-ED safe school focal point	NADMA MOE
7.	Thailand	14. ACDM focal point 15. Technical officer for Co-Chair P&M 16. SOM-ED safe school focal point	DDPM MOE
8.	Viet Nam	17. ACDM focal point 18. SOM-ED safe school focal point	NDMO MOET
9.	Brunei D	19. ACDM focal point 20. SOM-ED safe school focal point	NDMO MOE
10.	Singapore	21. ACDM focal point 22. SOM-ED safe school focal point	NDMO MOE
11.	Region	<p>ASSI PMT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nadia Pulmano 2. Ryan Weoll 3. Renar Berandi <p>ASSI Consortium Partners/OWG/TWG:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Vanda Lengkong 5. Nghia Trong Trinh 6. Robert Sulisty 7. Marla Petal <p>APG Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Dr. Heng Aik Cheng 9. Paulo Lubrano 10. Meimei Leung/Jimmy Nadapdap 11. [Child Fund representative] 12. [Save the Children representative] 	<p>ASSI Technical Advisor ASSI Finance and Admin Coordination Consultant ASSI Programme Manager</p> <p>Plan International/OWG Plan International/TWG World Vision/TWG/OWG Save the Children/TWG/OWG</p> <p>Mercy Malaysia Oxfam World Vision</p> <p>Child Fund Save the Children</p>

		<p>13. [HelpAge representative] 14. ICVA Plan International</p> <p>ASEC DMHA/EYSD: 15. Dr. Sithu Pe Thein 16. Intani Kusuma 17. Abigail Lanceta 18. [Agung Pamungkas]</p> <p>Partners: 19. UNISDR 20. ADRRN representative 21. UNICEF/UNESCO/APCSS 22. ASEAN CSO 23. ASEAN CSO 24. ASEAN CSO 25. IFRC 26. ADPC 27. Children in Changing Climate Coalition</p>	<p>Help Age International</p> <p>DMHA Senior Officer of DMHA Senior Officer of DMHA Head of EYSD Technical Officer of EYSD</p>
	Total participants	49 participants	

TENTATIVE AGENDA (DRAFT)

Detailed agenda will be under development and shared upon completion before the meeting. This workshop will propositionally be held in Jakarta, on 30th – 31st of May 2018 with presentations and group discussions. The tentative discussion topics will be, as follows:

Time	Agenda item	Activities	Proposed speakers
Wednesday, 30 May 2018			
08.30-09.00		Registration	
08.30-09.10	Opening of the meeting	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Thailand - Host Country and Co-Chair of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Prevention and Mitigation Working Group</i></p>	<p>Mr. Chayabol Thitisak, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation</p>

		ASEC DMHA	<i>dr. Sithu Pe Thein, Head of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance</i>
09.10-09.15	Overview of the agenda	Overview of the agenda and adoption	ASEC
09.15-09.35	Agenda item 1: Overview	Overview: AMCDRR Focus 2018 and expected outcomes/ARP 2016-2018/SFDRR	UNISDR
09.35-10.00	Agenda item 2: ASEAN Overview	Overview: ASEAN achievements in related to AADMER, SDG, SFDRR	ASEC/AMSS
10.00-10.15	Refreshment and coffee break		
10.15-11.00	Agenda item 3: DRR in Education Sector/School Safety	Sharing session: DRR in Education Sector, its achievements, challenges, progress to date <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DRR in Education/School Safety goals in related to SFDRR – Global and Asia Pacific 15' 2. ASSI/School Safety achievements in ASEAN in SFDRR/AADMER 15' 3. Government-initiative on school safety 15' 	APCSS ASSI PMT AMS
11.00-11.30	Continuation of Agenda item 3	Discussion Q & A	<i>All participants</i>
11.30-12.30	Lunch break		
12.30-12.50	Agenda item 4: ASEAN Participation in AMCDRR	ASEAN's participation and achievements in previous AMCDRR engagements	ASEC/AMS
12.50-13.10	Continuation of Agenda item 4	Brief achievements, reports, etc. in AMCDRR/(GPDRR)	ASEC/AMS
13.10-13.50	Agenda item 5: Breakout activity	Breakout activity: Key engagements in the conference, achievements, challenges, and lessons learnt	All
13.50-14.15	Continuation of Agenda item 5	Group reporting	All
14.15-15.00	Refreshment and break		
15.00-15.30	Agenda item 6: ASEAN Participation in 8th AMCDRR	Breakout activity: ASEAN's Objectives and Key Messages, Call to Actions, Strategies Statement for AMCDRR 2018 including in school safety and other relevant sectors	All
15.30-16.00	Continuation Agenda item 6	Group presentation/report	All
16.00-16.10	Wrap-up and synthesis		
Thursday, 31 May 2018			
09.00-09.15	Agenda item 8	Recap of Day 1	ASEC

09.15-10.05	Agenda item 9: Planning for AMCDRR 2018	Updates and sharing on the ongoing preparation for AMCDRR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Gov't preparation 10' • Children and Youth Coalition/UN agencies 10' • Asia Pacific Coalition in School Safety/IFRC 10' • ADDRN 10' • ASEAN CSOs 10' 	TBD
10.00-10.10	Refreshment & Break		
10.10-11.40	Continuation of Agenda item 9	Breakout activity: Plan and strategies for sharing the ASEAN Key Messages (advocacy materials, participation in thematic/plenary sessions/public forum/resource mobilisation/selection of possible speakers/preparation of statements/reports)	All
11.40-12.30	Continuation of Agenda 9	Group presentation and finalisation of the plan	All
12.30-13.30	Lunch break		
13.30-13.40	Agenda item 10: ACDM-CSO Partnership Framework	ACPF – Overview	APG/ASEC
13.40-14.10	Continuation of Agenda item 10	Sharing: Enabling environment for CSO's contribution to issues prioritised in AADMER and involvement in AMCDRR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN CSO • ASEAN CSO • Other AADMER Projects (P2P Project, etc.) 	APG/ASEC
14.50-15.00		Wrap up and synthesis	ASEC
15.00-15.10	Closing	Remark from co-chairs	AMS