



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

Final Plenary

“The Colombo Declaration”

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16th December 2020

17:30 - 18:30 IST (Indian Standard Time) - virtual (zoom) event

Short description

This Symposium is not just intended as an opportunity to discuss important challenges, or to share potential solutions that tackle the impacts of climate change and growth in disaster risk, both within Sri Lanka and elsewhere.

This event provides an important opportunity to bring together and promote collective action among Ministers, National Government Officials, the Private Sector, Representatives from Cities and Local Government, Representatives from Non-Governmental Organisations, International agencies, Universities and other Research Organisations.

The Symposium is structured to bring together the outputs and outcomes from keynote addresses, technical papers and presentations, and plenary sessions, and culminate in the endorsement of a roadmap for disaster risk reduction in Sri Lanka. This declaration of stakeholders will call upon the Disaster Management Centre, Government of Sri Lanka, together with key stakeholders responsible for disaster risk reduction in the country, to work together to tackle the priority issues being addressed during the Symposium. The Declaration will also recognise the importance of ensuring

coherence among the global frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR), and the New Urban Agenda. Deliberation of this session will reflect:

- Keynote addresses delivered by leading international experts to establish key challenges around Sendai priorities, in Sri Lanka and globally, including pandemics such as COVID 19
- State of the art developments, and recommendations to policy
- Linking current research to policy
- Key contributions and recommendations drawn together by the panel of experts
- Insights, suggestions and recommendations for 2030 DRR Research Agenda, and in particular, identify critical research gaps, strategic directions and areas of cooperation between scientific communities and policy and other stakeholder groups.

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Chief Guest



G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne
WVW RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil
Major General (Rtd)
Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary,
State Ministry of Internal Security, Home Affairs and
Disaster Management
Will arrive to receive “The Colombo Declaration”

Session Co-Chairs



Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga
Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of
Huddersfield, UK



Sisira Madurapperuma
Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC),
Thailand.



Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri
Country Representative, IUCN, Sri Lanka

Panelists



Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake
Secretary, State Ministry of Rural Roads and other
Infrastructures, Sri Lanka



Major General Sudantha Ranasinghe
Director General, Disaster Management Centre,
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Prof. Ranjith Senarathne
Chairman, National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka



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