



Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)

Outcomes of the Special parallel event on Climate change and disaster session on

Water and Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia

Key outcomes of the session for the AMCDRR conference report

- Water-related disasters account for almost 90% of the 1,000 most disastrous events since 1990. Climate change is exacerbating water-related hazards and risks. A ministerial luncheon with 41 participants including 12 Ministers and 28 heads of delegations, held in conjunction with the session, emphasised the criticality of addressing water-related disasters and the central role of water resources management in achieving the internationally agreed goals and targets on DRR.
- Financing for and investments in water-related DRR and resilience should be doubled within the next five years. Newly developed Draft Principle on Financing and Investing in Water-related DRR will help countries to better raise and spend funds for DRR.
- Understanding risks by all and timely political decision based on sound science and data shall trigger appropriate DRR actions. Alliance of Alliances on DRR researches will help these actions.
- Political leadership is needed to raise awareness, strengthen science, the gender perspective, policy and planning, build capacity, and mobilize financing. Strengthened DRR governance through creation of national platforms by all stakeholders will help turn political will into effective actions.
- Technical and financial support is needed to help countries move towards an integrated approach - based on the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)- to strengthen resilience to water extremes, mitigate the negative effects of floods and droughts, and harness the benefits of floodplains.
- The Flood and Drought HelpDesks, facilitated by WMO and GWP, bringing together the expertise of over 60 expert institutions are an important facility in this regard to help countries implement proactive flood and drought management practices.
- Water related DRR preparedness facility working through a Multi-Stakeholder Platform can be an innovative way forward to drastically reduce losses by bringing all the partners together.