

Thematic Session at the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3rd APWS)

Water and Disasters in the Context of Climate Change - From the Mountains to the Islands -

Date: Monday, December 11, 2017 (Day 1)

Time: 13:30-17:00

(PART 1: 13:30-14:20, PART 2: 14:30-15:50, PART 3: 16:00-17:00)

Venue: MINDON ROOM, 2nd Floor, SEDONA HOTEL, YANGON

Session Organizer:

- International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHARM), Public Works Research Institute
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- Pacific Community (SPC)
- High-Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)

Program:

[PART 1] Keynote Speeches

Moderator: Dr. David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD

13:30-13:35 Briefing by Moderator

13:35-14:15 Keynote Speeches

- H. E. Dr. José Ramos-Horta, Senior Minister and National Security Advisor of the democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- H. E. Mr. Keiichi Ishii, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
- H. E. Dr. Swarnim Wagle, Vice Chair, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

14:15-14:20 Summary and closing by Moderator

[PART 2] Country Presentations

Moderator: Ms. Rhonda Robinson, SPC

14:30-15:50 Presentations from Asia-Pacific countries

- Myanmar:
 - Dr. Kyaw Moe Oo, Director General, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Ministry of Transport and Communications
 - U Kyaw Myint Hlaing, Director General, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
 - U Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Director General, Directorate of Water Resources and

Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport and Communications

- U Than Htut Swe, Deputy Director General, Relief and Resettlement Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
- Bhutan:
 - Ms. Tenzin Wangmo, Chief Environment Officer, National Environment Commission
- Indonesia:
 - Mr. Hary Suprayogi, Director, Directorate of River and Coastal, Directorate General of Water Resources, Ministry of Public Works and Housing
- Japan:
 - Prof. Akiyuki Kawasaki, Project Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Tokyo
- Korea:
 - Dr. Hong Ilpyo, Researcher Fellow, Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology
- Sri Lanka:
 - Mr. Wasantha Bandara Palugaswewa, Director of Irrigation (Water Management & Training), Irrigation Department
- Tonga
 - Mr. Paula Ma'u, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Climate Change and Communications

[PART 3] Panel Discussion

Co-Chair: Dr. Kyaw Moe Oo, Director General, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar

Prof. Toshio Koike, Director, ICHARM, Japan

16:00-16:10 Briefing by Co-Chair

16:10-16:55 Statement by Panelists and Floor Discussion

- Dr. Mandira Shrestha, ICIMOD
- Mr. David Hebblethwaite, SPC
- Dr. Hans Thulstrup, UNESCO-Jakarta
- Prof. Atsushi Sunami, Vice President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan (GRIPS)
- Mr. Eugene Ban, Senior Executive and Director of Programs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division

16:55-17:00 Closing by Co-Chair