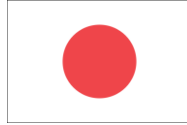




MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM



**Special Parallel Event on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
Session on Water and Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia
Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) 2018**

**04 July 2018
Moscow Room, Shangri-La Hotel
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

Introduction

Water-related disasters account for more than 90% of the people affected by disasters since 1990, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations including women and children. Global flood damages are estimated at US\$120 billion per year from urban property damages alone and major droughts, on average, reduce per capita GDP growth by half a percentage point, putting development gains at risk. Asia is vulnerable to water-related disaster as it faces severe impacts of climate change across the full range of hydrological variability - droughts to floods.

While water-related risks are growing, the negative economic impacts need not grow at the same pace. DRR investments are investments in water security. They help safeguard socio-economic growth in the face of increasing vulnerabilities to water-related risks.

The High-Level Panel on Water highlights in its outcome document that a different approach based on prevention and preparedness and additional financing for water-related DRR and effective use of available funds is needed.

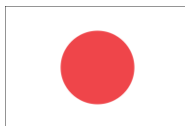
The High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) produced a set of “Principles on Investment and Financing for Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction”, and launched a flagship document on good practices and lessons of drought and flood management. Featured in these documents as concrete action on the ground are international HelpDesks¹, implemented jointly by GWP and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) together with over 60 international organizations that are part of these joint programmes on drought and flood management. Building on these efforts and GWP’s work to strengthen climate resilience throughout Asia², GWP is supporting the Government of Mongolia in its leadership as part of the Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) to inspire countries across Asia to meet the most pressing targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Objective and Format

The objective of this government-led parallel event is to inspire a high-level political commitment to meet the most pressing targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The event will focus on approaches and practical action as well as mobilizing finance to address water-related risks through integrated approaches that foster sustainable development in order to inspire action in the DRR community. It brings together international experiences and approaches in the Asian context with the thought leaders from organizations that have the capacity and reach to support countries in their quest to address water-related disasters for a more sustainable development.

¹ Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) www.droughtmanagement.info and Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM) www.floodmanagement.info

² Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) <http://www.gwp.org/en/we-act/themesprogrammes/Climate-Resilience/Global-Water-and-Climate-Programme/>



Agenda

13:45 – 14:15	Opening of the Special Parallel Event on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction	H.E. Mr TSERENBAT Namsrai, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia H.E. Masato Takaoka, Ambassador to Mongolia, Government of Japan Ms Oyun Sanjaasuren, former Chair, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Green Climate Fund Representative of FAO (tbc)
14:15 – 14:25	Keynote on Water and Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia	Mr BATJARGAL Zamba, Climate Change Special Envoy Mongolia
14:25 – 14:30	Part 1: Managing too much and too little – ways to tackle water-related disasters	Moderator: Kenzo Hiroki, High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) Rapporteur Yumiko Yasuda, Senior Network Officer, GWP
14:30 – 14:50	Integrated approaches to drought and flood management – the HelpDesk approach and experiences in South-East Asia	Frederik Pischke, Senior Programme Officer, GWP – World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Fany Wedahuditama, Regional Coordinator, GWP South East Asia
14:50 – 15:20	Ministerial Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister Ministry of Natural Resources, Samoa Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management, Sri Lanka H.E. Van Thang Hoang, Vice Minister Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam (tbc) H.E. Willem Rampangilei, Minister National Agency for Disaster Management, Indonesia (tbc) Ms. Leesa Carson, Branch Head, Community Safety, Community Safety & Earth Monitoring Division, Australia
	Part 2: Investment and Financing for Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction	Moderator: Kenzo Hiroki, HELP Rapporteur: Rapporteur Yumiko Yasuda, GWP
15:20 – 15:30	Introduction of draft principles on Investment and Financing for Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction	Hirotsada Matsuki, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan
15:30– 16:00	Roundtable discussions: Review and suggestions for draft principles on investment and financing for water-related disaster risk reduction	
16:00-16:10	Summary of discussions	Moderator: Kenzo Hiroki, HELP Rapporteur: Yumiko Yasuda, GWP
16:10-16:15	Closing remarks	Dr Oyun Sanjaasuren, former Chair, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Green Climate Fund

The event is led by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, with support by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and it is co-hosted by the Government of Japan and High-Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disaster (HELP)