

**High-level Regional Conference on Information Management
for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
and
2nd Session of APDIM Governing Council
Espinass Palace Hotel, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
31 January 2018**



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2018		
08:00 – 09:00 09:00 – 10:00	Registration Plenary: Opening of the High-Level Expert Consultation on Information Management (Palace Hall) - Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific - H.E. Mr. Mohammad Bagher Nobakht, Vice-President and Head of the Plan and Budget Organisation, Islamic Republic of Iran Signing APDIM Host Country Agreement	
10:00– 10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SEGMENT Room: Parse II Hall	SAND AND DUST STORM SEGMENT Room: Parsa Hall
10:00 – 10:15 Opening Address	Mr. Mohammad Qaseem Haidari , Deputy Minister, State Ministry for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs /Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, Afghanistan	Dr. Kaveh Madani , Deputy Head for Education and Research, Chief of the Centre for International Affairs and Conventions, Department of Environment, Islamic Republic of Iran
10:15 – 10:30 Briefing by the secretariat	Mr. Puji Pujiono , Senior Programme Officer, APDIM	Dr. Sanjay Srivastava , Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ESCAP
10:30 – 11:45	Session 1: Disaster databases: Ongoing efforts and synergy with APDIM Chair: Prof. Ali Ardalan , School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran	Session 1: Towards establishing the regional cooperation mechanism for combating sand and dust storm Chair: Dr. Kaveh Madani , Department of Environment, Islamic Republic of Iran

	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Timothy Wilcox, Program Management Officer (Asia and Pacific), UNISDR Bangkok 2. Mr. Yuichi Ono, Professor, International Research Institute of Disaster Science / IRIDeS, Tohoku University, Japan 3. Mr. Arman Bidarbakht Nia, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP, 4. Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Programme Specialist (Global), Disaster Risk Information and Application, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok 	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Nicholas J. Middleton, Supernumerary Fellow in Physical Geography, School of Geography & Environment University of Oxford 2. Prof M. S. Babel, Chair, Climate Change, Asia Institute of Technology, Bangkok. 3. Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, ESCAP, Bangkok. 4. Dr Ajai, Emeritus Scientist, Space Applications Centre (ISRO), India.
	<p>Open Discussion Segment Conclusion and closing by the Chair</p>	
11:45 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Information management solutions - good practices</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Sithamparapillai Amalanathan, Additional Secretary (Development), Ministry of Disaster Management, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Ariunaa Chadraabal, Senior Specialist, Policy Coordination and Cooperation Department, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mongolia 2. Mr. M. Idrees Mahsud, Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan 3. Mr. Phoeun Sophak, Executive Assistant to Senior Minister and Vice President of National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), Cambodia 	
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13:00 -14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Tools and techniques for risk-informed decision-making</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Mohsen Ghafouri-Ashtiani, Distinguished Professor of International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, Tehran Iran,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Krishna Bahadur Raut, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal Mr. Kinlay Dorji, Mayor of Thimphu City, Bhutan Mr. Ali Beitollahi, Director, Earthquake Department, BHRC, Iran 	<p>Session 2: Combatting SDS – Global and regional initiatives</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Nicholas J. Middleton, Supernumerary Fellow in Physical Geography, School of Geography & Environment University of Oxford</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Dechen Tsering (tbc), Regional Director, Asia & Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Bangkok, Thailand, Yang Youlin, Coordination Officer, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Regional Coordination Unit for Asia United Nations Building Bangkok, Thailand. Mr. Alexander Baklanov, Scientific Officer, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Ali Ardalan, School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
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15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 -17:30	<p>Session 4: Geo-spatial solutions</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Masoud Shafiei, Director General, National Cartographic Center (NCC), Tehran, Iran,</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ravshanbek Rysbaev, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Muhammet Maruf Yaman, Disaster Database Information Officer, Disaster and Emergency Management Authority 	<p>Session 3: Combatting SDS - good practices (Country experiences)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Ali Mohammad Tahmasebi, Head of National Center for combating Sand & Dust Storms, Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wang Wenbiao, Chairman of the Elion Foundation, Inner Mongolia of China, China, Mr. Sukhbaatar Khatanbaatar, Head of Engineering Survey and Monitoring Department, Agency of Land Administration and Management, Geodesy and Cartography, Mongolia Ms. A. Gökçen IŞIK, Research Department, Division of Atmospheric Modelling, Turkish State Meteorological Service

	<p>3. Dr. Jong Gun Lee, Data Scientist, UN PulseLab Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>(TSMS), Turkey. 4. Mr. Batyrkhan Utepov, Chief Specialist, Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, Almaty, Kazakhstan. 5. Mr. Ali Mohammad Tahmasebi, Head of National Center for combating Sand and dust storms, Islamic Republic of Iran</p>
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	<p>WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018</p>	
08:30 – 09:00	Plenary: Reports from two Sessions of Day 1 (Palace Hall)	
09:00 – 10:00	Plenary: Presentation on APDIM'S field level activities (Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Bhutan)	
10:00 –11:00	Plenary: way forward and recommendations and Closing	
11:00– 13:00	Visit of APDIM premises, Sepand building (Break included) End of Conference	
14:00 – 18:00	Second Session of APDIM Governing Council (Espinass Hotel, Room: Parsa)	
18:00 – 19:00	Reception to be hosted by ESCAP's Executive Secretary (Room: Diba)	