

**FINAL DOCUMENT  
OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING  
ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION  
IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION  
AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK  
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN CENTRAL ASIA**

held on 10-11 December 2020 within the framework of the United Nations Office for Disaster  
Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Initiative

“Enhancing Disaster Resilience and Accelerating the Implementation of the Sendai Framework  
for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”,  
funded by the European Union.

**We, the heads and representatives of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries and international organizations, participants in the Regional Consultative Meeting on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia,**

**Taking into account** the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving well-being, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting** the efforts of the European Union, the United Nations, and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Intending to continue the implementation of the adopted outcome documents, namely:**

the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on Emergency Prevention and Response, held on 24-25 November 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Ashgabat Declaration);

the Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration);

the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held on 26-27 April 2018 in Almaty, Kazakhstan (Protocol of the Regional Forum);

the Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Central Asia, held on 21 August 2019 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Resolution);

the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held on 11-12 July 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (Protocol of the Regional Forum),

**Based on the information presented and the constructive discussions on strengthening regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, as well as on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia,**

**HAVE FORMULATED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:**

**1. To take note of the information presented on:**

the implementation of measures to strengthen regional cooperation within the framework of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries;

coordination and cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction, including opportunities to develop a regional position and to organize a dedicated session on the Central Asia region within the Forum's programme;

the current status, achievements, and challenges in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the national and regional levels.

**2. To consolidate and intensify joint efforts in taking further regionally coordinated measures aimed at:**

accelerating the achievement of the goals, targets, priorities, and expected outcomes of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asian countries;

reducing existing and preventing new disaster risks, and significantly decreasing by 2030 the number of deaths and affected persons, as well as socio-economic losses resulting from disasters;

ensuring, by 2030, a transition to a new and higher level of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries that responds to the vital interests of the region in achieving sustainable development.

**3. To consider the initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for Central Asian countries for 2022-2030.**

The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, is requested to revise the draft Regional DRR Strategy by 20 March 2021 and circulate it to the emergency management authorities for coordination and approval.

The agreed draft Regional DRR Strategy shall subsequently be submitted for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

**4. To consider the initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Profile.**

The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, is requested to revise the draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile by 20 February 2021 and submit it for consideration by the next meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations.

**5.** The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, is requested to plan and implement activities to strengthen regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management in 2021, taking into account the proposals expressed by the heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries during the Regional Consultative Meeting.

**6.** To authorize the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries (CESDRR) to sign the present Final Document of the Regional Consultative Meeting of 10-11 December 2020.

**Director of the CESDRR**

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