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Asia and the Pacific is the most diverse and disaster-prone region in the world. Disasters in the region are becoming more complex, often tending to affect multiple countries, with cascading impacts. Many of these disasters are transboundary in nature, such as floods, El Niño, La Niña, droughts, tropical cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and sand and dust storms. Also, the risks and scale of natural disasters will be heightened and reshaped by climate change.



Objective

APDIM's objective is to reduce human losses and material damages and the negative impact of natural hazards through enhancement of disaster information management in the Asian and Pacific region.

Programmes and services

APDIM serves as a knowledge and information repository for all disaster related data in the region. Along with its partners, APDIM will create a metadata platform to deliver its services as the regional repository of multi-hazard risk information.

APDIM provides capacity development support, drawing on the experiences of ESCAP's other regional institutes to impart training and knowledge sharing.

APDIM delivers information services for cross-border disasters in the region and works to fill information gaps on regional mapping of seismic risk; establish a sand and dust storm alert system based on transboundary risk assessments; and set up an Asia-Pacific Sand and Dust Storm Network.

APDIM Information Products

APDIM produces a number of Information products each year to support enhancement of disaster information management in the Asia and Pacific region.



Asia-Pacific Disaster Risk Atlas



Sand and Dust Storms in Asia and the Pacific:

Opportunities for Regional Cooperation and Action



APDIM Background

In May 2015, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), adopted resolution 71/11 to establish the Asian and Pacific Centre for the development of disaster information management (APDIM) in the Islamic Republic of Iran as a regional institution of the Commission.



On 30 January 2018, ESCAP and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran signed an Agreement for the establishment of the APDIM in Tehran. The Centre will strengthen regional cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and promote effective policies for inclusive, sustainable and resilient development in the region.