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TO All Honorable Mayors
FROM The LCP Executive Director
SUBJECT Invitation to Attend the International Disaster Conference 2019
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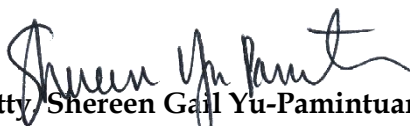
The Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST) are inviting you to **attend the International Disaster Conference 2019 on 21 November 2019 at The Peninsula Manila in Makati City.**

With the theme of "Future-Proofing Water through Innovation," the one-day event will bring together executives and global experts from the water sector to engage in networking, plenary, and breakout sessions that aim to address water-related crises such as flooding, climate change, and water shortages.

A special rate of PHP 4,000 is offered to LCP members until 10 November 2019 after which the regular rate of PHP 7,500 will be charged. For additional information about the event, you may get in touch with Mr. Franz Gabriel Raña via the following contact details:

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Thank you very much and we look forward to your participation.


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LCP Executive Director

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Disaster Conference (IDC) Series is a stream of events that will bring together leaders, experts, policy-makers, and practitioners in Asia in the field of disaster and crisis management, showcasing practical and innovative actions that inclusively address context-sensitive urban resiliency challenges brought by climate change and disaster impacts.

In line with this, the Asian Institute of Management - Stephen Zuellig Graduate School of Development Management (AIM-ZSDM) and the Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST) are organizing the **International Disaster Conference 2019** which will be held on **21 November** at **The Peninsula Manila**, Makati City, Philippines.

Building on the foundation of the previous Forums, this year, the IDC series will bring a sharper focus on **WATER** with the theme **"Future-Proofing Water through Innovation,"** which is designed in a two-pronged approach on **Water Risks and Crisis—*too much water*** (natural disasters that result in floods, storms, hurricanes, and rise in sea levels), or ***too little water*** (lack of clean water, drought).

With water crisis being among the top five most damaging global risks, IDC 2019 aims to tackle water-related issues in line with the UN-SDGs, particularly **SDG 6**: Clean Water and Sanitation, **SDG 13**: Climate Action and **SDG 17**: Partnership for the Goals, which hopes to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

300

Regional practitioners in the fields of disaster risk management, climate change, water, and related sectors

30

Top-caliber global experts in the water sector

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Deep-dive Session Tracks
Practices. Policies
Partnerships.

PROGRAM

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration + Marketplace Walk
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Jikyeong Kang <i>President and Dean, Asian Institute of Management (AIM)</i> Setting the Context Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go <i>Head, AIM - Stephen Zuellig Graduate School of Development Management (AIM-ZSDM)</i>
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Keynote Speech “The Overarching Implications of Water Crisis and Risks” Sec. Roy Cimatu (tbc) <i>Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)</i>
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Plenary Session Too Little: Water Crisis In a world of 7.7 billion people, 844 million people have no access to clean water, which positions water crises as the 4th global risk in terms of societal impacts. This session will focus on the global risks, challenges, and potential counteractive measures to address having too little water, as well as the potential for worsening water scarcity issues. This will also highlight actions to help achieve the UN-SDG#6 geared towards clean, accessible water for all. Panel Members: Titon Mitra, <i>Country Representative, UNDP Philippines</i> Frankie Arellano, <i>Senior Technical Consultant and Practice Leader for Water, Maynilad Water Services (tbc)</i> Cong. Ryan Yamane, <i>Chair Committee on Water & Land, State of Hawaii</i> Moderated by: Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go, <i>Head, AIM-ZSDM</i>
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Coffee + Networking Break

PROGRAM

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Plenary Session | *Too Much: Water Risks*

Climate change and urbanization have drastically escalated the frequency and intensity of disasters globally. Ninety per cent of all these natural disasters are water-related such as floods, storms, hurricanes, tsunamis, and sea-level rise. Nine out of 15 countries in the world with the highest exposure and risk are in the Asia and the Pacific. This session will discuss the global risks for climate-induced water-related disaster, and facilitate a discussion on possible counteractive measures to alleviate the negative impacts of worsening water-related disasters in the various phases of disaster management.

Panel Members:

Preety Bhandari, *Director, SDCC, Asian Development Bank (tbc)*

Dr. Min-Hao Wu, *Director, Science and Technology Center for Disaster Prevention and Reduction, National University of Kaoshiung*

Adam Switzer, *Associate Chair, Asian School of Environment, Earth Observatory of Singapore*

Butch Meily, *President, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation*

Moderator: Dr. Vinod Thomas, *Visiting Professor, AIM*

PROGRAM

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

DEEP DIVE SESSION | TOO LITTLE: WATER CRISIS

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

PRACTICES | *The Ripple Effect: Best Practices on Water Crisis Management*

This session aims to highlight responsible and sustainable best practices, and emerging innovations to address the issues of too little water.

Speakers:

Renato “Abong” Tayog, *Director, Metro Angeles Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

Callum Peck, *Grundfos Philippines (tbc)*

Moderator: Stephane Bessadi, *Senior Water Utility Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)*

POLICIES | *Better Governance: Water Policy Reforms for Better Water Resilience*

This session aims to discuss lessons learned from existing Asian water policies and use these as guiding principles for a unified approach in pushing for better water policy reforms that will address water supply shortages and their socio-economic and human impact.

Speakers:

Kevin Lee, *Executive Director, A Single Drop of Water*

Cong. Lucy Torres-Gomez, *Congresswoman, Ormoc City, Leyte (tbc)*

Moderator: Saroj Srisai, *Head of Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat*

PROGRAM

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

PARTNERSHIPS | *Making Waves Together: Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Water Resilience*

This session aims to build synergies and forge partnerships for a roadmap or guide on regional cooperation, and national actions to enhance the adoption of responsible and best practices in water supply management.

Speakers:

Dr. Annadel Cabanban, *Program Manager, Wetlands International*

Ernest Ordonez, *Secretary General, National Water Roadmap, Philippines (tbc)*

Moderator: Geoffrey Wilson, *Senior Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank*

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Coffee + Networking Break

DEEP DIVE SESSION | TOO MUCH: WATER RISKS

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PRACTICES | *The Ripple Effect: Best Practices on Water Crisis Management*

Learning from sustainable practices and emerging innovations to create the most substantive and germane solutions to issues of too much water.

Speakers:

Saurabh Chabra, *Regional Director, Asia, Vestergaard (tbc)*

Dr. Min-Hao Wu, *Director, Science and Technology Center for Disaster Prevention and Reduction, National University of Kaohsiung*

Moderator: Stephane Bessadi, *Senior Water Utility Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)*

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POLICIES | *Better Governance: Water Policy Reforms for Better Water Resilience*

Applying lessons learned from existing Asian water policies to propose governance-driven solutions to water disasters and their socio-economic and human impact.

Speakers:

Donna Lagdemeo, *Senior Policy Advisor, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre*

Austere Panadero, *Former Undersecretary, DILG (tbc)*

Moderator: Saroj Srisai, *Head of Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat*

PARTNERSHIPS | *Making Waves Together: Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Water Resilience*

Transcending differences to create synergies and build partnerships towards regional cooperation and national actions that will enhance the adoption of responsible and best practices in water disaster management.

Speakers:

Christopher Ancheta, *Senior Operations Officer, The World Bank (tbc)*

Moderator: Geoffrey Wilson, *Senior Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank*

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Synthesis Session

Sreenivas Narayanan

Managing Director, Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST)

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Sec. Emmanuel De Guzman

Secretary, Climate Change of Commission

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