

## How to Submit a Request

- I. Consult colleagues from your own agency and other relevant entities to identify the types of technical assistance required.
- II. Ensure that the request is a priority within your agency and aligns with ESCAP decisions and recommendations regarding Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR.) Consult the Regional Adviser with any questions or concerns.
- III. Check with your local UN agency to ensure that the requested assistance cannot be met more suitably through the UN Country Team or other mechanisms.
- IV. Ensure that you have team members in place who are available to work with a technical adviser if a mission were to take place.
- V. Estimate the most appropriate dates for the assistance and how long it may take.
- VI. Request the services of the Regional Advisor on DRR by sending a letter that lists all available details.

All official requests for Technical Assistance should be sent to:

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and Executive Secretary of ESCAP  
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## REGIONAL ADVISORY SERVICES ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



**Information and Communications Technology  
and Disaster Risk Reduction Division**

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## Background Information

ESCAP Information and Communication Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division's (IDD) core areas of work include setting regional policy and standards, promoting regional cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR,) promoting the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) to build resilience and deepen connectivity and helping member States build resilience to disasters.

Examples of IDD's activities include:

- ✦ Providing regional advisory services to guide governmental policy creation
- ✦ Strengthening institutional capacities to integrate DRR and climate change adaptation measures
- ✦ Developing and implementing disaster risk management programmes
- ✦ Providing technical assistance to assess and monitor resilience towards achieving internationally agreed development goals
- ✦ Promoting the availability and affordability of broadband Internet for all people across Asia and the Pacific through The Asian Information Superhighway initiative
- ✦ Liaising between member States and partners on disaster prevention and preparedness, enabled by communication and space technologies, such as Satellite Imaging (For example, ESCAP's Regional Cooperative Drought Mechanism.)

Since 2012, regional advisory services have been provided to 13 high-risk low-capacity member States (among others.) The outcomes of these consultations were used during the third session of ESCAP Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction to create the 'regional voice' and address appropriately the concerns of countries with special needs in the post-2015 Development Agenda.

## Regional Advisory Services Offered

### DRR Policy and Programme

Advisory support on government policies, strategies and programmes for DRR in the context of the post-2015 framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (Hyogo Framework of Action-2.)

### DRR Mainstreaming into Development

Provide advice to support strengthening institutional capacities for integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures into developmental and sectoral planning and financing.

### Integration of DRR and Climate Change Adaptation

Assist in the development of an integrated approach for DRR and climate change adaptation.

### DRR Technical Assistance

Provide technical assistance on specific subject matters such as risk and vulnerability assessment, post-disaster needs, resilience monitoring, and the use of ICT and space technology applications in the context of DRR.

### DRR Regional Cooperation

Facilitate dialogue and collaboration with other member States and relevant regional and subregional institutions through regional and South-South cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction.

## Noteworthy Factors

✦ Priority is given to the high-risk, low-capacity countries among ESCAP member States, i.e. least developed countries (LDCs), land-locked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing states (SIDs).

✦ The services aim to support the implementation of ESCAP decisions and recommendations on DRR towards achieving internationally agreed Disaster Risk Reduction goals such as the post-2015 framework on DRR, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the outcomes of other relevant United Nations conferences and summits.

✦ The regional advisory services' support at the national level is to be implemented in coordination with the UN Country Teams.

✦ In cases where ESCAP may not be the most appropriate agency to respond to the request for assistance, it will actively assist the country in identifying how assistance could be provided, using DRR networks and partners.

✦ The requesting country must be willing and able to provide on-the-ground support to the technical assistance provider during the mission.

✦ More information and examples of the work of the IDD is available online through ESCAP's website, specifically at: <http://www.unescap.org/our-work/ict-disaster-risk-reduction>