

Managing Risk and Addressing Disaster Displacement



19 November 2020

Regional Consultation on Disaster Displacement in Asia

Forced displacement related to disasters, including the adverse effects of climate change, poses some of the biggest human rights, humanitarian and development challenges facing States and the international community in the 21st century. Each year, millions of people are displaced by disasters caused by natural hazards such as floods, tropical storms, earthquakes, landslides and droughts.

With more than 80 percent of the documented disaster displacement between 2008 and 2019 occurring in Asia and the Pacific, Asia has become a notable hub for innovations and solutions to tackle the range of short- and long-term challenges arising from this phenomenon.

Consequently, on 19 November 2020 the Asia-Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group, co-chaired by IOM and UNDRR, the GP20 Initiative on internal displacement, the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), UNDP, IFRC and Raoul Wallenberg Institute in collaboration with the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement (HLP) will organize a virtual regional exchange. The discussion will provide a platform for governmental officials to share multi-stakeholder good practices and lessons-learned on how to better prevent, respond to, and achieve solutions to internal displacement, in the context of disasters and climate change in Asia. It will also discuss key challenges and gaps in current responses and identify opportunities to strengthen and expand actions that prevent and address disaster displacement.



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19:00 Suva

14:00 Bangkok

08:00 Geneva

Runtime: 2.5 Hours

Register here: https://undrr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NgERI3znRUqGdrvZb55u4Q

Challenges, Effective Practices and Solutions

This regional exchange will aim to formulate new ideas and recommendations that can inform the deliberations of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

The consultation will be moderated by Cecilia Jimenez, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, with framing remarks from Dr. Sima Samar, a member of the HLP and Professor Walter Kaelin, Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and HLP Expert Advisor.

Representatives from Bangladesh, Mongolia and the Philippines will open the discussion by presenting examples of good practices of preventing, responding to and resolving internal displacement in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. This will be followed by further interventions from State representatives to provide inputs on their national perspectives and recommendations to the Panel.

For further information and the full schedule for this event, please visit <https://www.preventionweb.net/events/view/74465>

If you are a State representative from Asia and are interested in having a pre-assigned slot of time to provide inputs to the discussion and the HLP, please contact Susan Price at sprice@iom.int.



UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement

