



ASIA-PACIFIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
Disaster Risk Reduction
2021

OVERVIEW

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From Crisis to Resilience

- Between April and June 2021 (date TBC)
- Virtual Platform
- Two days: 14:00-19:00 AEST each day

Three thematic pillars:

Plenary 1: Resilient Investment & Recovery;

Plenary 2: Resilient Systems, Services & Infrastructure; and

Plenary 3: Resilient Communities.



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Focus

- Need to shift the balance from investing in response, to investing in prevention, risk reduction, anticipatory approaches and resilience, at all levels.
- Will highlight the experience of island and coastal communities, particularly in the Pacific.
- Focus on local and inclusive solutions, harnessing the leadership of women, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and youth.
- Opportunity to assess the progress in implementing the Sendai Framework and make future contributions and commitments.



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Conference Format

- Opening ceremony with keynote address
- Live moderated plenaries (1.5 hours/4 panellists)
- 10 spotlight sessions (1 hour) on key issues
- ‘Meet the speaker’ after each plenary
- ‘Chat rooms’ on key issues/questions
- ‘Learning Labs’ (facilitated by UNDRR)
- Closed Ministerial Meeting (pre-recorded statements)
- Ignite Stage - TED Talks-style presentations
- Partner events advertised on website (hosted separately)



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Plenary 1: Resilient Investment & Recovery

- Building resilience requires investment before a crisis.
- Need to embed disaster and climate risk management in national and local economic planning and investments.
- Public financing and fiscal policies must integrate prevention as a core priority.
- COVID-19 recovery process as an opportunity for resilient development

Two sub-themes:

- The need for smarter investment; and
- New opportunities for resilient recovery



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Plenary 2: Resilient Systems, Services and Infrastructure

- Infrastructure must reduce risk and be disaster and climate resilient to protect investments and prevent loss of life.
- COVID-19 reinforced the need for resilient infrastructure to support social service delivery, including health and education.
- Not just protecting ‘hard’ infrastructure – also systems and people.
- Resilient business means critical services can reach those affected.
- **Two sub-themes:**
 - Planning for resilience; and
 - Resilient systems and infrastructure.



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Plenary 3: Resilient Communities

- Disaster impacts felt immediately and intensely at the local level.
- Local actors are the first to manage risks and the first responders.
- Effective DRR strategies not only focus on vulnerable groups, but include and empower persons with disabilities, women and girls, youth and indigenous peoples in DRR planning.
- Enhance science-policy-practice linkages for better evidence, planning, decision-making and communication
- Experiences of coastal and remote communities, including Pacific.

Two sub-themes:

- Inclusive DRR; and
- Risk knowledge and communication.



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Spotlight Sessions

- Innovative financing
- Health and DRR
- The 'new' Build Back Better
- Small business resilience
- Resilient cities
- Women's leadership
- Social protection
- Nature-based solutions
- Disability
- Local action in the Pacific
- Traditional knowledge
- Technology solutions for improved communication.

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