

**Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Yogyakarta, Republic of Indonesia, 22-25 October 2012**

Yogyakarta Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific 2012

We, the Heads of Governments, the Ministers, and the Heads of Delegations of the countries of Asia and the Pacific, attending the Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in Yogyakarta, Republic of Indonesia, 22-25 October 2012;

Alarmed by the increasing impact of disasters in Asia and the Pacific in the past two years, including the Australian Floods, the Christchurch Earthquakes, the Great East Japan Earthquake, and the subsequent Tsunami and nuclear disaster, the most devastating flood in Thailand, floods in Afghanistan, Fiji, Georgia, Tajikistan, Philippines, Cambodia, Lao and Viet Nam, recurrent floods in China, India and Pakistan, earthquake in Philippines and Indonesia, Cyclone in Bangladesh;

Noting the Chair's Summary of the Global Platform 2011, which emphasized on the need to increase investment in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at the local level and ensure national growth does not increase local risks; support local governments and non-state actors as the front line of risk reduction implementation;

Noting the outcome document of Rio+20, which call on all stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of the Hyogo Framework and the achievements of its goals with a renewed sense of urgency in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; to commit to adequate, and timely and predictable resources for DRR in order to enhance the resilience of cities and communities;

Noting the report of the Secretary General to the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, which recommends incorporation of disaster and climate risk management along with poverty and vulnerability reduction in any future (post 2015) sustainable development framework; establishment and further development of national disaster loss registers, disaster risk mapping and financial tracking systems; and full engagement of local governments and their communities in national risk management policies;

Realizing the need to scale up commitments, and to promote innovative approaches to reduce disaster risk to achieve the goals of both the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA), and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), leading to the adoption of a new post-2015 agenda on DRR and of development;

Considering recent global and regional developments, which are expected to further the course of DRR in Asia and the Pacific, such as the ASEAN-UN Joint

Statement, the Pacific Island Forum -UN Joint Statement on DRR, and outcomes of the World Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction in Tohoku;

Recognizing that DRR financing mechanisms are emerging as an integral component of the evolving global financing architecture for climate change adaptation at the regional, national, and sub-national levels;

Recognizing the leadership of the Governments of People's Republic of China, India, Malaysia and Republic of Korea in hosting the past AMCDRR including the implementation by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Asia Partnership on Disaster Risk Reduction (IAP) of the activities called for by the Declarations adopted in these Conferences;

Recognizing the responsibility of governments to reduce disaster risks and the need for support from key stakeholders including international, regional, and national organizations, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and civil society organisations and their networks to ensure appropriate implementation of the recommendations of AMCDRR;

Appreciating the theme and objectives of the Fifth AMCDRR: "Strengthening Local Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction" and the messages of the Ministerial Statements;

DO HEREBY calls on various DRR stakeholders:

On *Integrating Local Level Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into National Development Planning*: To improve awareness on climate change challenges at local and community level; availability and access of financial and human resources at national, sub-national, local and community level to address CCA and DRR challenges; prioritization of strengthening of existing capacities among local authorities, civil society and private sector; risk and vulnerability assessments based on current climate variability to develop effective short, medium and long term strategies to reduce risk at local level; understanding of scientific knowledge through deconstruction and re-packaging of scientific information on climate change and disaster risk; and promotion of resourcing for joint DRR and CCA programs at the local level;

[To be revised based on findings from sub-theme 1 background document and progress report on implementation Incheon REMAP]

On *Local Risk Assessment and Financing*: To promote development and application of local risk assessment through consistent and standard guidelines; improve exchange of experiences in local risk assessment methods; encourage international donors and international community to enhance support to local level risk assessments; improve linkages of local risk assessments (where available) with development planning processes at national level; improve or develop standards for both assessing losses and

risks; strengthen or develop national loss registers and disaster risk mapping to and ensure linkages with national monitoring systems, encourage governments to promote different options for risk financing for local communities through risk pooling and transfer; allocate (where possible) portion of contingency budgets for disasters; build up reserves dedicated to disasters for post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation; promote public private partnership in developing insurance schemes; promote ex-ante risk financing instruments such as reserves or calamity funds, budget contingencies, contingent debt facilities and risk transfer mechanisms such as re-insurances and catastrophic bonds; promote micro-insurance as a social protection measure

[To be revised based on findings from sub-theme 2 background document]-

On *Strengthening Local Risk Governance and Partnership*: To strengthen or establish appropriate authority at the local level with cross sector representation to foster local level DRR with suitable human and financial capacity; strengthen or establish national platforms with multi stakeholder engagement ensuring adequate involvement of local stakeholders; scale up financial, human and technology investments for DRR including the development of private and public sector partnerships to support local actions; enhance support to local organisations focusing on women, children, disabled and aged population, to their programming, financial and human capacity; promote a culture of partnership among government and civil society in planning and implementation of local level DRR initiatives.

[To be revised based on findings from sub-theme 3 background document]

On *the Post-2015 agenda for DRR*: To urge governments and all stakeholders to initiate multi stakeholder consultations in designing the post-2015 agenda for disaster risk reduction; promote a participatory and inclusive approach in national consultations, to ensure that national consultations reach new actors such as more representatives of development ministries, parliament, the academic community, local governments, NGOs and CBOs; and include the cross cutting issues such as gender, and vulnerable groups in the post HFA consultations and recommendations [More to be added]

On *Reducing the Underlying Risk Factors*: To build and sustain capacities of urban and local governments to integrate DRR considerations in land use planning and building disaster resistant infrastructure; enhance investment in natural resource management, infrastructure development, livelihood generation and social protection at national and local level; emphasize social protection in pre-disaster mechanisms with a focus on most vulnerable groups; [More to be added]

On *the implementation of cross-cutting issues* in the HFA: To promote multi-hazard approach in risk assessments and risk reduction measures; gender considerations and cultural diversity in planning and programming at all levels; and community and volunteer participation in national and local level actions. [More to be added]

On XXXXX (*other missing parts of HFA or other priority actions*):To build. [to be added]

DO HEREBY:

Invite the Indonesian National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB), as the host of the Fifth AMCDRR, in coordination with the Asia and Pacific regional office of the UNISDR (UNISDR AP) and members of the IAP to carry the messages in this Declaration to the Fourth Session of the Global Platform on DRR, in May 2013 and beyond;

Encourage BNPB, Republic of Indonesia UNISDR AP and members of IAP to promote, wherever appropriate, XXX;

Consider the recommendations from this Declaration, where appropriate, within existing policies, strategies and action plans for XXX and report their implementation as well as earlier Declarations at the Sixth AMCDRR in 2014;

Call on international organisations and regional institutions to provide technical, operational and programmatic supports to accelerate the implementation of the HFA in Asia and the Pacific countries, especially the national action plans on DRR;

Call on regional inter-governmental bodies and regional institutions to consider contributing through their existing forums the follow-up of the AMCDRR ministerial Declarations and the preparation for future AMCDRRs;

Welcome the Stakeholders Declarations from XXX, XXX, and XXX, attached as Annex 1 that support the goals of this Declaration, and invite BNPB, Republic of Indonesia and UNISDR AP in collaboration with members of the IAP and donors to support the implementation of the Declaration and its Annexes, and also bring its messages to the Third Session of the Global Platform in Geneva in May 2013;

We, the Heads of Governments, the Ministers, and the Heads of Delegations of the countries of Asia and the Pacific, attending the Fifth AMCDRR, and on behalf of all participants, place on record our sincere gratitude and high appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia for their gracious hospitality in hosting and organising the Conference and welcome the offer of the Government of XXXX to host the Sixth AMCDRR in 2014.

ADOPTED in Yogyakarta on the 25th October in the year 2012.

Annex 1 – Stakeholders Declaration of Commitments on DRR in Asia and the Pacific