



MHEW 2020
DRR Symposium

International Symposium on
**Multi-Hazard Early Warning
and Disaster Risk Reduction**

14th - 16th December 2020

*Virtual Conference - originally
Colombo, SRI LANKA*

To promote the availability and
application of research, science and
technology to support
implementation of Sendai
Framework for Disaster Risk
Reduction 2015-2030

Plenary Session 2

Integrating Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness into Disaster Risk Reduction

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15th December 2020

16:30 - 18:00 IST (Indian Standard Time) - virtual (zoom) event

Short description

The unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 outbreak have engulfed almost the entire world. The health sector has been overwhelmed devastatingly. Over 55 million cases have been reported along with a death toll exceeding 1.3 million worldwide. Extending beyond the health sector, diverse effects of COVID-19 have cascaded into socio-economic implications. COVID-19 has evidenced the systemic nature of risk dismantling not only discrete parts of a system but also leading to the failure of the entire system. This has stressed the need for integrating biological hazards into Disaster Risk Reduction [DRR] planning while harping on the significance of emulating a multi-sectoral and multi-hazard approach to preparedness planning for biological hazards. It is clear that the world needs a quantum shift in the approach and architecture in pandemic preparedness.

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Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-aQJ4TMj7QyVL9IL8bnGEg>)



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