



CONCEPT NOTE

The 2023 Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics will be organized in Bangkok, Thailand, during 5-7 June 2023, in a hybrid format. The Forum is hosted by ESCAP and co-organized by ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, UNDRR, and UNSD.

The 2023 Forum is the third of its kind and follows successful forums organized in 2021 and 2022 hosted by ECE and ESCWA respectively.¹

The annual expert forums are organized to advance the production and use of disaster-related statistics for risk-informed development in support of the aim of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics (IAEG-DRS) of the United Nations Statistical Commission. They do this by providing a platform where users and producers of disaster-related statistics collaborate and share knowledge.

Objectives

The objectives of the 2023 Expert Forum are to:

- Share and discuss country experiences with the *utilization* of disaster-related statistics to monitor national and global disaster risk reduction commitments or guide risk-informed development
- Share and discuss country experiences with the *production* of disaster-related statistics with a view to identifying good practices and replication opportunities.

In pursuing these objectives, the Expert Forum will be guided and informed by recent global developments, such as opportunities presented by *climate change* talks, advancements in the global *geospatial information management* community, statistical measurement development of relevance to disaster risk reduction as well as developments in *technology*.

Expected outcomes

In pursuing the above objectives, it is expected the 2023 Expert Forum will:

- Identify priority *needs of countries* to inform capacity development and technical support
- Identify priority *research topics* to be pursued by the IAEG-DRS and other relevant groups

¹ Information on past expert forums is available at <https://unece.org/statistics/events/first-expert-forum-producers-and-users-disaster-related-statistics-online> and <https://www.unescwa.org/events/producers-and-users-disaster-related-statistics>.



- Generate additional insights of use for the formulation of a *common statistical framework* on disaster-related statistics.²

Target audience

The Expert Forum is organized for statisticians, disaster management experts, geo-scientists, as well as policymakers and other decision-makers that rely on statistics to inform their decisions. We welcome participants from governments, academia, NGOs, the private sector, international organizations, and champion experts participating in their personal capacity.

Format

The Expert Forum will be held on 5, 6 and 7 June 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand during 14:00h-22:00h Bangkok time (UTC+7:00)

Forum afternoon sessions will be organized for an in-person only audience, while evening sessions will be organized as hybrid sessions, meaning they are open to in-person as well as virtual participation:

	5 June (Monday)	6 June (Tuesday)	7 June (Wednesday)
Afternoon session 14:00-17:00 (Bangkok, UTC+7) 07:00-10:00 (UTC)	<i>In-person</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>In-person</i>
Evening session 19:00- 22:00 (Bangkok, UTC+7) 12:00-15:00 (UTC)	<i>Hybrid</i> (in-person and virtual)	<i>Hybrid</i> (in-person and virtual)	<i>Hybrid</i> (in-person and virtual)

In-person sessions will be dedicated to in-depth reflection on selected topics covered during the hybrid sessions. They may also feature topics which for time constraints cannot be covered during the evening sessions.

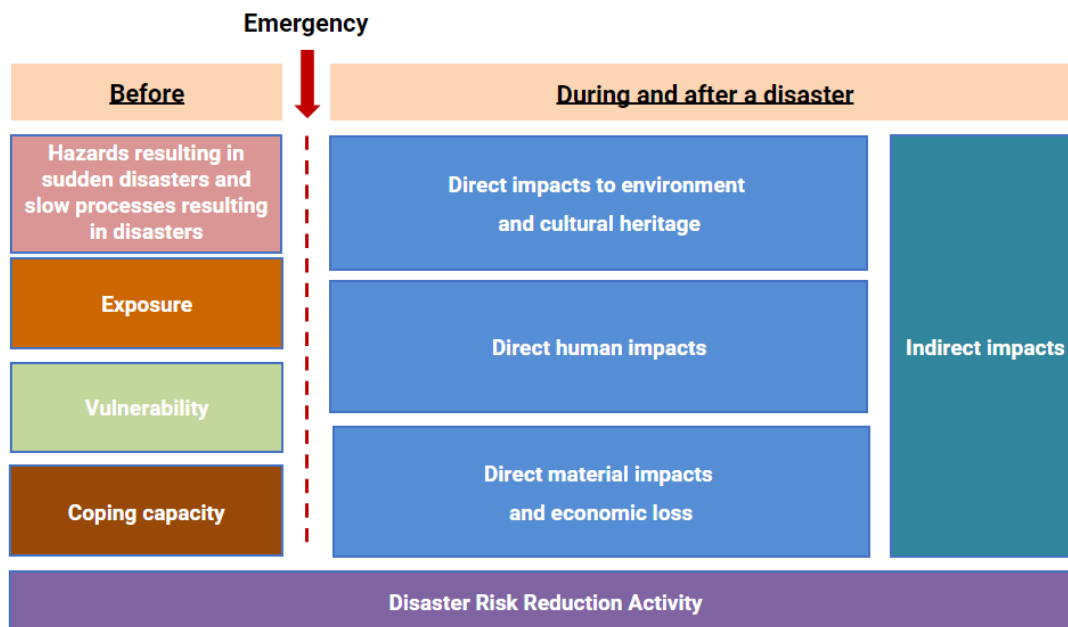
The Expert Forum will be held in English. Subject to funding and logistics, interpretation for other United Nations official languages may be provided.

² The formulation of a “common statistical framework on disaster-related statistics” is a main objective of the IAEG-DRS. The group plans to submit the draft framework to the UN Statistical Commission in 2024.



Programme outline

The scope and structure of the sessions of the 2023 Expert Forum will be guided by the components of disaster-related statistics as outlined in the ESCAP Disaster-related Statistics Framework (DRSF):



Selected DRSF components will feature each day, as follows:

Monday 5 June

1. Setting the scene
2. Assessing and mapping risk exposure, vulnerability, and coping capacity
3. Classifying and harmonizing hazards and disasters

Tuesday 6 June

4. Defining direct and indirect impacts of disasters
5. Measuring human impacts of disasters
6. Measuring disaster impacts on the environment and cultural heritage

Wednesday 7 June

7. Estimating direct material impact and economic loss from disasters
8. Accounting for disaster risk reduction expenditures
9. Summary and conclusion



Associate events (8 and 9 June)

There is opportunity for interested partners to organize associate in-person events in Bangkok on the 8th and 9th of June 2023.

Should you be interested in organizing an associate event, please contact the ESCAP organizers the latest by Monday 1st of May 2023 (contacts available at the end of this note).

Details of associate events will be announced in due course and participants will have the opportunity to register for these events through the event website.

Registration and event webpage

Participants are requested to register through the event webpage where further detail related to virtual and in-person participation and registration deadlines is available:

<https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/third-expert-forum-producers-and-users-disaster-related-statistics>

Registered online participants will receive connection details before the event. In-person participation is subject to nomination and concurrence by ESCAP.

Forum materials will be posted on the event website as they become available.

Should you be interested in contributing to the Expert Forum with a presentation or paper, or have any other suggestions, please contact the Forum host, ESCAP (contacts below).

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