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Lead & Participating Countries

- **Lead Countries** (2)
 - Pakistan and Kazakhstan

- **Participating Countries** (8)
 - Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Iran and Turkey

Supporting Countries & Organizations

- **Supporting Countries** (8)
 - Denmark, France, Japan, Norway, UK, USA, Sweden and Poland.
- **Supporting Organizations** (9)
 - WFP, UNDP, UNISDR, UNOCHA, EU World Bank, NATO, ADPC & GIZ

Progress on RTG Meetings - (RTG1)

- Pakistan & Kazakhstan the two Co-Leads jointly formulated:
 - Draft DM – CBMs Implementation Plan
 - Circulated ahead of the 1st RTG meeting
- Pakistan organized **RTG1** meeting on **20th September 2012**, in **Islamabad**. Draft **Implementation Plan** and List of Activities/**Activity Plan** proposed
- Approved, in principle, in **SOM** held on **25th March 2013** at Kabul
- Approved by Ministerial Conference on **26th April 2013**, held at Almaty, Kazakhstan for **Adoption**

RTG1- Salient Points

- Draft **Implementation Plan** for DM-CBM was tabled for seeking inputs
- **Poland** was included as one of the Supporting Country
- Afghanistan requested for capacity building esp. in terms of Search and Rescue, Early Warning System and related equipment
- Record of meeting of RTG-1 made to be presented to SOM held on **24th September, 2012**, in New York, USA

RTG2 & RTG3

- Kazakhstan organized **RTG2** meeting on **4 September, 2013** in, **Astana**
- Pakistan organized **RTG3** meeting on **14 May, 2014** in **Islamabad**
- **4th** Ministerial Conference, held in **China**, **30-31st October 2014**, decided to hold **5th** Ministerial Conference in **Islamabad**, Pakistan in 2015

RTG2- Salient Points

- Progress review of implementation of the DM CBMs Activity Plan
- Japan & Pakistan showed readiness to hold one activity each by end of 2013/early 2014
- Role of **Centre for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction** in Almaty, as an effective partner was highlighted
- Idea for establishment of a Trust Fund was coined
- Proposal by UNISDR to place a Consultant to steer implementation of DM – CBMs (later appointed through Swedish support)
- Record of meeting **presented in SOM, 23 Sep 2013, New York**

RTG3- Salient Points

- Unanimously agreed to include Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (**ADPC**) as technical support Organization for HoA DM-CBM
- Tasked ADPC to draft an actionable Road Map for DM-CBM in consultation with Co-leads (Pakistan and Kazakhstan)

Progress by Pakistan - Upto RTG3

Activity Plan Implementation:

Conducted visit of DG, Afghan NDMA and delegation between 13-15 Jan, 2014. Following were discussed / agreed:

- Training of Afghan Rescuers & DRM Professionals & ToTs in Pakistan (NIDM & Rescue 1122 Academy)
- Organizing joint drills / exercises of SAR Teams
- Linkage of Pak & Afghan Met Offices
- Training of Met Officials in Met Institute in Pak
- Scholarships for students in DM related field.
- Bilateral MoU in the field of DM
- Extension of Tri-lateral MoU among Pak, Afghan & Turkey

Progress by Pakistan - Upto RTG3

- Pak Experts participated in DRM Capacity Building Training Workshop for Afghan Officials organized by GOJapan (**JICA**), **2-11 February 2014**, Tokyo, Japan
- Organized an International Conference, with Norwegian support, on **Sharing Experiences and Developing Regional Hazard & Risk Picture**, **May 12-13, 2014**, Islamabad, Pakistan. Conference outcome included:
 - **Working Group proposed on Development of Regional Risk Picture**
 - **Consensus on Developing Regional Risk Picture**
 - **Consensus on Creating Regional Response Capacity**
 - **Consensus on Developing Host Nation Support Mechanism**
 - **Climate Risk Management to be an important pillar of DRR/DRM**

Progress by Pakistan - Upto RTG3

- Discussion held with the Afghan DG, NDMA during 6th AMCDRR, **June 22-26,2014**) in Bangkok.
- Organized **06 days** Composite Training Program on **Disaster Risk Management** for **24** Afghan officials, in **February 2015** at NIDM, Islamabad

Progress on DM-CBM – RTG4

- Pakistan organized 4th Meeting of RTG on **8 September, 2015** in Islamabad

RTG4- Salient Points

- a. Consensus approval of DM-CBM Road Map after incorporating modifications suggested during discussion
- b. **Implementation Milestones** of Road Map were agreed are as under:-
 - i. Development of HoA - DRR Portal by Pakistan **(Done)**
 - ii. Development of a framework towards a Pilot Project in HoA Region on **Drought Assessment, Early Warning & Monitoring** with the assistance of UNESCAP **(Draft Ready)**
 - iii. Multi-stakeholders Experience Sharing Workshop in China **(Held in October 2015)**

RTG4 – Salient Points

- iv. One Year Detailed Action Plan, based on DM-CBM Roadmap for presented in **5th** Ministerial Conference
- v. Appointment of a Technical Coordinator, for HoA, DB-CBM Activity at NDMA Pakistan (**In process**)
- vi. Progress sharing on List of Activities agreed under RTG1 & 2 by all the Participating Countries, Supporting Countries and Supporting Organizations
- vii. Government of **Japan** will share details of future cooperation under HoA, DM-CBM

RTG4- Salient Points

- c. All participating countries may ensure continuity of tenure of their respective **focal persons**. In case of change, particulars of new focal person may be shared with **Co-leads** at the earliest
- d. Grant of mandate to ADPC to **mobilize funds** for implementation of Road Map and Detailed Annual Action Plan
- e. Possibility of organizing **5th RTG Meeting (RTG5)** and **13th RCC Meeting** jointly scheduled in tandem at Islamabad in **2016** subject to consensus of Participating Countries during **5th Ministerial Conference**

HOA One Year Detailed Action Plan - 2016

One Year Plan - Salient Points

- Focuses on enhancing regional cooperation through practical DRM-related actions
- Seeks to build on member countries existing DRM capacities
- Refers to global frameworks (Sendai Framework for DRR, Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change Agreement)
- Seeks to facilitate more frequent interaction between and among HOA member countries on bilateral and regional basis

One Year Plan – 8 Key Actions Proposed for 2016

1. Establishment of Disaster Risk Reduction Portal
2. Development of Guidelines for Regional Cooperation on Emergency Response
3. Development of Guidelines for Host Nation Support Mechanism
4. Development of Guidelines for Sharing Cross-Border Early Warning Information
5. Design and Conduct of Regional Simulation and Drills
6. Development of a Regional Disasters Risk Picture
7. Development of Regional Indicators for HOA countries
8. Research, Capacity Building and Knowledge Management

1. Establishment of Disaster Risk Reduction Portal

- To have an online resource and knowledge center on DRM for HOA countries to be able to continuously adapt and improve trans-boundary preparedness and risk reduction
- To act as a catalog of who is doing what and where on DRR in the Region along with a Regional Risk Profile as a key feature
- To be hosted and maintained by NDMA Pakistan

2. Development of Guidelines for Regional Cooperation on Emergency Response

- To increase preparedness and response capacities of national agencies in HOA countries through regional cooperative efforts
- Thus to improve skills and knowledge of key stakeholders on cross-border emergency response
- Operational Guidelines for Regional Cooperation on Emergency Response will be the final product

3. Development of Guidelines for Host Nation Support Mechanism

- To facilitate the access of international cross-border humanitarian assistance to effectively support emergency response
- Mapping of existing guidelines and frameworks for managing relief assistance in the HOA countries
- Development of a set of Host Nation Support Guidelines to facilitate the process of receiving and utilizing the relief assistance in times of emergencies

4. Development of Guidelines for Sharing of Cross-Border Early Warning Information

- To strengthen regional cooperation through a common SOP for sharing cross-border early warning information in order for HOA countries to respond to trans-boundary disasters more timely
- Review of the existing disaster early warning systems in HOA countries
- Development of a set of guidelines for member countries for sharing cross-border early warning information

5. Design and Conduct of Regional Disaster Simulations & Drills

- To enhance disaster response coordination skills among different sectors and agencies in cross-border emergency situations
- To conduct two regional response drills for earthquake and coastal hazards by grouping HOA countries according to these two hazard types

6. Development of Regional Disaster Risk Picture

- To inform and guide practitioners and policy-makers about drivers of risk in HOA countries for risk informed development planning and implementation
- Development of a Regional Risk Register of HOA capturing high priority risks and their assessment in terms of impact, severity and likelihood
- Uploading of Regional Risk Register on the DRR Portal for HOA countries to have access to it

7. Development of Regional Indicators for HOA Member Countries

- To develop country and region-specific indicators based on global indicators to measure the DRM progress of HOA countries on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR
- Organizing consultations with HOA countries to develop national indicators in coordination with NDMOs and relevant stakeholders
- Sharing and highlighting at global forums HOA's contribution in implementing SFDRR

8. Development Research, Capacity Building and Knowledge Management

- To enhance human and institutional capacity of HOA countries on DRM research and production of quality products and services
- Organizing one Regional Training Course on CBDRM
- Organizing one Regional Training Course on Resilient Development
- DRM best practices from across the HOA region will be documented and disseminated

Resource Mobilization & Implementation Arrangements

- ADPC - A Bangkok-based regional DRM organization with 30 years of experience is the technical partner of the HOA mechanism
- ADPC, with support from NDMA, to mobilize required financial resources for the implementation of the Action Plan
- NDMA Pakistan and ADPC's Pakistan Coordinator will work closely to ensure a smooth implementation of planned activities

Resource Mobilization & Implementation Arrangements

- ADPC's Bangkok Office to help arrange regional training courses and consultations, and provide other technical inputs to HOA member countries through HOA's Co-Leads
- Implementation progress to be shared with the HOA's Senior Officials twice a year

Resource Mobilization Status

S. No.	Key Action	Interest indicated By
1.	Establishment of Disaster Risk Reduction Portal	ADPC
2.	Development of Guidelines for Regional Cooperation on Emergency Response	????
3.	Development of Guidelines for Host Nation Support Mechanism	Australia
4.	Development of Guidelines for Sharing Cross-Border Early Warning Information	????
5.	Design and Conduct of Regional Simulation and Drills	WFP
6.	Development of a Regional Disasters Risk Picture	UNDP
7.	Development of Regional Indicators for HOA countries	UNDP
8.	Research, Capacity Building and Knowledge Management	????

Thank You

