



# International Recovery Forum 2012

~ Regional Cooperation for Resilient Recovery ~

**Kobe Portopia Hotel**  
**January 19-20, 2012, Kobe, Japan**

## Overview

Large scale natural disasters often overwhelm the capacity of governments, not only for effective response but for long term recovery and reconstruction as well. Recent experiences such as the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, the Haiti Earthquake of January 12, 2010, and the flooding in Pakistan clearly illustrate the need for surge capacity and ex-ante planning in disaster response and recovery. This gap could be addressed through further strengthening of regional cooperation for recovery and reconstruction. Such a mechanism can contribute to reinforcing regional integration, sharing of experiences and transfer of expertise, setting and promoting best practices, defining strategies and action plans, joint implementation of projects on recovery, and strengthening the capacities of regional, national and local authorities. Some of these actions are more efficient ex-ante rather than ex-post.

Mandated to address gaps in recovery, the International Recovery Forum 2012 aims to explore mechanisms for regional cooperation for promoting resilient recovery and reconstruction. The Forum will aim to -

- Share experiences and lessons from recent recovery operations especially East Japan
- Discuss lessons from regional cooperation initiatives in the context of disaster recovery and reconstruction, with specific reference to -
  - a. Knowledge management mechanisms
  - b. Ex-ante capacity building for recovery planning
  - c. Technology transfer for early warning, mitigation, preparedness, response

## Expected Outputs

The Forum 2012 will produce:

- Components of a Regional Cooperation Framework for resilient recovery and identification of success factors thereof
- Recommendations for strengthening capacities of regional IGOs and other regional bodies to better address the needs of disaster prone countries for resilient recovery
- Recommendations for greater sharing of recovery planning knowledge and experiences amongst the IGOs through a global networking mechanism, as well as between IGOs and national and local governments
- Forum Summary (containing lessons from recent recovery operations, to be presented at the International Conference on Large Scale Disasters proposed for July 2012 in Japan)

## Organizers

International Recovery Platform (IRP) partners and Disaster Research Institute Japan

## Participants

Approximately 50 delegates from IRP community of practice including professionals, regional IGOs, national and local governments, and academia



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## Proposed Program

**Day 1 (19 January, Thursday)**

### International Recovery Forum pre-event Technical guidance and support to countries after large scale disasters – role of ex-ante capacities at regional and national levels

09:00 – 09:15	Introductions
09:15 – 09:30	Financing Options for DRR and recovery planning <i>Asian Development Bank</i>
09:30 – 10:10	IGO Presentations: <b>What regional organizations offer for recovery?</b> (40 minutes) <i>ASEAN, SAARC, SOPAC, &amp; CDEMA</i>
10:10 – 10:40	Country Presentations: <b>What countries expect from regional organizations?</b> (30 minutes) <i>China, Haiti, and Indonesia</i>
10:40 – 10:50	<b>Tea Break</b>
10:50 – 12:00	Group Discussions: <b>Components of Regional Cooperation Framework for Resilient Recovery</b> (Recommendations to address gaps in <i>Knowledge Management, Ex-ante Capacity Building, and Technology Transfer</i> )
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>DRI Forum 2012 Program (Portopia Hotel)</b>	
13:30 – 13:40	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Mr. Toshitami Kaihara, DRA Chairperson
13:40 – 14:00	<b>Keynote Speech</b> “Learning from Tsunami Disaster – Building Safe Society” Prof. Yoshiaki Kawata, Executive Director DRI and Member Reconstruction Design Council in the Great East Japan Earthquake
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Speech 1:</b> “Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Efforts for the Reconstruction” Mr. Shigeru Sugahara, Mayor of Kesenuma City, Miyagi Prefecture, Tohoku Region
14:20 – 14:35	<b>Tea Break</b>
14:35 – 14:55	<b>Speech 2:</b> “Lessons from the Indian Ocean Tsunami and Recovery Process” Mr. Eddy Purwanto, Deputy for Public Governance, Office of the Vice President Government of Indonesia, and former COO of BRR
14:55 – 15:15	<b>Speech 3:</b> “Lessons from major Tsunami disasters in catastrophic disaster risk management” Dr. Srikantha Herath, United Nations University
15:15 – 15:35	<b>Speech 4:</b> “Tsunami Disaster of the East Japan Earthquake and Issues in Rehabilitation and Reconstruction” Dr. Fumihiko Imamura, Professor of Tohoku University graduate school engineering graduate course
15:35 – 15:45	<b>Activities of DRA Member Organizations in the East Japan Earthquake</b>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Tea Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> [Topic: Learning from Tsunami Disaster and Preparing for Large Scale Disaster] <i>Panelists:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Eddy Purwanto, Deputy for Public Governance, Government of Indonesia</li> <li>2. Dr. Srikantha Herath, United Nations University</li> <li>3. Prof. Fumihiko Imamura, Tohoku University &amp; Member Study Group of Design Council</li> <li>4. Prof. Yoshiaki Kawata, Executive Director DRI &amp; Member Reconstruction Design Council</li> </ol> <i>Moderator:</i> Prof. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, ICHARM/UNESCO

### 11<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting (session with VC)

17:30~19:30	<u>Kobe</u> (Observers: invited developing countries + IGOs)
[09:30~11:30]	VC with Geneva and Brussels

## Day 2 (20 January, Friday)

### International Recovery Forum

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Remarks</b> - Chair IRP - Vice Chair IRP
09:15 – 09:35	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Governor, Hyogo Prefecture
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Keynote Speech</b> UNDP - Regional Perspectives in DRR and Recovery
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Tea Break</b>
10:15 – 11:40	<b>Special Report and Regional Mechanisms for DRR in Asia</b> (1) <b>Recovery Initiatives from the Great East Japan Earthquake</b> (20 minutes) Mayor Minami Sanriku Town [Miyagi Prefecture Tohoku Region] (2) <b>Regional Cooperation for Great East Japan Earthquake Recovery</b> (20 minutes) Superintendent, Hyogo Prefecture (3) <b>Thailand Floods of 2011: Response and Plan for Recovery</b> (15 minutes) Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Thailand (4) <b>ADRC Presentation</b> (15 minutes) <i>Chair:</i> Indonesia (15 minutes introduction)
11:40-12:30	<b>Green Recovery Initiatives</b> (1) Debris management and green jobs reconstruction (Haiti) (20 minutes) (2) Launching of ILO initiatives (15minutes) <i>Chair:</i> ILO (15 minutes for introduction and questions)
12:30 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH RECEPTION</b>
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Strategy for Regional Frameworks</b> <i>The World Bank</i>
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Mechanisms of Regional Cooperation: Experiences and Lessons on Recovery &amp; Preparedness</b> (1) <b>ASEAN</b> (15 minutes) (2) <b>SOPAC</b> (15 minutes) (3) <b>SAARC</b> (15 minutes) (4) <b>CDEMA</b> (15 minutes) <i>Chair:</i> UNDP (15 minutes for introduction and questions)
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Tea Break</b>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Regional Initiatives and Frameworks for DRR and Recovery</b> <i>Asian Development Bank</i>
<b>Panel Discussion: Ex-ante Regional Cooperation Arrangements for Recovery</b>	
16:15 – 18:15	<b>Presentation of Group Outputs: Recommendations</b> (30 minutes) <b>Discussions</b> (90 minutes) <i>Panelists:</i> (1) Hyogo Prefecture (2) Minami Sanriku (3) SAARC (4) ASEAN (5) SOPAC (6) CDEMA <i>Moderator:</i> UNISDR
18:15 – 18:30	<b>Wrap up &amp; Closing</b> Cabinet Office of Japan