



Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

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To the Chair, distinguish delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

At the outset let me express my sincere gratitude to ESCAP for successfully organizing the 24th Session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) on 18th August 2020. On behalf of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), I hereby provide our official statement as an Observer to the members of RESAP.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is an autonomous international organization with a vision to reduce disaster and climate risk impacts on communities and countries in Asia and the Pacific by working with governments, development partners, international organizations, NGOs, civil society, private sector, media, and other key stakeholders. Governed by its nine founding member countries of Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, ADPC host experts who work towards inclusive development goals across our strategic as well as cross-cutting themes.

Working across a broad range of specialized areas, ADPC implements cross-sectoral projects/programs on strategic themes of risk governance, urban resilience, climate resilience, health risk management, preparedness for response and resilient recovery. These themes are complemented and underpinned by the cross-cutting themes of gender and diversity, regional and transboundary cooperation as well as poverty and livelihoods. Through its work, ADPC has been continuously supporting countries in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the New Urban Agenda, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the agenda defined at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016, and other relevant international frameworks.

Realizing the need of its Member and Non-Member Countries, ADPC has been helping countries in enhancing their capacity on the use of earth observation data and

information to inform and solve development problems involving disaster and climate risks. Currently through one of its flagship programs, the SERVIR-Mekong which is an ongoing geospatial data-for-development program supported by USAID and NASA, ADPC has been assisting countries in the Lower Mekong Region in using geospatial services to address on-going development challenges. SERVIR-Mekong program tends to:

- Build and institutionalize the technical capacity of government decision-makers and key civil society groups to integrate geospatial information into their decision-making, planning, and communication.
- Improve the sharing of user-tailored geospatial data, products and services.
- Develop new high-quality user-tailored data, tools, applications, and models to address on-the ground priorities.
- Strengthened itself as a regional provider of geospatial data, analyses, and capacity building services.

ADPC understands the needs of the RESAP Member States and therefore is willing to work together in strengthening the institutional capacity of RESAP Member States and enhancing their access to data and knowledge for improved decision-making.

ADPC therefore stands ready to work collaboratively with ESCAP and RESAP Member States towards enhancing their capacity to use earth observation data and information for improved decision-making, operational planning and policy formulation.

Thank you!!

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