Panellists

The panellists for the discussion are expected to share their knowledge, research work and experience, suggest effective actions and measures to improve Disaster Risk Governance and help develop Disaster Preparedness Index.

- Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, (Moderator) IIT, Hyderabad
- Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA, New Delhi
- Dr. Mohan Kanda, IAS (Retd.), Former Member, NDMA, New Delhi
- Dr. P. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director, NIDM, New Delhi
- Prof. C.V.R. Murty, Director, IIT, Jodhpur
- Dr. R.K. Chadha, Emeritus Scientist, NGRI, Hyderabad
- Dr. N. Yuvaraj, IAS Collector & District Magistrate Visakhapatnam
- Shri Pravin Kumar, IAS Commissioner, GVMC
- Dr. R. K. Bhandari, Landslide expert, Former Director CBRI
- Shri C. Lakshmi Prasad, Additional Director, State Disaster Response & Fire Services Department, Telangana State

Participants

The workshop aims to bring together administrators, policy makers and researchers involved in disaster management to exchange and share their experiences. There will be presentations by experts and panel discussions. Those who are interested to make presentations may kindly send the title latest by 25th May, 2016 to amrg@cgg.gov.in

Registration

Participation is by invitation only. However, participants are requested to confirm their participation by 25th May, 2016 by sending email to “amrg@cgg.gov.in” in order to help plan the logistics appropriately.

Expected Output

The workshop will provide an opportunity to share experience on various issues of Disaster Risk Reduction and its Governance. For further information, contact:

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Introduction

Disasters cause serious disruption of functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts. Disaster risk is the potential loss in lives, livelihood, assets and services, which could occur to a particular community or a society.

Disaster Management (DM) is the process of reducing disaster risk through systematic analysis and management of the causal factors of disasters and improving the pace and quality of rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures. This can be achieved through reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improved preparedness adverse events, as also by prompt and effective post-event response.

Climate change and other factors have resulted in tremendous increase in the disasters all over the world. Over the past decade alone, more than 700,000 people lost their lives, over 1.4 million were injured and approximately 23 million were made homeless as a result of disasters. Overall, more than 1.5 billion people were affected by disasters in various ways and the total economic loss was estimated to be more than US$1.3 trillion.

In many countries, DM presents a major challenge on account of the poor ability of the communities to cope with risk because of limited resources. Accordingly, a one day workshop is being organized, to deliberate on the various facets of this crucial area of governance, in association with International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM). It is expected that the participants will provide valuable insights which will be of use to State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) and other stakeholders.

A panel discussion is also been proposed as part of the workshop on initiatives to develop a “Disaster Preparedness Index” for India on pilot basis for subsequent replication and scaling up.

Purpose of the Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together select administrators, commissioners of state disaster management agencies, individuals, officials, departments and organizations involved in Disaster Risk Reduction in India. The workshop will cover a broad range of topics – in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in India. The workshop will cover a broad range of topics – in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 – from the need for an improved understanding of disaster risk in all its dimensions of exposure, vulnerability and hazard characteristics, to the strengthening of disaster risk governance.

Objectives of the Workshop

The objectives of the workshop include:

- Set the stage for initiating a continuous national dialogue on Disaster Risk Reduction with focus on developing disaster preparedness index (DPI)
- Provide a platform for discussing challenges in disaster risk governance.
- Emphasise the role of ICT in Disaster Risk Reduction and look at ways and means to leverage the strengths of existing institutional networks.
- Presentation of case studies highlighting the importance of effective Disaster Risk Reduction.
- To update administrators and policy makers about the role of various agencies for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Themes of the Workshop

- Governance Issues in Disaster Management
- Indicators and Disaster Preparedness index
- Any other relevant issue related to Disaster Management

Disaster Preparedness Index (DPI)

Indicators are an explicit measure of important factors relevant to disasters, which enable measurement of what is actually happening against what has been planned for, offering a valuable insight into the efficacy of governance. Indexes are generally constructed by the summing or multiplying of several indicators relating to item being measured. There will be a panel discussion to develop DPI specific to hazard, region, state and country.