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**CONCEPT NOTE OF
THE REGIONAL FORUM -MEETING OF THE HEADS
OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

Brief information on organizing and holding the event



Central Asia - 2022



THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

CONSIDERING the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated only by the forces and means of one country,

REALIZING that strengthening regional and international cooperation in disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change, prevention and response to emergencies will contribute to strengthening resilience, improving the well-being and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries.

BY SUPPORTING the efforts of the international development organizations in disaster risk reduction, climate change, international assistance in case of emergencies, based on global 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030, and supporting the call of the UN Secretary-General during the 7th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Indonesia, 23-28 May 2022) to ensure the protection of everyone on Earth by covering the entire population with early warning systems for the next 5 years,

INTENDING to continue taking measures to implement the previously adopted final documents:

- ◆ Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on prevention and response to emergencies and natural disasters, November 24-25, 2015, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Ashgabat Declaration),
- ◆ Regional Meeting of the Heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries on disaster risk reduction, March 31, 2017, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration),
- ◆ Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries, April 26-27, 2018, Almaty, Kazakhstan (Protocol of the Regional Forum),
- ◆ Regional Conference on DRR and implementation of the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction 2015-2030 in Central Asia, August 21, 2019, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Resolution),
- ◆ Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries, July 11-12, 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- ◆ Regional Consultative Online Meeting on strengthening regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction and implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Central Asia, December 10-11, 2020,
- ◆ Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries, November 4-5, 2021, Tashkent, Uzbekistan,

IN ORDER TO discuss issues and coordinate actions to strengthen regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction, climate change and emergency situations, implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR and the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation between Central Asian countries in DRR for 2022-2030, to establish early warning and mutual notification system on the threats and emergencies,

WITHIN THE FRAME OF the European Union funded action on [“ Strengthening financial resilience and accelerating risk reduction in Central Asia”](#), which is managed and implemented by the UNDRR, GFDRR, and World Bank in close cooperation with CESDRR,

ARE PLANNING TO HOLD THE NEXT REGIONAL FORUM

- MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

This high-level event is held within the framework of the permanent advisory platform - Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of emergency authorities of Central Asian countries, created to strengthen and develop regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction, prevention and response to emergency situations.

Organizers:

- ◆ Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan as a presiding party;
- ◆ Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of emergency authorities of Central Asian countries;
- ◆ European Union, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), and World Bank - technical and financial support.

Date and venue: from 4 to 6 October 2022, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan.

Format of a delegation from the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries: 1 + 5, including:

- 1 - Head of the delegation;
- 1 - Expert of the Working Group;
- 1 - Sendai Framework National Focal Point;
- 3 - Members of the RSTC (for participation in the meeting of the RSTC).

Expected total number of participants: 70-100 people.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE REGIONAL FORUM

(in summary - changes and amendments are possible)

3 OCTOBER, MONDAY	
Arrival of participants	
4 OCTOBER, TUESDAY	
Extended Meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council within the framework of the European Union funded "Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Risk Reduction in Central Asia" (SFRARR) Program implemented by the World Bank under the management of GFDRR	
08:30 -09:00 am	Registration of participants
9:00 -9:20 am	Introduction & greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative CESDRR - Representative of the EU - Representative of the World Bank - Representative of UNDRR
09:20–11:00 am	Regional Disaster Risk Assessment: Presentation of the final report and country summaries (including Q&A session), Consortium led by Risk, Engineering + Development (RED);
11:00–11:15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15–12:00 pm	Presentation of Disaster Risk Financing Concepts for the Central Asia region, Units of the World Bank’s Global Practice on Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation;
12:00–1:00 pm	Presentation of “Adaptive Social Protection System Assessment in Central Asia” country report for the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, Units of the World Bank’s Global Practice on Social Protection and Labor;
1:00–2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	“Developing a Disaster Risk Transfer Facility in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region”: program outputs presentation. Asian Development Bank and Consortium led by Willis Towers Watson (WTW);
2:30–3.00 pm	Experience of applying the results of the SFRARR Program, Units of the World Bank’s Global Practice on Environment;
3:00–4.00 pm	“Strengthening disaster resilience in Central Asia”, UNDRR
4:00–4:15 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15–6:00 pm	Roundtable: “Next steps: How SFRARR outputs can be leveraged going forward.”
5 OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY	
Review progress, tasks, and identification of action plans for the priorities of the Action Plan (Roadmap) on the implementation of the Strategy for the development of cooperation between Central Asian countries in DRR.	
09:00–10:50 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority 1: Strengthening regional institutional legal framework for disaster risk governance. ○ Priority 2: Enhancing knowledge and understanding of disaster risk, especially of a transboundary nature.
10:50–11:10 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:10–1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority 3: Investing in DRR at the regional level. ○ Priority 4: Strengthening disaster preparedness.
1:00–2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00–3:00 pm	Improve the monitoring of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR. Meeting of the technical focal points for the Sendai Framework, representatives of relevant ministries, and experts from international organizations.

3:00–6:00 pm	Meeting of the Working Group (experts) of the Regional Forum. Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries
7:00 pm	<i>Dinner on behalf of the organizers (limited to a separate list of invitees)</i>
6 October, Thursday	
Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries	
09:00–09:30 am	Welcome speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan - Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for DRR - Representative of the European Union - Representative of the GFDRR/World Bank - Secretary General of the International Civil Defense Organization - United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan
09:30–10:15 am	Speeches of the Heads of Delegations of Central Asian countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Republic of Kazakhstan - Kyrgyz Republic - Republic of Tajikistan - Turkmenistan - Republic of Uzbekistan
PLENARY SESSION.	
Development of the regional cooperation of Central Asian countries in DRR, <i>Achievements, challenges, proposals.</i>	
10:15–11:00 am	Implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) on the implementation of the Strategy for development of cooperation of Central Asian countries in DRR in 2022 and the Action Plan for 2023-2024. Progress and Plans. <i>CESDRR</i>
11:00–11:30 am	<i>Coffee break, group photo, press interview</i>
11:30–12:15 pm	Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Central Asia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of UNDRR - Representatives of CA countries - Representatives of international organizations - development partners
12:15–1:00 pm	Strengthening resilience of Central Asian countries to climate change. Climate forecast. Experience of Adaptation to Climate Change in Tajikistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of UNDRR - Representative of CESDRR - Representatives of CA countries - Representatives of international organizations - development partners
1:00–2:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
Parallel sessions:	
Session 1. Prospects for a Regional Early Warning System and Implementation of Information and Communication Technology for DRR in Central Asia <i>Achievements, challenges, proposals</i>	
2:00–3:40 pm	On measures to establish the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Notification System on the threat and emergence of emergency situations (<i>CESDRR</i>)
	On measures for implementation of innovative information and communication technologies for DRR (<i>CESDRR</i>)
	Expansion and modernization of the Sarez Lake monitoring and early warning system
	Operation of the Sarez Lake monitoring and early warning system
3:30 – 4:30 pm	DRR cooperation in Central Asia in 2023: Aligning international programmes with national and regional priorities. <i>Achievements, challenges, proposals</i>
Session2. Measures to Strengthen Regional Resilience of Central Asian countries to Multiple Risks <i>Achievements, challenges, proposals.</i>	
2:00–3:40 pm	Strengthening capacity to reduce seismic risk on the territory of Tajikistan
	Modern and innovative methods for monitoring of glaciers, snow cover and breakthrough glacial lakes under climate change
	Prevention of dangerous hydrological phenomena on the rivers of Tajikistan
3:40–4:00 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
CLOSING PLENARY SESSION	

4:00–5:00 pm	<p>DRR cooperation in Central Asia in 2023: Aligning international programmes with national and regional priorities. Risk of man-made and industrial disasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporter on Priority 1 - Reporter on Priority 2 - Reporter on Priority 3 - Reporter on Priority 4 - Representatives of international organizations - development partners (<i>RSTC</i>)
5:00–5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the Final Document - the Protocol of the Regional Forum - Closing remarks - Summary of the results of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries
5:30-6:00 pm	Press-conference
7:00 pm	<i>Dinner on behalf of the Government of Tajikistan (limited to a separate list of invitees)</i>

7 October, Friday

Departure of participants

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE REGIONAL FORUM -MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

5-6 November 2022, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, chaired by the Tajik side

1. *Discussed, agreed and adopted decisions aimed at further strengthening regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction, climate change and emergency situations within the framework of:*

- ✓ *Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030;*
- ✓ *Strategy for the development of cooperation between Central Asian countries of in DRR for 2022-2030;*
- ✓ *UNDDR Initiative "Building disaster resilience and accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia";*
- ✓ *European Union and the GFDRR/World Bank program on "Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Risk Reduction".*

2. *The Plan of practical measures (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the development of cooperation between Central Asian countries in DRR for 2023-2024 was approved in 4 priority areas:*

- ✓ *Strengthening regional institutional and legal framework for disaster risk management;*
- ✓ *Enhancing the knowledge and understanding of disaster risk, especially of a transboundary nature;*
- ✓ *Investment in DRR at the regional level;*
- ✓ *Strengthening disaster preparedness.*

3. *Measures to create a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Notification System on the threat and emergency situations of a transboundary nature are identified and approved*

4. *Measures have been identified and the Action Plan for 2023-2024 for the introduction of innovative information and communication technologies in Central Asian countries for disaster risk reduction (ICT, UAV, GIS, mapping, and so on...).*

5. *Measures to strengthen the resilience of Central Asian countries to climate change are discussed, agreed and defined.*

6. *Initiatives, programs and projects in disaster risk reduction, climate change and emergency situations, planned for implementation with the support of donor agencies and international organizations, in 2023-2024 in Central Asian countries are discussed and agreed.*

7. *Decisions on holding the next regional forum- Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2023 or 2024 are agreed and adopted*

8. *The final document – Protocol of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency authorities of Central Asian Countries, November 06, 2022, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan. (signed by the heads of delegations of the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries) is adopted.*