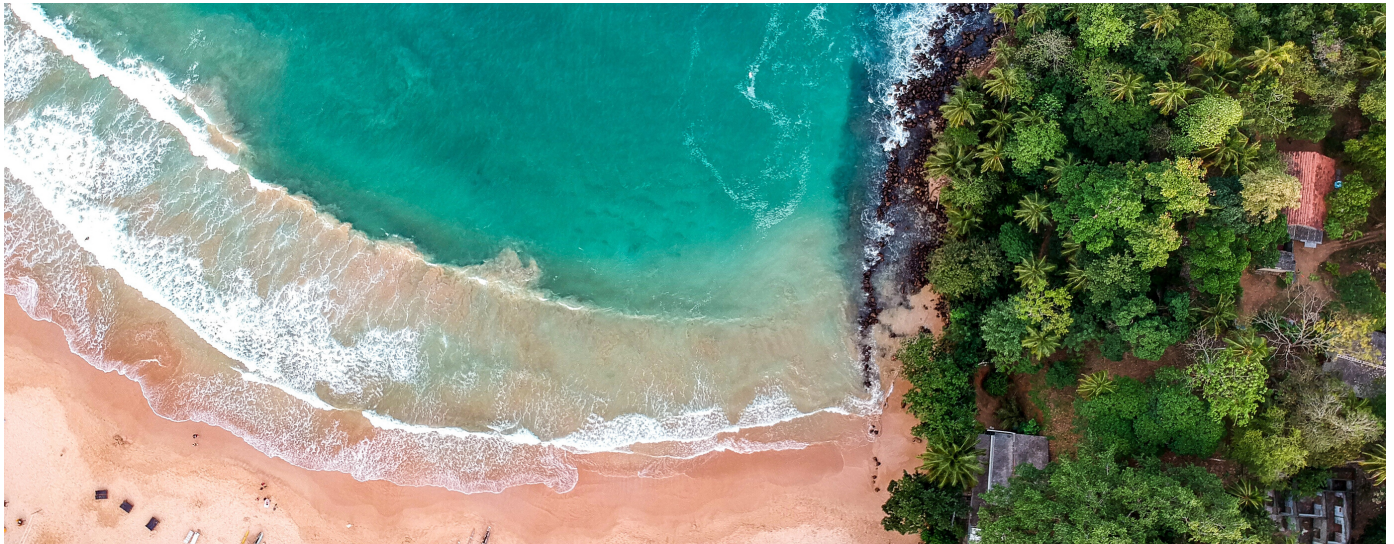


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Association for Disaster Risk Management Professionals



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Disaster Risk Reduction

In May 2015, the UN General Assembly endorsed the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), which was adopted by UN Member States in March 2015. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction charts the global course over the next 15 years. It recognises that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk, but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders. It urges to better understand disaster risk, strengthen disaster risk governance, invest in disaster risk reduction and enhance disaster response to 'Build Back Better'. Its implementation compels the channeling of expertise from multiple disciplines for informed decision making and innovative policy formulation. During the consultations and negotiations that led to the finalisation of the Sendai framework, strong calls were made to develop practical, evidence-based guidance to support implementation, ensure engagement and ownership of action by all stakeholders, and strengthen accountability in disaster risk reduction.

Reducing disaster risk is an issue cutting across different sectors, which requires trans-disciplinary and trans-boundary approaches with the support of the natural and social sciences, including for natural hazards and applied fields such as health, agriculture, economics, environment, engineering and technology. This necessitates a professional approach to their management as relevant competencies have to be developed continuously.

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In Sri Lanka, recognition of disaster risk reduction (DRR) as a core competency of professional disciplines is yet to be achieved. This is also the ground reality in South Asia. Realizing this, the SAARC Disaster Management Centre has initiated a process to bring together a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to serve its member countries to provide policy advice and facilitate capacity building services including strategic learning, research, training, system development, expertise promotion and exchange of information for effective disaster risk reduction. Such expertise available is scattered in silos of professional disciplines and not utilized in the current realm of DRR in the country.



The commencement of the Association of Disaster Risk Management Professionals of Sri Lanka (ADRiMP) aspires to address this need. ADRiMP is an assembly of professionals representing varied disciplines to nurture a culture of safety in Sri Lanka from the impact of disasters and provides a platform for dialogue to achieve effective implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030) and the Paris Agreement (2015 - 2030) for combating climate change and advocacy for policy initiatives and related matters thereof.

Objectives of ADRiMP

- The providing of a Forum for discussion of matters of professional interest and for consideration of all matters related to disaster and climate risk management in the country by recognizing and maintaining standards and ethics of disaster risk management professionals.
- The fostering of the participation by the disaster risk management professionals in matters of national and regional interest for disaster and climate risk management and promoting such interest by co-operation with both Governmental and non- Governmental Organizations.
- To serve as a knowledge hub for promoting research in disaster and climate risk management.
- To serve as a think-tank and an advisory body for the promotion of a culture of safety and integration of national endeavors with regional and global initiatives.
- The provision of such facilities and services that are conducive to furthering of the objectives of the Association

Membership, constitution and registration as a legal entity

During this period, screening of membership applications has been concluded and currently, the Association has 160 registered members. The draft constitution has been finalized for ratification at the first AGM. The Association is now a registered legal entity.



International Affiliation of ADRiMP

- ADRiMP has received membership for the International Forum of Meteorological Society (IFMS). <https://ifms.org/index.cfm/ifms/members/>
- ADRiMP has been accepted in principle as the Sri Lankan Chapter of International Association of DRR at the China Academy of Science.

Achievements of ADRiMP to Date

- August 2018 saw us launch the Association with His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest at the BMICH on 23rd August.
- January 2019 - Conducted a half-day session on Localization of Sendai SFDRR indicators in Sri Lanka on 17th January 2019 as part of the International Ascent Festival for Capacity building for research and innovation in Disaster resilience organized by University of Huddersfield, U.K. University of Moratuwa and University of Colombo and partners, 14-18th January at Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo.
- June 2019 - In collaboration with the Climate Change Secretariat and with the support of World Vision Lanka, conducted Awareness on Climate Change, Impacts, and Climate Change Adaptation to mark the World Environment Day 2019 on 18th June.
- July 2019 - A web portal was hosted for the Association which is currently being updated www.adrimp.org.lk

Thereafter, it had been an uphill task with limited financial resources and without full-time personnel to attend to demanding tasks of a newborn. Interim Committee members provided inputs as and when time allowed them, and we are happy that ADRiMP has been able to achieve several important milestones. We thank all members who have supported these initiatives. Unfortunately, the visibility of this work has remained low due to the lack of media exposure and regular communication with the membership.

- **July 2019** - Led a session at the International Impact Conference on Governance of the upstream - Downstream interface in end - to end Tsunami early a warning system, 11-13 July 2019, organized by the University of Huddersfield and University of Moratuwa at the University of Moratuwa.
- **December 2019** - Dialogue on Convergence of the 2030 agendas for DRR and CCA - Why is it important? And How can we achieve it? On 3rd December in partnership with the University of Huddersfield and Disaster Management Center at the DMC Auditorium.
- **December 2019** - Workshop on Research Paper Writing for young professionals on 10th December with the support of the University of Huddersfield and DMC at the DMC Auditorium.

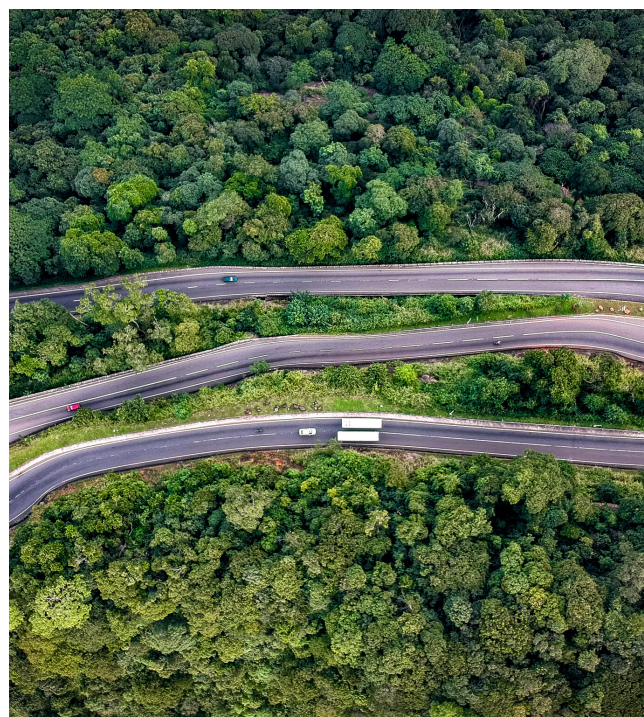
ADRIIMP Aspirations for 2020

- Conduct the first Annual General Meeting by the end of January 2020 to ratify the constitution and appoint an Executive Committee.
- Conduct a web-based Workshop on Research Paper Writing in January with international collaboration
- Serve as a Key Partner in the International Symposium on Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction which will be held on 19th to 20th March in Colombo.
- ADRIIMP has agreed to be a partner with IUCN for the ECO - DRR initiative in Sri Lanka.

Join hands with us to make Sri Lanka safer from disaster and climate risk!

Membership

- Ordinary
- Associate
- Student
- Honorary Member
- Corporate membership



A few key links:

- Sendai Framework: The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 outlines seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks. <https://www.undrr.org/publication/sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030>
- Proceedings - Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction: The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is recognized by the UN General Assembly as the main global forum for strategic advice, coordination, partnership development and reviewing implementation progress of international instruments on disaster risk reduction. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gbv6s81pvwac79/Proceedings%20of%20the%20Global%20Platform%202019%20Geneva.pdf?dl=0>