

National event to commemorate the INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



13 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Theme: *COVID-19 and systemic risks*

13th October 2021 | 13:00 - 16.45 hrs IST (Indian Standard Time)

Hybrid event launched from BMICH, Sri Lanka

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Agenda

- 13:00 – 13:15 Arrival of guests
Welcome and brief intro
National anthem
- 13.15 – 13.25 **Welcome speech**
Major General (Retd.) Sudantha Ranasinghe
Director General – Disaster Management Centre – Sri Lanka
- 13.25 – 13.35 **Corporate video**
Evolution of Disaster Risk Management in Sri Lanka
- 13.35 – 13.45 **Opening address/ message**
General G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd)
Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary, State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management, Sri Lanka
- 13.45 – 13.50 **Speech by Chief Guest**
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs, Sri Lanka
- 13.50 – 13.55 **Special message by**
Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary General - United Nations
- 13.55 – 14.00 **Special message by**
Ms. Mami Mizutori
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of UNDRR
- 14.00 – 14.10 **Event overview by Session Chair**
Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri
Country Representative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)– Sri Lanka/ President – ADRiMP, Sri Lanka
- 14.10 – 14.20 **Speaker 1**
Topic: International cooperation to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the Sendai Framework by 2030
Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga
Professor of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Head, Global Disaster Resilience Centre School of Applied Sciences, University of Huddersfield, UK
- 14.20 – 14.30 **Speaker 2 & Speaker 3**
Topic: The added challenges faced during tsunamis amidst the COVID -19 pandemic backdrop
Dr. Rick Bailey
Head of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System Secretariat (ICG/IOTWMS) Secretariat
Dr. Harkunti P. Rahayu
Development Management and Policy Planning Research Group, School of Architecture, Planning and Policy Development, Institute Technology of Bandung



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- 14.30 – 14.40 **Speaker 4**
Topic: International cooperation for global health security and governance
(Health sector, importance of international collaboration – global perspective amidst the COVID-19 pandemic)
Prof. Shanthi Mendis
Geneva Learning Foundation, former Senior Adviser, World Health Organization, Geneva and former Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
- 14.40 – 14.50 **Speaker 5**
Topic: Challenges faced during recent natural hazards amidst the COVID-19 pandemic backdrop in Sri Lanka
Major General (Retd.) Sudantha Ranasinghe
Director General – Disaster Management Centre– Sri Lanka
- 14.50 – 15.00 **Speaker 6**
Topic: UN's role in resource management and capacity enhancement during recent natural hazards in Sri Lanka amidst the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic
Ms. Hanaa Singer-Hamdy
United Nations Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka
- 15.00 – 15.10 **Corporate video**
Poster presentation
- 15.10 – 15.20 **Speaker 7**
Topic: Importance of a business resilience framework and local DRR during a pandemic
Mr. Hans Guttman
Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Thailand
- 15.20 – 15.30 **Speaker 8**
Topic: COVID-19 pandemic and systemic risks: Health sector – Sri Lankan perspective
Dr. Ishanka Talagala
Consultant Community Physician, Disaster Preparedness and Response Division, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
- 15.30 – 15.40 **Speaker 9 & Speaker 10**
(joint presentation)
Synopsis of the research on "COVID 19: impact, mitigation, opportunities and building resilience" jointly done by Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, University of Colombo and University of Peradeniya (Assisted by the University of Huddersfield – UK)
Dr. Nishara Fernando
Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Mr. Shiran Fernando
Chief Economist– Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka
- 15.40 – 15.50 **Speaker 11**
A brief overview (abridged version) of the research publication on "COVID-19: Impact, Mitigation, Opportunities and Building Resilience"
Prof. Ranjith Senaratne
Chairman – National Science Foundation



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- 15.50 –16.00 **Speaker 12**
Topic: Education sector – "Education Systems in the Era of Systemic Risk"–Challenges in the education sector amidst the backdrop of COVID–19 global pandemic
Mr. Christian Skoog
Representative, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Sri Lanka
- 16.00 – 16.05 **Arrival of Secretary**
General G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd)
Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary, State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management, Sri Lanka
- 16.05 – 16.10 **Symbolizing the commemoration of the IDDRR day in Sri Lanka**
Event 1
- Handing over of the commemoration plaque by Director General – DMC to Secretary to State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management/ Defence Secretary
 - Presenting the printed Colombo Declaration – MHEW DRR 2020 document (in all three languages)
- 16.10 – 16.15 **Symbolizing the commemoration of the IDDRR day in Sri Lanka**
Event 2
- Announcement of the formal book launch
 - Book title : Multi – Hazard Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction – Springer publishers
- Prof. Richard Haigh**
Professor, Department of Biological and Geographical Sciences, School of Applied Sciences, Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield – UK
- 16.15 –16.20 **Symbolizing the commemoration of the IDDRR day in Sri Lanka**
Event 3
Formal launch of the booklet on "Guidelines for the Management of Safety Centres Amidst COVID 19" (publication initiated by DMC, sponsored by UNICEF and joint contribution by IOM, UNFPA and Ministry of Health)
- 16.20 – 16.25 **Symbolizing the commemoration of the IDDRR day in Sri Lanka**
Event 4
- Formal launch of the published Institutional Disaster Management Plan (in all three languages)
- 16.25 –16.35 **Closing remarks**
Jointly by Session Chair
**Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri &
Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga**
- 16.35 – 16.45
- Handing over of event commemoration plaques to the guests and special invitees
 - Vote of thanks
- Mr. Sunil Jayaweera**
Director, Preparedness Planning, Disaster Management Centre, Sri Lanka
- Concluding the proceedings of the event formally
 - Serving of refreshments



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