

Report on the inception meeting of Regional Steering Group

South East and East Asia

Workshop Date: August 23 – 24, 2017

Workshop Venue: Hotel Evergreen Palace, Bangkok

Participants:

Country	Organisation	Name of the Participants
Philippines	Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)	Loreine B. Dela Cruz
Cambodia	Save the Earth Cambodia	Sano Akteruzzaman
Vietnam	Development Workshop France (DWF)	Mr. Guillaume Chantry
Philippines	Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)	Lorna P. Victoria
China	Green Camel Bell	Dr. Zhang Hai (could not attend)
Japan	Japan CSO Coalition for DRR (JCC-DRR)	Simon Rogers (could not attend)
Indonesia	YAKKUM Emergency Unit	Hepi Rahmawati
	Resilience Development Initiative (RDI)	Dr. Saut Sagala
Myanmar	Community Development Association	Mr. Win Htut Thein
	Agency for Basic Community Development	Dr. Maung John (could not attend)
Philippines	Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)	Zenaida Willison

Workshop Proceeding:

- ❖ After the first introductory session, the workshop kicked off with a brief history and the journey GNDR went through during the last 10 years. The recollection was shared by Zenaida Willison, independent Board Member and one of the thinking hats behind the inception of GNDR as a network.
- ❖ National focal points and members of the regional steering group worked together to prioritize tasks and responsibilities for national and regional level. See below for the agreed set of activities.
- ❖ In the next session, Country Positioning Presentation from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam were presented. The presentations are available at Dropbox in this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hcx4ulhpp28b96q/AAAb9FbnDEqtlE0eaiBnZc4Za?dl=0>

There were no presentation from Japan, China or Korea as the focal points there could not make it to the workshop.

- ❖ The secretariat presented an update on the ongoing and upcoming programs of GNDR. The interactive session was also complemented with the sharing of the other priority actions of the Secretariat currently being perused.
- ❖ A session on the possible intervention points for the national focal points and regional steering group was followed by. It was mainly a brainstorming session on how effectively the focal points can ensure their participation and contribution on GNDR priority actions and program.
- ❖ The second day started with a brief presentation (it was not finalized by then) on the financial out-look of the network. The secretariat presented an overview of current funding available and others in the pipeline.
- ❖ A brainstorming session was followed by focusing on the opportunities and scope of raising fund at the national and regional level.
- ❖ The workshop concluded with the presentation, adoption and agreeing on prioritized actions and operational decision on the management of RSG.

Output and agreed actions from the workshop:

Prioritized tasks and responsibilities for NFPs and RSG:

1. Membership recruitment
2. Membership engagement
3. Leadership
4. Promoting/facilitating collaboration

Prioritized activities under different strategic objectives:

Objective 1: Increase the impact of civil society at various level

- VFL
 - Source of evidence and findings
 - Monitoring and policy advocacy using the findings
 - Advocacy & campaigns for raising awareness
- CBDRM from theory to practice
- Participation in AMCDRR, Global Platform facilitate SDG, CC and SFDRR
- Ensure Input to the national country report
- Capacity Development (Training, cross learning, CBDA)

Objective 2: Enhance collaboration capacity of CSOs

- VFL – Strengthen Collaboration
- National Consultation – Presentation of VFL findings.
- National CSO summit/conference
- Local dialogue for greater collaboration

Objective 3: Knowledge creation and co-creation

- VFL – Practitioners workshop at national, regional and global level.

Fund raising (local and regional level):

- Proposal Development Workshop (may be including donors)
- Respond to call for proposal through secretariat (EU funding)
- Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (research communication and capacity development)
- UNISDR – sponsorship for funding to attend regional and global events.
- Submitting thematic session, participate as a speaker
- Realignment of objective like with Act Alliance
- Regional Donor Mapping
- Private donor and government funding
- GFDRR, ADB – WB
- Forming a regional team for proposal development

Key decisions made:

- GNDR Regional Representative (Member of the Global Board, currently Lorna Victoria) by default will serve as the 'Chair' of the Regional Steering Group.
- Selection of vice chair was put on hold and decided to take up in the next meeting.
- Regional Development Coordinator from the GNDR secretariat will act the member secretary with responsibilities of organizing, documenting and disseminating workshop proceeding.
- Two email groups will be formed; one for the members of the RSGs and another for all the National Focal Points.
- SEA face book groups name need to be changed to reflect the inclusion of East Asia.
- Online meeting should be organized through GoToMeeting and it was decided to organize the next meeting on Oct 10 through online platform.
- Decision making of the RSG will be done on a 'majority' voting basis. However, to fulfill the quorum of the meeting, at least 5 members (out of 7) of the RSG need to be present.
- Issues of accountability and governance were deferred to take up on the next RSG meeting once the re-categorization of the membership is done.
- Secretariat should share the clearer picture of the regional budget once done and available.
- Venue of the next face to face RSG meeting should be changed from Bangkok to somewhere else, if possible.

Important update after the meeting:

- Sano Akhteruzzaman from STEC, Cambodia, resigned from the Regional Steering Group and as a consequence the position for both NFP and Cambodian representative for RSG now stands vacant.
- Loran P. Victoria after successful completion of her 3 year term of office resigned from the Board. The process of selecting new regional representative is now on-going and once someone is selected for the position, s/he will also chair the current RSG.

Photographs from the Workshop:



Workshop in session – Day 1



Workshop in session – Day 2



Hepi from Indonesia sharing her thoughts



On way to dinner: when a 10 mins journey turns to 140 minutes due to BKK traffic



Group Photo - 01



Group Photo - 02



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