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Summary

On July 2, 2024, DPNet Nepal organized a virtual preparatory meeting for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR). The meeting, attended by around 60 participants, including key figures such as Mr. Anil Pokhrel (Executive Chief of NDRRMA) and Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal (Chief of Disaster Management Division, MoHA), focused on updating and prioritizing preparatory activities. Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson of DPNet, emphasized the significance of the conference, scheduled for October 2024, and highlighted the need for effective collaboration, registration, and communication among stakeholders to ensure a well-coordinated presence. The discussions also addressed challenges in disaster risk reduction (DRR), emphasizing the importance of collective efforts and strategic planning for Nepal's participation in the conference.

On July 15, 2024, DPNet Nepal, in partnership with DiMaNN and NCDMC, held a discussion on enhancing DRR through collaboration. Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa led the event, addressing recent disaster impacts and highlighting the role of these networks in DRR advocacy and grassroots implementation. Dr. Raju Thapa emphasized the need for sustained network efforts beyond project funding and encouraged including these networks in development proposals. The event featured discussions on the strengths and future plans of the networks, the importance of collaboration, and the need for integrating local and international efforts in disaster preparedness.

On August 7, 2024, DPNet Nepal coordinated a meeting to prepare for the APMCDRR 2024. Key figures, including Mr. Anil Pokhrel from NDRRMA and Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal from MoHA, discussed the conference's objectives, including disaster risk financing and inclusive governance. Dr. Raju Thapa emphasized the need for a common position paper, sustainable DRR investments, and increased visibility for Nepal's efforts. Key decisions included forming a preparatory committee and drafting committee, requesting contributions to a basket fund, and preparing a National Disaster Report. The meeting aimed to align Nepal's DRR presentation and enhance international collaboration.

On August 7, 2024, DPNet Nepal hosted a virtual program to orient the DPNet Provincial Committee and plan for World Humanitarian Day. The meeting, led by Mr. Suraj Gautam, discussed the draft DPNet Province Committee Regulation, 2081, which aims to structure and govern provincial committees. Dr. Raju Thapa presented the regulation, and Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa outlined plans for World Humanitarian Day celebrations in Karnali. Feedback on the draft regulation was collected and was ensured to be incorporated into the final version.

APMCDRR Preparatory Meeting-2024



On July 2nd 2024, DPNet Nepal organized a virtual program for the APMCDRR Preparatory Meeting. The meeting was graced by the presence of Mr. Anil Pokhrel, Executive Chief of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), and Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and was attended by various stakeholders and member organizations of DPNet with about 60 participants.

The program was facilitated by Mr. Suraj Gautam, General Secretary, DPNet. Mr. Gautam welcomed the guests Dr. Bhisma K Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division, MoHA, Mr. Anil Pokhrel, Executive Chief, NDRRMA, and all the virtual participants joining the Preparatory Meeting. Mr. Gautam also highlighted the role of DPNet as a secretariat to the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) and also iterated the fact that the APMCDRR is just 103 days away from today. Similarly, Mr. Gautam highlighted the objective of the program to update the preparatory activities and prioritize the remaining preparatory works.

Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson, DPNet Nepal, provided a brief introduction highlighting the significance of APMCDRR 2024. Dr. Thapa outlined the primary objectives and goals of the preparatory meeting, which included setting the stage for the upcoming conference, identifying key areas of focus and priority actions, and fostering stakeholder engagement and collaboration. A comprehensive presentation covered the agenda for APMCDRR 2024, expected outcomes, and the roadmap to achieving the goals by 2030. The presentation highlighted the importance of collective efforts and innovative approaches to disaster risk reduction (DRR) in the region. Dr Thapa shared that APMCDRR occurs every two years and previously known as AMCDRR, the name was changed to APMCDRR in 2022 as Australia

was included. In 2023, a midterm review of the Sendai Framework was conducted, and this year's objective is to address the remaining goals needed to fulfill the Sendai Framework. The introductory meeting for APMCDRR 2024, themed "Eyes on 2030: Enhancing Ambition in Asia-Pacific," provided an overview scheduled for October 14-17, 2024, in Manila. The conference focused on practical solutions to enhance disaster risk financing, gender-responsive and inclusive disaster risk governance, and localization and resilience in urban and rural areas. Key areas of focus included sustainable investments in DRR, the role of technology and knowledge, and multi-stakeholder collaboration. The cross-cutting themes emphasized the integration of science and technology, convergence across DRR, climate, and development, and private sector engagement. Dr. Thapa also discussed the challenges and opportunities in DRR, aiming to enhance resilience and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. He stated that Nepal's participation in APMCDRR, under NPDRR and coordinated by DPNet, involved developing a common position paper, raising funds through a basket fund, and ensuring visibility for all contributors. Planned activities included attending main and parallel sessions, participating in sideline events, and managing the marketplace. He added that preparatory efforts involved organizing a basket fund, creating an official statement and position paper, producing a short video, and holding coordination and pre-departure meetings among prospective participants.

Discussion Session

In the discussion session, participants raised various issues concerning the preparation of the position paper and the registration process for the upcoming APMCDRR conference. They inquired about the number of people who had already registered and those who had yet to do so, emphasizing the need for discussions after receiving registration confirmations to determine the number of participants and the extent of preparation required. This highlights the necessity for organized planning and effective communication among all stakeholders to ensure a well-coordinated presence at the conference. Concerns were also raised regarding whether organizations should register individually or as groups, and it was clarified that registration should be done individually. Additionally, questions about the organization of the next preparatory meeting were addressed, with the response indicating that it would be conducted within a loose network. This part of the discussion highlights the need for clear guidelines and efficient coordination in the preparatory activities, ensuring that all participants are well-prepared and aligned with the collective goals for APMCDRR 2024. The emphasis on individual registration and networked planning reflects a strategic approach to fostering collaboration and comprehensive engagement among the various stakeholders involved.

Registration Link: <https://apmcdrr.undrr.org/2024/register-apmcdrr>

Remarks

Dr. Bhishma K Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division, MoHA, thanked all the participants and emphasized that lessons learned from past hazards are often forgotten. Dr. Bhusal highlighted the strong sense of volunteering among Nepalese, which can be

showcased at the conference. He also suggested demonstrating the functionality of the Bipad portal, which facilitates inter-organizational collaboration in DRR. He requested development partner to strengthen the capacity of NDRRMA. He identified a gap where efforts often focused on individual benefits and easy tasks, stressing the need for better coordination and consideration of national priorities in DRR activities. The Jajarkot earthquake illustrated the gap in learning from past disasters. He observed a lack of coordination between the government and NGOs/INGOs in his recent observation and stressed the importance of working together for a better future.

Mr. Anil Pokhrel, Executive Chief, NDRRMA, acknowledged Dr. Raju Thapa's vital role in last year's APMCDRR, thanking him for his hard work and effective coordination of the 2023 conference preparations. He noted Dr. Bhusal's experience in the field of DRR and emphasized the need to create a task force and a WhatsApp group for APMCDRR 2024 similar to last year, for better coordination as early as possible. He mentioned that Ms. Smita from NDRRMA who look after NPDRR would assist in the process. He highlighted the necessity of collectively preparing for this year's theme and determining what works related to risk financing, multi-hazard risk assessment, and early warning systems in Nepal could be showcased. He emphasized discrete actions and clear roles and responsibilities. Continuous update reporting was recommended to ensure thorough preparation. Mr. Pokhrel expressed confidence that, with the experience gained from last year, better results could be achieved. He concluded the program by stressing the importance of discussing and preparing the program highlights and showcasing the work done by NPDRR and the BIPAD portal, emphasizing collective effort for success.

Discussion Program on Engaging DRR Networks in Disaster Management



On July 15, 2024, DPNet Nepal, in collaboration with the Disaster Management Network Nepal (DiMaNN) and the National Network of Community Disaster Management Committees

(NCDMC), organized a discussion program focused on engaging DRR Networks in DRR. Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, DPNet IPP and Chair of DiMaNN, facilitated the event, outlining its objectives. Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson of DPNet Nepal, chaired the program.

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa addressed the recent significant losses in Nepal caused by fires and monsoon-induced disasters. He outlined the objective of DPNet Nepal, which is to coordinate and collaborate among NGOs, INGOs, academia, the UN, and other stakeholders, as the NPDRR secretariat. Mr. Thapa emphasized that DiMaNN, a civil society member organization, and NCDMC, a community-level national network, along with DPNet, focus on advocacy efforts. DiMaNN and NCDMC concentrate on grassroots-level implementation. The networks collectively aim to leverage their strengths and collaborate with National and International development partners to achieve common objectives.

Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson, DPNet Nepal, emphasized that while Nepal has many networks, most are project-based, however, networks like DPNet, DiMaNN, and NCDMC, can survive without donor support. He expressed gratitude to the Nepal Red Cross Society for providing space for DPNet Nepal and highlighted the important roles played by DiMaNN and NCDMC. Dr. Thapa requested development partners to include organizations like DPNet Nepal, DiMaNN, and NCDMC in project proposals. He stressed that sharing best practices through these three networks can help disseminate information among like-minded stakeholders. Dr. Thapa introduced DPNet Nepal, providing insights into its support mechanisms. He explained that DPNet Nepal, as the secretariat of NPDRR, coordinates national and international events like GPDRR, APMCDRR. With provincial committees in all seven provinces and around 171 member organizations, DPNet Nepal facilitate to prepare position papers and official statements through coordination and collaboration building common consensus. He also mentioned the organization's online resource center with over 1,600 resources and highlighted the qualitative Situation Analysis Reports for Bajhang and Jajarkot, e-bulletins, and weekly updates. Dr. Thapa outlined several potential areas for collaboration. These include establishing and strengthening provincial platforms for DRR, and hosting a national conference for learning and sharing. Additionally, he suggested planning and hosting provincial learning-sharing conferences, organizing a national conference on Chure issues, and advocating on relevant areas. He also highlighted DPNet's work on monsoon-induced disasters, including collecting and compiling media-generated information for record-keeping and its potential implications for future planning during monsoon preparedness. He added, "We are planning for the photo exhibition on Monsoon induced disaster content in coordination with Media after the end of Monsoon." Dr. Thapa requested development partners to consider these potential areas of collaboration with DPNet Nepal and to include a component for networks like theirs in project proposals.

Mr. Rohit Kumar Yadav, Technical Advisor, DiMaNN, explained that DiMaNN was formally established in 2007 with a vision focused on community resilience, collaboration, and networking. The main concern is how to connect efforts from the grassroots level. DiMaNN is a member of International Networks like the Asian DRR Network and the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). The objectives include

capacitating volunteers and grassroots-level volunteers, bringing learnings from the grassroots level to the upper levels, and harmonizing DRR and resilience concepts. Addressing hurdles in achieving the SDGs, particularly concerning Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), and implementing the DRM Act at the local level to support marginalized populations are also within DiMaNN's scope of work. The organization aims to take community-level innovations and good practices to the national level, focusing on capacity building, strengthening, and policy advocacy. Mr. Yadav highlighted the challenges in DRR governance, knowledge management, institutional development, research, and documentation. He acknowledged the strengths of DiMaNN and emphasized the need for its inclusion in proposals for lobbying and working areas. He advocated for the utilization of local resources and collaboration with local organizations. He also shared DiMaNN's organizational structure and its major ongoing activities, including learning-sharing sessions, awareness programs, seminars, technical support, and linkages with member organizations. Furthermore, Mr. Rohit outlined DiMaNN's future plans, which include improving disaster governance, providing training to local government representatives and civil society, organizing exposure visits, and promoting indigenous knowledge.

Mr. Bishnu Timilsina, General Secretary, DiMaNN, discussed various activities performed by DiMaNN, including celebrating national and international days, conducting virtual sessions, organizing workshops, sensitizing the media about its role, and raising school awareness regarding DRR. He mentioned advocating for incorporating many points into the directives issued by the National Human Rights Commission that directly related to disaster management including dignified humanitarian support. DiMaNN has also collaborated with the National Human Rights Commission and engaged national and international volunteers.

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, highlighted that significant economic resources have been invested in DRR policy and regulation by development sectors. This effort culminated in the formulation of the DRRM Act and the establishment of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). He noted that DiMaNN has been closely working with the National Human Rights Commission to formulate various policy documents.

Shyam Babu Kattel, Chairperson, NCDMC, emphasized the organization's deep roots in the community, unlike project-based networks that dissolve once their projects end, NCDMC continues its work at the community level, connecting various local networks into a cohesive national network. Established in 2068 BS, NCDMC includes national, international, and local networks working on disaster management, aiming to enhance collaboration with the government. The organization ensures representation at all levels and raises awareness about human rights across communities in Nepal. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NCDMC's programs and projects were affected, but they continued to support virtually. They have also advocated for forming local DRR funds and successfully pushed for a compensation policy for disaster-related deaths. NCDMC held its 4th General Assembly on Asar 16-17, 2081 BS, and organized policy dialogues, meetings with government and non-governmental organizations, and capacity-building activities, including volunteer training. Mr. Kattel highlighted the need for collaboration, expressing that NCDMC works in a collaborative way

to advance disaster preparedness practices. The network comprises 704 CDMCs with around 5,000 people involved.

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, pointed out that organizations like NCDMC, which are movement-based rather than proposal-based, offer valuable learning opportunities. He requests collaboration among the three organizations to share best practices and strengthen their collective impact.

Open Discussion

Mr. Dinesh Baral, CBM shared the work of CBM, an organization focused on issue-based initiatives, particularly around disabilities. He noted that while CBM has an interest in DRM, there is a noticeable gap in expertise within this area. CBM primarily collaborates with networks focused on disabilities, and the concept of DRR is not well integrated into their work. Despite their interest, they face challenges in initiating DRM-focused projects and lack the expertise needed. He emphasized the need for strategies to introduce DRM concepts and expertise into their collaborations with NGOs.

Mr. Nilesh Nakarmi, Triangle emphasized the importance of NGOs working effectively beyond just their networks. During the earthquake, Triangle collaborated with various networks and received approval from donors for their efforts. However, in recent times, NGOs have faced challenges in coordinating DRR activities. To address this, they have integrated network-related components into their operations. Mr. Tamrakar praised DPNet's situational reports, which have been crucial for Triangle since they do not have a large team. Based on DPNet's reports, Triangle has coordinated with the District Administration Office (DAO) and provided timely support for transportation. He noted that there are still significant gaps at the provincial level and expressed that the DPNet provincial chapters will address these issues and be integrated into future plans.

Prem Chaudhary, Action Aid discussed the organization's long-standing engagement with DPNet in the past. During Mr. Shayam Gyawali's tenure, there was significant collaboration with NCDMC. At the field and district levels, Action Aid collaborates extensively with NGOs. They are active in 16-17 districts, focusing on how to integrate such networks into their working areas, utilizing expertise, and incorporating it into future plans. He emphasized the importance of increasing these collaborative efforts in the coming days.

Mr. Rabin Dahal, AIN representative from Save the Children, emphasized that networks operating at the grassroots level are highly advantageous for AIN. Currently, there is a strong push from international organizations towards localization, so it is crucial to collaborate with these networks. He pointed out the requirement for Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan to adopt a cluster approach, necessitating the inclusion of NCDMC components for sustainability. Mr. Dahal requested networks to submit proposals so that AIN can include their names in proposals to be submitted to donors. INGOs often require short-term volunteers at the community level, which is facilitated by networks operating there such as DPNet, DiMaNN, and NCDMC. Strategies tailored to these networks can significantly enhance response efforts. Collaboration with local volunteers is essential for immediate response

activities. Mr. Dahal also noted the existence of provincial-level committees within AIN, highlighting the need for coordination between DPNet's provincial committees and those of AIN. Mr. Dahal inquired about potential political influences within NCDMC, expressing concern about their impact on humanitarian operations.

Ms. Anjana Sharma, SOSEC mentioned that she was familiar with DPNet Nepal and its work areas. However, following this program, she intends to include the names of DiMaNN and NCDMC in proposals, aligning with their respective roles and requirements.

Ms. Salenaa Sangachhe, ASF discussed that since 2015, their organization has been providing technical support to vulnerable communities. Recognizing the need for technical support for landless individuals, they have recently started working with landless communities. She highlighted that despite being a member of DPNet, they hadn't had the opportunity to collaborate with them before. Ms. Sangachhe shared that now they have proposed a seminar with DPNet to address the national-level issues of landless individuals post-disaster. "We are inquiring about the further steps required for this proposal. It seems like this will be included in future plans as well", she added.

Mr. Jagganath Kurmi, EC member of DPNet Nepal, thanked the DPNet chair for these programs. He mentioned that Rabin Dahal has committed to providing volunteer support. He criticized the enormous spending on discussion program and stressed the need for establishing a disaster management fund. He concluded by urging everyone to work together collaboratively.

Mr. Santosh Neupane from NRCS, emphasized that the Red Cross operates extensively and its strength lies in its volunteers, with 90,000 volunteers in total. They are preparing their teams and considering whether to make communities more resilient through various forecast system. He suggested that these efforts should be included in the roadmap. He also mentioned that increased publicity and outreach would have made these initiatives even more effective.

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, mentioned that there are many other networks, and there is a need to mainstream them in ongoing work. He suggested that interactions and discussions should be aimed at mainstreaming these efforts and moving forward. Monthly dialogues have been held regularly, often with Action Aid. Our three networks can collaborate effectively on social inclusion and urban DRR. DPNet gathers participants and representatives from various organizations. We are all in the same boat, so we should work together.

Closing Remarks by Chair, Dr. Raju Thapa

Dr. Thapa praised the significant work done by Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, who, during his tenure as treasurer at the Social Welfare Council (SWC), started a disaster management fund. He emphasized that INGOs should allocate at least 10% of their budget to DRR. He noted that while the work done by INGOs has had a visible impact due to their substantial resources, the efforts by networks can also be significant, even though progress might be

slower due to limited resources. He highlighted the importance of network collaboration on crucial matters. Dr. Thapa also discussed the various works done by three organizations and echoed participant's sentiment about the need to move forward. He mentioned that there has been no significant work at the provincial level and stressed the need to connect with the AIN at the provincial level. He pointed out that there is no political influence in their network and requested incorporating efforts to build resilient communities. Lastly, he concluded the program by exploring how UN and INGO planning and strategies can incorporate such networks to enhance collective efforts in DRR.

DPNet Nepal Hosts Preparatory Meeting for APMCDRR 2024



On August 7, 2024, DPNet Nepal, acting as the Secretariat of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR), coordinated a meeting to discuss the preparatory work for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) 2024. The meeting was attended by key stakeholders, including Mr. Anil Pokhrel, Executive Chief of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), and Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division at the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), along with various organizations.

Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson of DPNet Nepal, highlighted the importance of APMCDRR 2024 as an important platform for advancing DRR across the Asia-Pacific region, aligning efforts with the Sendai Framework's 2030 goals. He outlined the preparatory meeting's objectives, which included setting the stage for the conference, focusing on key areas such as disaster risk financing and inclusive governance, and encouraging multi-stakeholder collaboration. Dr. Thapa emphasized the need for sustainable investments in DRR, the integration of technology, and the convergence of DRR with climate and development efforts. He also highlighted Nepal's participation, coordinated by DPNet under NPDRR, MoHA which involves developing a common position paper, raising funds through a basket fund, and ensuring visibility for all contributors. Additionally, Dr. Thapa called for the publication of the common position paper and official statement on international platforms, including ReliefWeb,

and making them accessible through a webpage and a Braille version. He also requested MoHA and NDRRMA to consider hosting the next APMCDRR in Nepal, given the country's vulnerability to disasters and climate change.

Dr. Dharam Upreti, representing the AIN, stressed the importance of sharing Nepal's outstanding achievements in DRR at APMCDRR. He shared his experience from APMCDRR 2022, where Practical Action set up a stall to showcase their work on early warning systems, and he encouraged thorough discussions in Nepal before attending the conference to ensure alignment among all participants. Similarly, Surya Bahadur Thapa, Chair of DPNet IPP and DiMaNN, highlighted the need for pre-consultation to prevent inconsistencies in the data and facts presented by different Nepali representatives at the international conference.

Mr. Anil Pokhrel, Executive Chief, NDRRMA reflected on the success of NPDRR's marketplace at APMCDRR 2022, which facilitated the sharing of Nepal's efforts in DRR. He suggested that Nepal could publish a National Disaster Report before attending APMCDRR 2024 and disseminate it during the conference. He also proposed the development of a comprehensive NPDRR website to promote the visibility of Nepal's DRR practices.

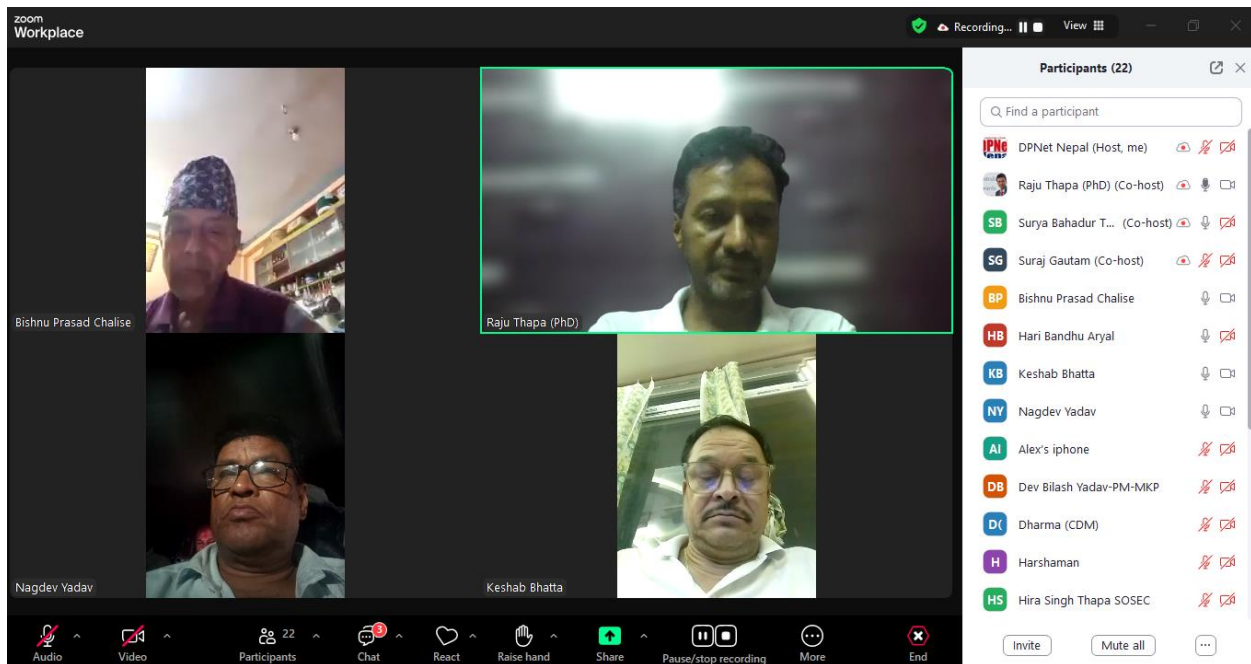
Dr. Bhisma K Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division, MoHA, emphasized the importance of preparing a well-crafted position paper and official statement, noting that Nepal's experiences and lessons learned would be valuable to other countries. He called for discipline and purpose among participants, urging them to create a positive impression of Nepal's DRR efforts at APMCDRR.

The meeting concluded with some key decisions:

- Requesting all UN agencies and INGOs to contribute to a basket fund for APMCDRR preparatory work.
- Forming an APMCDRR Preparatory Committee chaired by NPDRR Chair Anil Pokhrel and other members Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal, Chief of the Disaster Management Division at MoHA; Goma Chemjong from the NDRRMA; Santosh Dahal from the UNRCO; Sanjeev Shrestha from AIN; Umesh Dhakal from the NRCS ; Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson of DPNet Nepal; Surya Bahadur Thapa, Chair of DiMaNN; Kamala Panthi from the NPDRR Media Group; and Ishana Thapa from UN Women.
- Establishing an APMCDRR Position Paper Drafting Committee coordinated by NDRRMA's Goma Chemjong from NDRRMA and other members including Dr. Basanta Adhikari representing the Academia Group, Dr. Dharam Upreti from AIN, Dr. Raju Thapa from DPNet Nepal, and Santosh Dahal from UNRCO.

Lastly, in his concluding remarks, Mr. Anil Pokhrel thanked all participants for their active involvement and officially closed the program.

Orientation of the DPNet Provincial Committee and the celebration of World Humanitarian Day



On August 7th, 2024, DPNet Nepal organized a virtual program for the orientation of the DPNet Provincial Committee and the celebration of World Humanitarian Day. The meeting was attended by DPNet Nepal Province Coordinators along with Board members and representatives from member organizations. The program was facilitated by Mr. Suraj Gautam, General Secretary of DPNet. Mr. Gautam welcomed all the member organizations of DPNet Nepal and highlighted DPNet's role as the secretariat to the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR). He also emphasized that the program's objectives were to discuss the recently drafted DPNet Province Committee Regulation, 2081, and plans to observe World Humanitarian Day.

Dr. Raju Thapa, Chairperson, DPNet presented the recently drafted DPNet Province Committee Regulation, 2081. He illustrates that the DPNet established the Regulation to operationalize the functions, structure, and governance of its provincial committees, fostering resilience across provinces. The regulation outlines the committee's composition, election process, roles, and responsibilities, emphasizing inclusivity and effective disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives. It mandates regular and virtual meetings, decision-making processes, and financial management, including budget preparation and annual audits. The regulation ensures clear communication protocols and the establishment of a provincial secretariat for administrative tasks. Amendments and reviews are scheduled to maintain relevance, with existing committees continuing under this regulation until the next General Assembly elections. Input from the Provincial Committee Coordinators and board members was collected and incorporated accordingly into this draft.

Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, Immediate Past President of DPNet, highlighted the upcoming World Humanitarian Day celebration, scheduled for August 19. In previous years, DPNet has led this observance, and this year it will be organized in Karnali province, where KIRDARC and other organizations play a coordinating role. Mr. Thapa requested all DPNet Nepal Province Coordinators to collaborate with government and humanitarian organizations, such as NRCS, to organize events for World Humanitarian Day in their respective provinces. He also suggested that the format of the program could include interactive sessions and meetings to honor humanitarian workers, experience and challenges sharing events. Mr. Thapa mentioned that (International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction) IDDR Day, which falls on October 13, coincides with Dashain, so the celebration is planned to take place after returning from the APMCDRR event. He also emphasized the need for the formation of Provincial Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction (PPDRR) in each province. In Sudur Paschim Province, the PPDRR was already established with DPNet's facilitation, under the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law where the program was attended by the Chief Minister.

Various participants from all provinces provided feedback on the draft regulation and made common consensus on draft. Dr. Thapa, thanked all for their active participation and shared that all the valid feedback will be incorporated in the final regulation and circulated among DPNet members.