

# **SADKN Review cum Training Program - Report**

## **SDMC Premises New Delhi**

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#### **Background**

South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network (SADKN) a dynamic portal enabled with web based GIS features has been developed by SDMC to deal with every aspect of natural and manmade disasters in South Asia. It is virtually a network of networks connecting to different Stakeholders who are involved in disaster risk management and preparedness. The technical and operational guidelines developed by SDMC for the successful implementation and functioning of portal is to unlock the disaster knowledge in the region in coordination with National Focal Points of the SAARC member countries and partner organizations identified for sharing of disaster knowledge in their respective countries.

The SAARC Disaster Management Centre had already launched South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network (SADKN) globally on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Geneva in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction that aimed at interlocking a large number of government and non-government organizations working for the creation, dissemination and use of knowledge on different aspects of disaster management in South Asia.

The SADKN server is hosted and maintained by SDMC, regular updating of the knowledge base and other k-components utilizing interactive modes of knowledge sharing on various disaster themes, country specific disasters, hazard profile, policy & planning, disaster related law's enactment, past and present disaster records and data, real time disaster data and related information with other facilities, like chat cum discussion forum, and blogs through the remote login.

In order to review the facilities and efficiency of the SADKN portal for the mutual benefit of SAARC countries as well as to make users of SAARC member countries aware about SADKN, SDMC proposes to conduct a comprehensive review and operational training program for Nodal Officers from National Focal Points of SAARC member countries from 1<sup>st</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at New Delhi, India.

#### **Objective of the program**

The SADKN portal designed and developed by SDMC is live at URL [www.saarc-sadkn.org](http://www.saarc-sadkn.org) for general audience and in particular the citizens, intellectuals, scientists, researchers, decision makers of the SAARC region to use the virtual network platform of the portal in establishing an environment in South Asia to create, earn, organize, share and reuse knowledge.

The proposed program with support from UNISDR is to train the nodal officer identified by the National Focal Points of the SAARC Member Countries for gaining functional and technical features available in the portal to

- i. Contribute materials for the Knowledge base of the Portal
- ii. Regular update of contents in the country portal pages.
- iii. Encourage the institutions in their country for joining the Network.
- iv. Training the focal points of the partner organization in using the Portal.

- v. Using the SADKN interactive platform to make SAARC people aware about various aspects of disasters at grass route level through discussion forums, chat, and blogs.

The venue for the Training Program was GIS Lab of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), New Delhi as the lab is equipped with latest computer systems, high speed internet connection and other prerequisite systems for providing operational training to participating nodal officers from SAARC Member Nations.

### Resource Persons

- i. Dr. O.P. Mishra Director (OIC) SDMC
- ii. Ms. Madhavi Ariyabandu Program Officer UNISDR Bangkok
- iii. Mr. Craig Duncan Information Officer UNISDR Geneva
- iv. Mr. Muhammed Akram Specialist –KMD SDMC
- v. Mr. Mahesh Dhiman Tata Consultancy Services
- vi. Mr. Hemant Kumar – Programmer NIDM.

### Participants

The nodal officers identified by the National Focal Point from all 8 SAARC Member Nations attended the program. (Participant list is enclosed)

### Program Schedule & Proceedings



The release of SADKN user manual

The comprehensive program schedule was designed to cover the aspects of Disaster Management, Information/Knowledge Management, SADKN Concept, SADKN Portal features and Hands on training for operating the portal with discussion sessions for incorporating required changes in the SADKN Portal. The inaugural session conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 was chaired by Dr. O.P. Mishra Director (OIC) , Ms. Madhavi Ariyabandu Program Officer –UNISDR Bangkok and Mr. Craig Duncan Information Officer UNISDR , Geneva , the user manual of SADKN portal was officially released in the session. The program conducted for 3 days as per the schedule below.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>Day 1</b> [1 November , Tuesday]		<b>Remarks</b>
1000 - 1030	<b>Workshop Opening</b> Welcome remarks Self-introduction by participants	
10.30- 1130	<b>Session 1: Introduction</b>	
	This session will provide basics of disaster management (DRM)	Director -SDMC
1130– 1150	<b>Break</b>	
1150 - 1300	<b>Session 2</b> Knowledge Management concepts  Background of SADKN Portal	Mr. Craig 30 minutes  Ms. Madhavi (10 min) Mr. Akram (20 Min)
1300- 1400	<b>Break</b>	
1400 - 1530	<b>Session 3</b> SADKN objectives, the portal and networking	The session will clarify Role of SDMC, National Focal points, partner organizations, Outputs, coordination between different parties, how the portal and networking will be organized
1530 - 1550	<b>Break</b>	
1600 - 1700	<b>Session 4</b> Portal basic features & Practice	Akram and TCS will introduce the features, Craig will supplement based on the PrventionWeb experience

<b>Day 2</b> [2 <sup>nd</sup> November, Wednesday]		
1000- 1130	<b>Session 1</b> Interactive features (Blog/discussion forum etc).	Akram & TCS
1130 - 1150	<b>Break</b>	
1150–1300	<b>Session 2</b> Admin/ NFP/PO user rights. Uploading the documents	
1300 - 1400	<b>Break</b>	
1400 - 1530	<b>Session 3</b> Country pages updating	

1530-1600	<b>Break</b>	
1600-1630	Practical sessions Digital vulnerability atlas	

<b>Day 3</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, Thursday		1
1000- 1200	Lesson on Hands on training session	
1400 -1500	Practice on the learnt Session	
1500- 1600	Tentative Date fixation for SADKN Training at NFP of Member Country  Resource Persons:  SDMC : Specialist – KMD, GDD Afghanistan : Mr. Ajamal Karimi Bangladesh: Mr.Probir Kumar Das Bhutan : Mr. Tshering Wangchuk Maldives: Ms. Aminath India : Prof Chandan Ghosh. Ms. Sreeja Nair Nepal : Mr. Jagat Bhandari Pakistan : Mr. Mohammed Tahir-ud-din Sri Lanka: Ms. Anoja Senevirate	
15.00-16.00	Admin issues, agreements, Operation and maintenance	
<b>1600 - 1700</b>	<b>Valedictory</b>	

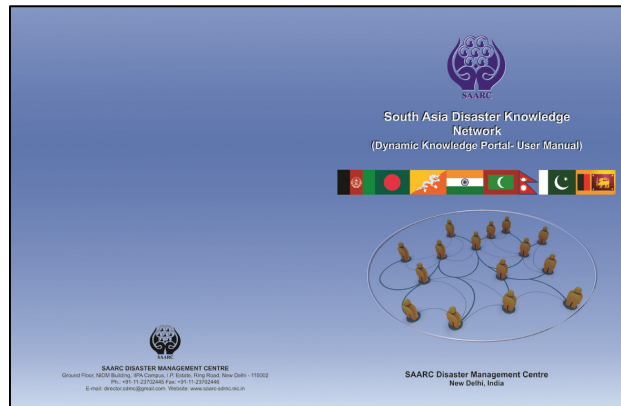


**Participants with SDMC Team and UNISDR Resource Personnel**

The participants were introduced to SDMC team and the training sessions started with Director (OIC) –SDMC presentation on efficiencies of SADKN Portal and the purpose of the training program. Mr. Craig Duncan UNISDR Geneva explained the audience the knowledge management concepts and its proactive role in disaster risk reduction activities. Ms. Madhavi Ariyabandu explained the objectives of SADKN and UNISDR role and support to the portal. She also suggested that the SADKN portal should be utilized for

- a) HFA monitoring and discussion by building entry points
- b) Country policy plans and statements
- c) Thematic discussions to engage the partner organizations.

SDMC Specialists demonstrated the disaster themes, country specific disasters, hazard profile, policy & planning, disaster related law's enactment, past and present disaster records and data, real time disaster data and related information features in SADKN. The participants were provided hands on training in operating interactive features of the SADKN portal and practicing sessions also carried by participants.



**The SADKN user manual released in the program**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the program, the participants were segregated into two groups for mutual discussion, the group made their presentation with suggestions/strategy to improve the SADKN portal for its comprehensive utilization for the benefit of SAARC Region. The feedback form was provided to the participants to record their comments and suggestion about the program.



### Director (OIC) awarding certificate to participants

The program ended with formal valedictory session, the Director (OIC) SDMC provided certificates to the participants.

### Participants List

Country	Name of participant
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