

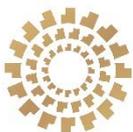


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PROPOSED REPORT ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) ACTION PLAN

The APEC DRR Action Plan is our collaborative effort to comprehensively implement DRR in the Asia-Pacific Region and achieve the goal of *“Adaptive and Disaster-Resilient Asia-Pacific Economies Supporting Inclusive and Sustainable Development.”*

The recognition for more robust DRR in APEC was underscored in 2015, when the APEC Leaders declared that *“the Asia-Pacific region, straddling the Pacific Ring of Fire, is particularly vulnerable and exposed to disasters.”* Specifically, they noted the phenomenon of the “new normal” – the increasing frequency, magnitude and scope of natural disasters, and the resultant disruption on the increasingly integrated and interlinked production and supply chains. Following the adoption of the APEC DRR Framework in 2015, which aims to facilitate collective work in building disaster-resilient economies, the APEC Leaders committed to create the APEC DRR Action Plan.

The APEC DRR Action Plan is composed of four pillars, namely *“Prevention and Mitigation”, “Preparedness”, “Response”, and “Rehabilitation and Build Back Better.”* Each pillar has its corresponding areas for collaboration, activities, implementing partners, timelines for accomplishment, and indicators for evaluation.

The APEC DRR Action Plan shall be treated as a “living document”. The contents shall be subjected to review and updating on a regular basis by the APEC member economies through the Emergency Preparedness Working Group. Recognizing that DRR cuts across all sectoral concerns and disciplines, works are also being undertaken by the APEC Secretariat to incorporate inputs from other working groups and entities to develop the Action Plan.

With the esteemed presence of all Senior Disaster Management Officials, we would like the Action Plan be officially welcomed in this Forum. This shall encourage individual member economies to develop specific, measurable, and timed DRR contributions in accordance with the Action Plan’s overall goal.