

# Mainstreaming DRR for Poverty Reduction in Asia-Pacific

A Side event of the UN Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism  
Thematic Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

Meeting Room - G, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand  
31 March 2017, 09.30 - 11.00am



Natural disasters are partially responsible for the flow of generations of people into poverty in Asia-Pacific region. When the poor are hit by disasters, their loss is two to three times higher than that of wealthier individuals.

Speakers will share successes and challenges in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in national strategies and policies for poverty eradication (SDG1), identify gaps and seek strategies to address them.

***In line with the overall theme of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development this year***  
***“Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing Asia-Pacific”***  
***The Thematic Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (TWG-DR3) of the United Nations Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) holds a side event on “Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction for poverty eradication in Asia-Pacific”.***

## **Programme**

- Opening Remarks,  
by *Ms. Tiziana Bonapace*, Director, ICT and DRR Division, ESCAP (5 min)
- Keynote address,  
by *Hon. Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha*, Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal (10 min)
- An introduction of a draft guidance document of the TWG-DR3 on the Coherence of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges, opportunities and strategies for the Asia-Pacific region, by *Dr. P G Dhar Chakrabarti*, former Secretary National Disaster Management Authority of India, presently Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi (10 min)
- Panel discussion moderated by ESCAP (40 min)
  - *Mr. Mohammad Hadi Daryaei*, Deputy for International Affairs, Management and Planning Organisation, Office of the President, Islamic Republic of Iran
  - *H.E. Mr. Theng Pagnathun*, Director General of Planning, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia
  - *Mr. Nilesh Prakash*, Chief Economic and Planning Officer, Ministry for Economy, Fiji
  - *Mr. Sanjay Srivastava*, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ESCAP
  - *Mr. Sanny Jegillos*, Senior Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub
  - *Mr. Sujit Mohanty*, Coordinator for the Asia Regional Platform, UNISDR Regional Officer for Asia-pacific
- Interactive session (10 min)
- RCM TWG-DR3 Wrap-up - Closed Session (15 min)