

Tentative Programme
Virtual Special High-Level Panel on Disaster and Climate Resilience in South Asia
15.00 – 16.30 PM (Indian Standard Time), 16.30-18.00 (GMT+7)
4 December 2020

Part 1: High-level Panel

15.00-15.45 (New Delhi), 16.30-17.15 (Bangkok)

Welcome: **Mr Nagesh Kumar**, Director, South and South-West Asia Office, UNESCAP

Keynote address: **H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Panellists (5 minutes each)

- **H. E. Mr. Qasim Haidari**, Deputy Minister of National Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E Md. Enamur Rahman**, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh
- **H. E. Mr Nityanand Rai**, Minister of State for Home Affairs (Disaster Management), Government of India
- **H.E Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan**, Minister of Environment, Maldives
- **H.E. Mr. Malik Amin Aslam Khan**, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Government of Pakistan

Closing remarks by the moderator

Part 2: Expert Panel

15.45-16.30 (New Delhi), 17.15-18.00 (Bangkok)

Moderator: **Ms Tiziana Bonapace**, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP

Panellists (5 minutes each)

- **Maj. Gen. Manoj Bindal**, Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), India
- **Mr. Sangye Chewang**, Director, Environment, Natural Disaster and Biotechnology Division, SAARC Secretariat Kathmandu
- **Mr Ashis Mitra**, Officer-in-charge, BIMSTEC Centre on Weather and Climate (BCWC), and Head NCMRWF, MoES, Gol
- **Mr. Arjunapermal Subbiah**, Director, Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES)
- **Ms. Letizia Rossano**, Director, APDIM, UNESCAP
- **CSO representative (3 mins)**

Open Discussion (15 minutes)

16.30 Wrap up: Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP