



Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in East Asia and the Pacific Distance Learning Seminar Series

SESSION 3 Specialized Seminar on Local Government Approaches to Disaster Risk Management: Climate Resilient Cities

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Philippines (Makati, Manila),
Indonesia (Jakarta),
Thailand (Bangkok)
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live web-steaming 11:00- 14:00 (Tokyo time)

Friday, March 6, 2009

Introduction

In the 1990s, more than one billion people worldwide were affected by natural disasters, with direct economic losses of \$629 billion. The East Asia and the Pacific region is highly vulnerable to the impacts of multiple natural disasters, including earthquakes, volcanic activity, tsunamis, floods, drought, typhoons, and sea level rise. Since 1990, natural disasters in the region have caused more than \$50 billion in damage and affected more than 2 billion people. Natural disasters in the region are projected to increase in the coming decades, and their frequency and severity will be intensified by climate change impacts. Cities in the region will face the brunt of these impacts because of their size, growth, geography, and economic clout. For cities to continue to fuel growth and poverty reduction, mainstreaming resilience into city management and planning is essential. The Climate Resilient Cities Primer offers a framework to help local governments reduce their vulnerabilities through stakeholder involvement and an integrated approach to disaster risk management.

Regional Distance Learning Seminar Series

As part of the EAP Sector Management Unit Initiatives, which is a program promoting outreach and knowledge-sharing, the East Asia and Pacific Disaster Risk Management (DRM) team, in collaboration with the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN), has planned a learning and knowledge sharing seminar series to reach counterparts in countries of the region, as well as staff working in country offices.

This seminar series will highlight three areas:

- Post-disaster recovery planning and lessons learned
- Risk financing and the World Bank's new financial products
- Local approaches to disaster risk management

Within these three areas of focus, this series is comprised of 6 sessions delivered via VC by connecting 5-6 countries in the region starting from December 2008 to June 2009.

- ❑ **SESSION 1: Dec. 11, 2008 (Completed)**
Lesson learned and knowledge sharing seminar on post-disaster recovery
- ❑ **SESSION 2: (Completed)**
Specialized seminar – Introduction to catastrophe risk financing frameworks
- ❑ **SESSION 3: March 6, 2009**
Local government approaches to disaster risk management and climate change: Climate Resilient Cities
- ❑ **SESSION 4: April 2009 (TBD)**
Housing and Community Reconstruction after Disasters
- ❑ **SESSION 5: May 2009 (TBD)**
Community based Disaster Risk Management
- ❑ **SESSION 6: June 2009 (TBD)**
World Bank's new risk financing products

SESSION 3 INFORMATION:

Learning objectives:

This session will provide participants with an understanding Of the Climate Resilient Cities Primer.

- As a city planner, how can the Hotspots assessment tool be used to identify vulnerabilities and start the process of prioritizing action?
- What is the process in completing the matrix and acting on it?
- How can a city compile its information base and what role do scientific institutes/ partners and community groups play in this process?

After attending the session, participants should be able to:

1. Identify vulnerabilities and start the process of prioritizing action
2. Be able to conduct a hot spots assessment
3. Engage with NGOs to enhance the resiliency of cities when faced with climate change-related problems

SESSION 3 INFORMATION (Continued):

Agenda and key issues to be presented

- A short opening and introduction of participants, program and objectives
- A brief overview of AusAID work on urban climate change and disaster risk management efforts
- Presentation on the Climate Resilient Cities Primer
- Presentation of Makati City on its programs to mainstream climate change and DRM into urban management
- Q&A and general discussion

The following key points will be discussed:

- The links between climate change, DRM, development, and poverty reduction
- Tools for assessing “hotspots” and start the process of prioritizing action
- Process and institutional issues, including the importance of information, stakeholder involvement, and experts

Target Audience

- National / sub national officials from environment, climate change, disaster risk management, community-driven development, planning, and construction bureaus
- Think tanks and academics
- Private sector practitioners
- Civil society groups
- Donors
- World Bank Staff in country offices

Resources

- Mr. Brian Dawson, Climate Change and Energy Adviser, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- Dr. Ravi Sinha, Consultant, World Bank
- Ms. Violeta Seva, Makati City Government, Philippines

Main moderator:

- Mr. Jerry Velasquez, Senior Regional Coordinator for Asia, UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

Language

VC Session: English. Simultaneous translation is available at each site where it is required.

Delivery of program

The session will be chaired and moderated from Bangkok, with presentations from Canberra, Jakarta, and Makati City. The format will allow for questions and comments from each of the connected sites.

Webcasting (Live Streaming via Internet) of VC is available at URL: <http://210.137.74.228>
To view webcasting, participants will need a PC with internet access, Windows Media Player Version 10.0. and PC speakers.

Registration Information

Please send an email with your name, affiliation and contact information to the contact person at the location of your choice listed in this brochure by **February 27, 2009**.

Locations & Time Slot & Contacts

Canberra, Australia: 13:00 – 16:00

Australia National University (GDLN-Australia)
Peter Yates – Email: peter.yates@anu.edu.au

Makati, Philippines: 10:00 – 13:00

Development Resource Center - Asian Institute of Management (AIM)

Mel Cledera–Email: vcledera@aim.edu

Jakarta, Indonesia: 9:00 – 12:00

University of Indonesia (UI DLC)

Ameriono Ismangil – Email: ameriono.ismagil@ui.edu

Bangkok, Thailand: 9:00 – 12:00

Center of Academic Resources, Chulalongkorn

University Development Learning Center (CU-GDLN)

Kamontip Klaibanmai–Email:Kamontip.K@car.chula.ac.th

Beijing, China: 10:00 – 13:00

Ninbo, China: 10:00 – 13:00

(For both sites in China, Contact: Tianxiu Kang – E-mail: tkang1@worldbank.org)

Tokyo, Japan: 11:00 – 14:00

Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC)

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