Agenda Item 4 (i) Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
Report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for
the Development of Disaster Information Management

The Philippines commends the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) on its work on disaster risk information and data management. We recognize the importance of the Council’s initiatives in its work in capacity development and collaboration in assessing the region’s capacities and needs.

Ranking 9th in the 2020 World Risk Index, the Philippines is vulnerable to natural disasters. In efforts to improve our resilience, we have taken steps to strengthen data support to planning and policymaking:

- We are working on developing a special account composed of disaggregated data related to disasters. The Philippine Statistics Authority has pilot-tested the Disaster-Related Statistics Framework (DRSF), designed for multipurpose analytical use and integration of different policy monitoring tools; indicating frameworks that are already established and/or under development.
  The Framework articulates approaches that are practical in isolating applicable values and producing statistics for Disaster Risk Reduction activities: (1) an in-depth analysis of transfers to and from relevant institutions; and (2) development of a series of functional accounts and indicators that track all types of expenditures specific to disaster risk reduction.

- As a result, the Disaster Risk Reduction Characteristic Activities (DRRCA) provisional classification and the Disaster Risk Reduction Expenditure (DRRE) Accounts are currently being developed. The DRRE Accounts are satellite accounting tables developed to assess the feasibility of compiling DRR expenditure accounts, based on existing data sources or on reports from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and other partner agencies.

Finally, the Philippines supports the activities in the APDIM’s program of work, particularly in “mobilizing global and regional expertise and resources to move towards closing the gaps in hazard and risk data availability for disaster risk reduction, and on having a central platform for accessing risk data.”