

# Mainstreaming DRR for Poverty Reduction in Asia-Pacific

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## Keynote Speaker



**Hon. Min Bahadur Shrestha**

Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha is the Vice-Chairman of National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal, ranked at par with the cabinet minister. Prior to his appointment to this post in September 2016, he served as the Executive Director of Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of Nepal, for six years heading research and public debt management departments. During his central bank career of 28 years, he mainly worked in the area of economic research, policy analysis, training and strategy formulation. Representing Nepal Rastra Bank, he worked as the board member of several institutions including Credit Information Centre, Nepal Stock Exchange Limited, Securities Board of Nepal and National Banking Institute. Dr. Shrestha holds a Ph.D. in Economics from University of Wollongong, Australia.

## Speakers



**Ms. Tiziana Bonapace**

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace is Director of Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of UN-ESCAP. Ms. Bonapace previously served as the Head of ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia. She also led the ESCAP work on ICT and trade policy. For more than a decade Ms. Bonapace worked on trade policy issues, in particular on WTO related issues as they apply to policy formulation for Asian developing countries. Ms. Bonapace has lived in Italy, Thailand, and South Africa, where she obtained her Masters Degree in Commerce.



**Dr. P G Dhar Chakrabarti**

Dr. P G Dhar Chakrabarti is a retired civil servant who held several key positions in Government of India. This included Secretary Inter-State Council Secretariat, Secretary National Disaster Management Authority and Executive Director of the National Institute of Disaster Management. He was the founder Director of SAARC Disaster Management Centre and had served as Member of the Advisory Group of UN Secretary General on Central Emergency Response Fund and Member of the Expert Group of UNISDR on development of indicators for measuring progress of Hyogo Framework of Action, and more recently, Sendai Framework of Action. He is the author of several books on disaster risk management and sustainable development, the latest being "People, Planet and Progress Beyond 2015". He is the author of the 'Guidance Note on Coherence of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies for the Asia-Pacific' which is the theme of discussion today.

## Moderator



**Mr. Puji Pujiono**

Mr. Puji Pujiono is Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction at UN ESCAP where he delivers on-demand policy and technical supports to governments of the developing countries, particularly the high risk, low capacity countries and promotes the south-south dialogue and collaboration. He has worked in the area of disaster management and humanitarian affairs with various United Nations Agencies such as UNHCR, UNDP and UN OCHA as well as in the development of disaster management portfolio of ASEAN.

## Panelists



**Mr. Mohammad Hadi Daryaei**

Mr. Mohammad Hadi Daryaei is Deputy for International Affairs, Management and Planning Organisation, Office of the President, Islamic Republic of Iran. He is also a member of the Steering Committee for the establishment of Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM). Previously, he was the acting head of the Iranian National Productivity Organization (NIPO). He is also a planning expert with many years of experience in the Bureau of the Macro-Economic Planning in the Vice Presidency for Strategic Planning and Supervision.

## Panelist

*H.E. Mr. Theng Pagnathun*



H.E. Mr. Theng Pagnathun is Director-General of Planning at the Ministry of Planning, Cambodia, where he served many years as a planning expert. Graduated from the International Department Programme at the International University of Japan, he played leading roles in formulating National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) as mid-term plan for country development, monitoring and evaluating system to measure the progress of its implementation, and measuring poverty.

*Mr. Nilesh Prakash*



Nilesh Prakash is Director for Climate Change & Development Cooperation with the Fijian Government. In this role, Mr. Prakash also provides strategic oversight and leadership of SDGs monitoring and evaluation. As a development economist, Director Nilesh has worked on several strategic policy documents of the Government of Fiji including the soon-to-be launched 20-year development plan of the Government. He has also authored a chapter in Fiji's Green Growth Framework, which is the blueprint for national decarbonisation and resilience building. Mr. Prakash has experience of over 14 years in national policy and planning. He holds a Master degree from Massey University in New Zealand.

*Mr. Sanjay Srivastava*



Sanjay K Srivastava, Ph D (Applied Physics), is presently Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction at ESCAP. He was ESCAP Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction from 2009 to 2014; Head of SAARC Disaster Management Centre - New Delhi from 2007-2008; Deputy Project Director of Disaster Management Support Programme at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO); Scientist/Engineer at ISRO HQ Bangalore since 1991. He is the recipient of ISRO's Team excellence award in 2008-09 for his contributions towards harnessing space technology applications for the benefits of rural poor. He has more than 100 publications on disaster risk reduction, including research papers in peer reviewed international journals, inter-governmental reports and books.

*Mr. Sanny Jegillos*



Prior to assuming the Senior Adviser post at the Bangkok Regional Hub in 2014, Sanny Jegillos was the Regional Disaster Reduction Adviser and Practice Coordinator for UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery in Asia-Pacific Regional Centre in Thailand since 2012. From 2005-2011, he was the Programme Coordinator of the Regional Programme on Capacity Development for Tsunami affected countries. Mr. Jegillos has more than 20 years of progressive professional experience in risk reduction and recovery in the Asian region with advanced expertise in community based disaster risk management. He has developed and conducted international training courses, managed and coordinated regional projects. He also provides technical and policy advisory services to UNDP Country Offices and International Non-Government Agencies in strategic and programme planning and capacity development in disaster risk management and recovery. He has extensive work experience in China, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia and Viet Nam. Prior to working for the UNDP, Mr. Jegillos was a principal partner and training director on disaster risk management at the International Institute for Disaster Risk Management, in the Philippines between 1998 and 2005. Between 1992 and 1998 Mr. Jegillos was senior manager and course director at the Asian Institute of Technology. Mr. Jegillos holds a Master's Degree in Emergency Management, from the Charles Sturt University, New South Wales, Australia.

*Mr. Sujit Mohanty*



Sujit Mohanty is currently working as a Coordinator for the Asia Regional Platform in UNISDR Asia Pacific Office. He has over 17 years of experience in the field of disaster risk management. He leads the Asia Ministerial Conferences and regional coordination. He worked in UNISDR headquarters in Geneva from 2006 and led the design and implementation of the 'HFA Monitor', a global DRR/HFA progress monitoring and evaluation framework; the Prevention Web; and was part of the Global Assessment Report team. Prior to UNISDR, he worked with UNOCHA in Sri Lanka as a Chief Technical Advisor for Risk Information Systems and as a Manager, Disaster Information Systems in UNDP.