



#### Introduction

The IFRC in partnership with ECHO, held a 3-day workshop for National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on strengthening their engagement with national and subregional disaster risk management systems. The regional workshop that was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 23 - 25 May 2023 was attended by more than 50 representatives from Asia Pacific and Central Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, national and regional disaster management representatives, ECHO and IFRC representatives.

Over the three days, participants discussed the auxiliary role of National Societies, their intended support to national and local level institutional strengthening through the ECHO Pilot Programmatic Partnership, sub-regional and regional humanitarian policy landscape, and identified entry points for collaboration with opportunities for sharing of experiences and best practice from national, sub-regional and regional perspectives.

The Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) is an innovative and ambitious three-year partnership between IFRC, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the European Union. This ground-breaking funding initiative, developed by ECHO, aims to explore novel approaches to working with humanitarian partners, in line with the Grand Bargain commitments to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in humanitarian aid. The PPP seeks to support local responses to humanitarian and health crises in at least 25 countries, utilising multi-year funding from the EU.

In essence, the PPP marks a significant milestone in advancing disaster risk management and governance globally. Through robust legal and policy frameworks, strengthened institutional capacities, and the active engagement of National Societies, the PPP will serve as a catalyst for sustainable change and resilience-





building efforts. By pooling resources, knowledge, and expertise, the Partnership offers a unique opportunity to shape a future where countries are better equipped to anticipate, respond to, and recover from disasters, ultimately safeguarding the well-being of communities and nations.

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## **Key Takeaways and Next Steps**

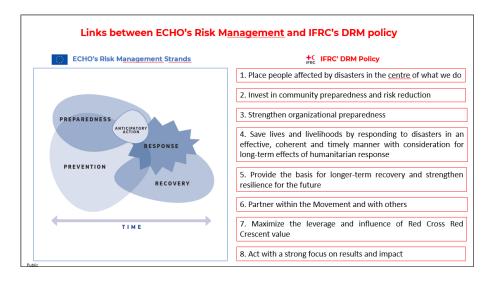
- ❖ Peer learning The most significant takeaway from the workshop was the importance and value of peer learning between National Societies, governments and regional organisations from across both Asia Pacific and Central Asia regions facing different risk profiles but all having similar needs in strengthening their DRM institutions and disaster laws. Despite peer learning costing a lot of resources, the huge benefits for exchanging best practices and solutions are undeniable.
- Importance of dialogue and consultation Through the workshop, RCRC National Societies and governments confirmed the importance of dialogue and consultation with each other, from planning to execution, when developing contingency plans.
- Collaboration between national societies Collaboration between National Societies is important, especially in terms of technical expertise. Collaboration between National Societies could be done in many ways including creating a joint research and workshop on DRM.
- ❖ IDRL Participating countries identified the need for an IDRL instrument/law and are keen to develop this in their countries to ensure effective humanitarian assistance.
- ❖ Disaster Law The Disaster Law program in Asia Pacific and Central Asia are leading the way in peer learning it is the only program in both regions that has initiated an inter-regional peer learning event like this under PPP. Disaster law was identified as in important area of work to strengthening DRM institutions and systems in the countries and regions.





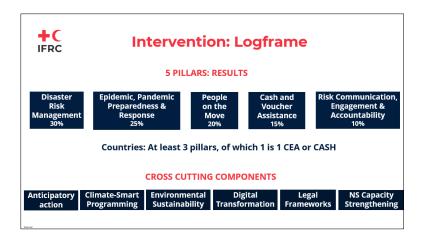
### **Day One Overview**

The workshop commenced with opening remarks delivered by Ms. Juja Kim the IFRC Deputy Regional Director for Asia Pacific followed by the facilitator, Ms. Adelina Kamal going through the workshop objectives. The rest of the day was divided into three parts. The first session was on institutional policy frameworks. During this session, Mr. Nelson Castano, the Manager Operations Coordination for the IFRC based in Geneva, presented on the IFRC DRM Policy, Principles and Rules and the links and complementarities between ECHO and IFRC Policy Frameworks.



The IFRC DRM Policy covers our approach to all kinds of disasters, in all contexts, including fragile, protracted and conflict situations, in both urban and rural areas. It promotes integrated approaches so that all stages of the disaster risk management continuum are considered together in a coherent way, replacing the previous IFRC policies on Disaster Preparedness (1999), Emergency Response (1997), Postemergency Rehabilitation (1999) and Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (2001). It is a Federation-wide policy, and therefore applies to all National Societies and the IFRC Secretariat activities at local, national, regional and international levels. Mr. Nelson Castano also pointed out the linkages between the IFRC's approach to NS Preparedness which is the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) initiative with ECHO's DP Guidance.

The second part of the day featured the ECHO PPP Grant where Mr Nelson Castano provided an overview of the global scope. During this session, he also provided an overview of the PPP, the 5 pillars and the cross-cutting components of the programme.







After the global perspective was shared, Ms. Pauline Caspellan, IFRC Regional Disaster Law Coordinator for Central Asia and Mr. Felipe Del Cid, IFRC Lead Evolving Crisis and Disasters for Asia Pacific shared perspectives from their respective regions. Ms. Pauline presented the Central Asia programmatic strategy. For Central Asia, as part of Pillar 1 on DRM and cross-cutting component of Legal Frameworks, Disaster Law initiatives have been included in Year 2 to promote legal preparedness for disasters and support the scaling up of standards and policies on effective DRM at the national level. These country-level activities will be complemented by the PPP global component on legislative frameworks to scale up country-level activities to a regional scope. One of the main Disaster Law initiatives is to support Central Asian countries and National Societies with implementing the 2021 Central Asia Regulation on the Regional Emergency Response Coordination Mechanism. Mr. Felipe outlined how the outcomes and outputs of the PPP aligned well to the IFRC Plan & Budget 2021-2025 and highlighted some of the key priority DRM focus areas for Year 2 under the PPP such as support to national DRM and governance, support to communities and DRM local and national institutions and early action protocols and anticipatory actions.

After the coffee break, the ECHO Technical Expert on Disaster Presentations, Mr. Davide Zappa presented their ECHO DP Policy to participants. During this session he went through the key elements of the DP guidance as well as the implementation modalities. He also shared the four 2021-2024 funding priorities in DP which were risk-based and anticipatory actions, preparedness in conflict and fragile settings, climate and environmental resilience and urban preparedness. This session was followed by one on the scope of EU Civil Protection, Union of Civil Protection mechanism and subregional systems, NDMA, linkages and complementarities by Mr. Nelson Castano.

At the close of day one a Welcome Dinner was held which included the attendance of all the participants.

### **Day Two Overview**

Day two begin with an overview of the subregional systems in Southeast Asia and Central Asia, ASEAN and CESDRR, and the potential opportunities for engagement in PPP. Ms. P. Merry Rismayani the Knowledge and Change Management Officer shared about the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) and then Mr. Meimanbek Chekirbaev, Deputy Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) delivered his presentation. During the session, both entities had the opportunity to exchange experiences, best practices, and lessons learned in disaster risk management. The AHA Centre, with its vast regional expertise, shared insights on effective coordination mechanisms, rapid response strategies, and regional approaches to disaster management. On the other hand, the CESDRR contributed its specialized knowledge in sustainable disaster risk reduction, innovative risk assessment methodologies, and capacity building initiatives.

After the morning coffee break, as part of sensitizing the participants to the auxiliary role, Ms. Isabelle Granger, Global Coordinator Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role with the IFRC in Geneva delivered the session on National Societies and the Auxiliary Role. During her session, she reminded RCRC National Societies of the role they play from advocacy and influence to implementation and dissemination of the Red Cross law. Ms. Caspellan, IFRC Central Asia Disaster Law Coordinator also shared that they will be conducting a regional mapping of the Auxiliary Role of NS in relevant laws and policies in Central Asia, with a focus on Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, to form future advocacy on strengthening the NS Auxiliary Role through laws and policies. A strong legal base for the auxiliary role can help strengthen the capacity of NS to provide humanitarian assistance and advocacy within the broader humanitarian system, domestically and in cross-border settings.

This session was followed by a presentation on the thematic areas of IFRC technical support relevant under PPP. Dr. Sushma Bushal who is the Regional Thematic Lead Health and Care for IFRC Asia Pacific presented the strategic priorities for the IFRC and how that relates to the PPP.





After lunch, the Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies and national authorities from Asia gave an overview of the national DRM systems, the PPP country programmes and the lessons learnt from Year 1 and plans for Year 2. First the Bangladesh Red Crescent representatives and the government representatives gave a joint presentation. This demonstrated how well both parties work together. The Bangladesh delegation shared the best practice and lessons learnt from the implementation of Year 1. One of the key highlights from the presentation is that the Government of Bangladesh is keen to explore the possibility of a joint programme with Bangladesh RC on anticipatory action and community-based solutions. The Bangladesh delegation also emphasised the importance of dialogue and consultation with each other (NS and government), from planning to execution, when developing contingency plans. For example, the experience of Bangladesh RC in handling the COVID-19 pandemic. Another example of cooperation between the Government of Bangladesh and BDRCS is the Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) which is a disaster management programme that has been functioning since 1972. BDRCS also shared that they are in the process of developing their Health strategy under Pillar 2 of the PPP.

After the Bangladesh presentation, Cambodia Red Cross and then Cambodia government presented. During the presentation, H.E. Ross Sovann from the Cambodian government, shared four main categories of challenges that they are facing.

- Lack of understanding disaster risk
- The need to strengthen disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk
- Investment in disaster risk reduction for resilience
- Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response to "BBB" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

Below are the next steps that the Government of Cambodia is prioritising.

No.	Project Name	Importance of Investment to Cambodia (Rank from1-3)	Top Five Investments (Rank from 1-5)
1	Strengthen institutional capacity of committees for disaster management at all governance levels	3	1
2	Enhancing financial preparedness in Cambodia	3	2
3	Strengthen the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and EOC Coordination System at all levels	3	3
4	Establish a training center	3	4
5	Strengthening logistics management for disaster response in Cambodia	3	5

Cambodia Red Cross shared as part of their presentation that the key lesson learnt from Year 1 of the PPP is that "to ensure effectiveness of PP program in Cambodia, which one of the main strategies is to strengthen the system, a stronger engagement should take place with the ministries and government agency. Therefore, CRC will strengthen its engagement and collaboration with relevant ministries, NCDM and other organizations in country, through routine coordination, joint activities and monitoring and evaluation at national up to the grassroot level."

The Red Crescent National Societies and the public authorities from Central Asia provided their overviews and key priorities for DRM in the afternoon. Tajikistan representatives went first followed by representatives from Kyrgyzstan. The Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) of Tajikistan





presented their DRM priorities, particularly on developing early warning systems and the need to review and reform various laws on disaster risk management, to ensure that these are updated in accordance with the Sendai Framework for DRR and the National DRR Strategy of Tajikistan. Tajikistan RC shared their Year 2 plans under the PPP. These activities will build on their work on community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) through the Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMC) which are the basic unit of capacity-building on disaster risk management. Tajikistan RC will also implement Disaster Law activities during Phase 2 in support of the needs of the CoES and the National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) of Tajikistan.

Mr. Edelbek Kulmatov, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) of the Kyrgyz Republic presented on their experiences in implementing DRM in the country, including their work on search and rescue and implementation of early warning systems. MES also shared their lessons learned from sending civil defense volunteers to Turkey during the February 2022 earthquakes, focusing on the importance of speedy international assistance in terms of good and personnel. Kyrgyzstan then shared their plans for Year 2 along with lessons learnt from Year 1. Kyrgyzstan RC has been implementing the IDRL Project in support of MES since 2022 with support from IFRC. Kyrgyzstan RC had supported MES and other government and humanitarian partners in developing the Kyrgyz Law on International Emergency Assistance in 2017, and for which the IDRL Project is now developing the by-laws / subsidiary legislation under PPP Phase 2.



## **Day Three Overview**

The third day of the workshop was dedicated to working groups and panel discussions. This was to enable the RCRC National Societies and their governments as well as the subregional systems, share their challenges, best practice and to identify opportunities for engagement.





For the country level group work, the participants were asked to sit in tables based on the country that they work in. As part of the activity, they were asked to map out the following:

- Identify opportunities for better synergies and to mainstream preparedness into country plan DRM pillars.
- Identify opportunities for NS to support their governments.
- Identify opportunities for IFRC (and other partners) to support.
- Identify opportunities for peer exchange and peer learning.

As for the representatives from the subregional systems, AHA Centre and CESDRR, they were asked to complete the following:

- Identify opportunities PPP National Authorities to support subregional processes.
- Identify opportunities for NS to support their governments and subregional processes.
- Identify opportunities for IFRC (and other partners) to support.
- Identify opportunities for peer exchange and peer learning

The PPP workshop served as a valuable platform for the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) and the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) to engage in mutual learning, collaboration, and knowledge sharing. By leveraging this partnership and learning from each other's experiences, the AHA Centre and CESDRR can enhance their respective capacities and approaches to disaster risk reduction and response. Moving forward, this relationship will be strengthened and embraced through continued collaboration, joint initiatives, and resource-sharing.







Strengthening disaster law in disaster risk management institutions in all the countries involved in the workshop (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan), as well as the sub-regional institutions (AHA Center and CESDRR) came out as a high priority.

Disaster law was identified as an important area of work to strengthening DRM institutions and systems in the countries and regions. This recognition stems from the understanding that legal frameworks are essential for effective DRM, as they provide the necessary structure, guidance, and authority to address disaster-related challenges. Disaster law encompasses a wide range of legal instruments, including legislation, regulations, policies, and frameworks, that establish the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of different stakeholders involved in DRM. By identifying disaster law as an important area of work, countries and regions can strengthen their DRM institutions and systems, foster resilience, and better prepare for and respond to the challenges posed by natural and human-induced disasters.

With respect to Central Asia, strengthening the legal basis for disaster risk management is needed for the effective implementation of program/project by the disaster risk management institutions, particularly in the area of regional and international cooperation on disaster risk management.



At the end of the session and before we ended the week, all the groups presented back at plenary. Among the key next steps were:





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Bangladesh	<ul> <li>Advocate for BDRCS Heatwave plan to be incorporated into the government's over-all preparedness and response plan (AA)</li> <li>Positioning BDRCS to take active role in the awareness raising at the grassroots level and to be institutionalized at the government level.</li> <li>NAPHS – BDRCS role to support the development of the NAPHS including the surveillance related activities and targets of the government (systems and tools/frameworks)</li> <li>PPP to extend the scope of partnership with government authorities and other external actors (academia) i.e. – anticipatory action, research.</li> <li>Scale up volunteer services to government in relation to DRM initiatives.</li> <li>Peer to peer learning and technical support with RCRC partners on DRM and Health (i.e., exchange visit to Cambodia or Indonesia for CBS learning and exchange) also IFRC Geneva and APRO on CBS technical input</li> <li>Expansion of collaboration with private entities/sectors to address/support climate smart programming and peer learning.</li> <li>Opportunity to showcase BDRCS experiences/strengths/learnings externally (with other partners/other NSs etc.)</li> <li>Opportunity for BDRCS to link its EOC (Emergency Ops Centre) to the MoH's Public Health Emergency Ops Centre – PHEOC</li> </ul>
Cambodia	<ul> <li>During the discussions, it was identified by the Cambodian Government that Cambodian RC needs to have a seat at the table during the government national level annual disaster preparedness planning process. The NS is already part of the provincial level preparedness for response plan.</li> </ul>
Tajikistan	Recognize the need to develop an IDRL instrument/law in their country to ensure effective humanitarian assistance
Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan)	<ul> <li>DM legal basis to be improved and implementation mechanism to be developed.</li> <li>Contingency Plan (CP) of regional CMC</li> <li>Technical and institutional CP of SAR teams for INSARAG accreditation</li> <li>Regional EWS set up (assessment of existing national EWS) and integration to the regional level.</li> <li>Regional coordination mechanism established, working group set up – trainings and practical experience sharing (example AHA Centre)</li> <li>Establish NFI stocks in disaster prone regions and bordering areas.</li> <li>Strengthening SAR technical capacity and trainings</li> <li>Improving communication capacity</li> <li>Strengthen technical and institutional capacities of volunteers and LDMC and interpretation to national SAR system and setting up a database.</li> <li>Experience sharing and regional drills.</li> <li>Support needed from IFRC  <ul> <li>Funding mechanism for DRR and Recovery</li> <li>Regular technical expertise</li> <li>Support in implementation of PER and others</li> <li>Peer to peer experience sharing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
AHA Centre	<ul> <li>In terms of funding, the AHA Centre and CESDRR will explore opportunities for joint project proposals, leveraging the PPP's funding</li> </ul>





	allocation to support initiatives that integrate sustainable disaster risk reduction approaches into regional and national strategies. This collaborative funding approach will enable both entities to maximize resources, avoid duplication of efforts, and promote greater effectiveness and efficiency in addressing disaster risks and building resilience in the region.  Collaboration, joint research, joint workshop  Localisation of ERAT at national and local levels
CESDRR	CESDRR learned a lot from AHA Center's rich experience in facilitating international assistance among ASEAN Member States and from outside the region. CESDRR is currently supporting the implementation of the 'Central Asia Regional Forum Regulation on Regional Emergency Response Coordination Mechanism' and is aiming to become the Emergency Response Coordination Center (ERCC) for the region, similar to the status of AHA Center in ASEAN and the EU ERCC in Brussels.

# **Annex A: List of Participants**

Organization	Name	Designation/Job title
Bangladesh Red Crescent	Kazi Shofiqul Azam	Secretary General
Bangladesh Red Crescent	M.A Halim	Director, Planning and Development, Disaster & Climate Risk Management (DRCM)
Bangladesh Red Crescent	Saiyeba Zaman	DRM Officer
Bangladesh Government	Mohmmad Nazmul Abedin	Senior Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management
Bangladesh Government	Dr. Mahbubur Rahman	Assistant Professor
Cambodia Red Cross	Dr. Uy Sam Onn	Deputy Director of Disaster Management Department
Cambodia Red Cross	Hang Chansana	Head sub-department of health in emergency
Cambodia Government	H.E. Ross Sovann	Deputy Secretary General
Cambodia Government	Phlang Ponleurath	Director of Education, Training and Dissemination
Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent	Guldar Kasymova	DM Manager and PPP Pillar 1 focal point
Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent	Bermet Usubalieva	OD Manager and Disaster Law Focal Point
Kyrgyzstan Government	Edelbek Kulmatov	Deputy Minister for Emergency Situations
Kyrgyzstan Government	Azat Botaliev	Special Advisor to the Minister for Emergency Situations
Tajikistan Red Crescent	Shuhrat Sangov	DM Manager and Disaster Law Focal Point
Tajikistan Red Crescent	Fakhriddin Karimov	PPP Focal Point
Tajikistan Government	Faridun Juraev	Deputy Head of the Main Directorate for the Protection of the Population and Territory
Tajikistan Government	Timur Akramov	Senior Officer, Wire and Radio Communications
Danish Red Cross	Peder Damm	Global Disaster & Crisis Management Delegate





Danish Red Cross	Mae Managbanag	Head of Office	
Finnish Red Cross	Juan Reyes	Regional Head, Asia Pacific	
Finnish Red Cross	Dewindra Widiamurti	Country Manager for Cambodia	
German Red Cross	Abdul Jalil Lone	Project Delegate	
German Red Cross	Gaurav Ray	Head of Office	
German Red Cross	Silvee Afrin Moitry	Senior Officer- Programme Management	
Italian Red Cross	Riccardo Bagattin	Regional Delegate for Asia Pacific	
Norwegian Red Cross	Vinay Sadavarte	Head of Asia Pacific Region	
AHA Centre	P. Merry Rismayani	Knowledge and Change Management Officer	
CESDRR	Elvira Torebekova	Head of the Section on Emergencies	
CESDRR	Meimanbek Chekirbaev	Deputy Director	
Consultant	Adelina Kamal	Main Facilitator (Former Exec. Director, AHA Center)	
ECHO BKK	Davide Zappa	Technical Expert on Disaster Preparedness	
ECHO Brussels	Alba Bosch	Team Leader, International Organisations, DG ECHO	
IFRC Geneva	Nelson Castano	Manager, Operations Coordination	
IFRC Geneva	Isabelle Granger	Global Coordinator Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role	
IFRC APRO	Joy Singhal	Regional Head, HDCC, Asia Pacific	
IFRC APRO	Hanne Marie Mathisen	Regional Head, Humanitarian Diplomacy and Regional Liaison	
IFRC APRO	Felipe Del Cid	Lead, Evolving Crisis and Disasters	
IFRC APRO	Hannaleena Polkki	Protection, Gender, Inclusion Coordinator	
IFRC APRO	Dr. Sushma Bhusal	Regional Thematic Lead, Health and Care	
IFRC APRO	Helen Brunt	Regional Coordinator, Migration and Displacement	
IFRC APRO	Cessie Petchi	PPP Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific	
IFRC APRO	Ganesh Navaratnam	Civil Military Coordinator	
IFRC APRO	Padmini Nayagam	Disaster Law Advisor, Southeast Asia	
IFRC CCD Bangkok	Finau Heuifanga Leveni	Disaster Law Coordinator, Asia Pacific	
IFRC CCD Bangkok	Pascal Bourcher	Programme Coordinator	
IFRC Bangladesh	Sanjeev Kumar Kafley	Head of Regional Delegation	
IFRC CCD Central Asia	Pauline Caspellan	Disaster Law Coordinator for Central Asia	
IFRC CCD Central Asia	Firdavs Faizulloev	DRR Coordinator for Central Asia	





# Annex B: Agenda

Time	Day 1: Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	Day 2: Wednesday 24th May 2023	Day 3: Thursday 24th May 2023
08.30 to 09:00	Registration	Recap	Recap
09:00 to 10:30	Opening Speech & Setting the Scene  Security Briefing: Jevenraj Selvarajah (IFRC Senior Officer, Security) and Hotel Security  Opening Remarks: Juja Kim (IFRC – Deputy Regional Director, Asia Pacific)  Meeting Objectives Introduction of Participants Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Subregional systems An overview of relevant subregional systems and potential opportunities for engagement in PPP  ASEAN/AHA Centre  CESDRR: Meimanbek Chekirbaev, Deputy Director CESDRR Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Working Groups and Panel Discussions Challenges, best practice, and opportunities for engagement.  Asia Pacific Central Asia NDMA and Subregional systems:  Moderator: Adelina Kamal
10.30 to 11:00	Coffee/Tea break		
11:00 to 12:45	Institutional policy frameworks IFRC DRM Policy and Principle and Rules: Nelson Castano, Manager Operations Coordination (IFRC) Links and complementarities between ECHO and IFRC Policy Frameworks: Nelson Castano (IFRC) Meet and Greet with IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Director: Alexander Matheou Group Photo  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	IFRC and the PPP National Societies and the Auxiliary Role: Isabelle Granger / Finau Leveni (IFRC)  Thematic areas of IFRC technical support relevant under PPP: Dr. Sushma Bushal, Regional Thematic Lead Health and Care  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Country level mapping of opportunities for engagement – Group Work  Identify opportunities for better synergies and to mainstream preparedness into country plan DRM pillars.  Identify opportunities for NS to support their governments.  Identify opportunities for IFRC (and other partners) to support.  Identify opportunities for peer exchange and peer learning  Moderator: Adelina Kamal
12:45 to 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 to 15:30	ECHO PPP Grant: Global Scope: Nelson Castano and Isabelle Granger - Global Coordinator Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role (IFRC)  IFRC perspective for AP and Central Asia: Felipe Del Cid – Lead Evolving Crisis and Disaster and Pauline Caspellan, Regional Disaster Law Coordinator Central Asia (IFRC)  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Asia country context – NS and National Authorities presentations Overview of national DRM system, PPP country programmes and lessons learned from Year 1 and plans for Year 2  Bangladesh Cambodia  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Subregional mappings of opportunities for engagement – Group Work  Identify opportunities PPP National Authorities to support subregional processes.  Identify opportunities for NS to support their governments and subregional processes.  Identify opportunities for IFRC (and other partners) to support.  Identify opportunities for peer exchange and peer learning  Moderator: Adelina Kamal





15:30 to 16:00	Coffee/Tea break		
16:00 to 17:30	EU Opening Remarks: Alba Bosch, Team Leader International Organisations (DG ECHO HQ) ECHO DP Policy: Davide Zappa, Technical Expert on Disaster Preparedness (ECHO Bangkok)  Scope of EU Civil Protection, Union of Civil Protection Mechanisms and Subregional systems, NDMA, linkages and complementarities: Nelson Castano (IFRC)  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Central Asia country context – RC National Society and National Authorities presentations Overview of national DRM system, country programmes and lessons learned from Year 1 and plans for Year 2)  • Tajikistan: (Tajikistan Committee for Emergency Situations) and Fakhriddin Karimov, PPP Focal Point (Tajikistan RC)  • Kyrgyzstan: Edelbek Kulmatov, Deputy Minister for Emergency Situations (Kyrgyzstan Govt.); Guldar Kasymova, DM Manager, PPP Focal Point (Kyrgyzstan RC) and Bermet Usubalieva, OD Manager and DL Focal Point (Kyrgyzstan RC)  Moderator: Adelina Kamal	Wrap Up and Next Steps Closing Remarks
17.30 19:30	END OF DAY WELCOME DINNER	END OF DAY	END OF DAY
17.50	Serai Restaurant at Pavilion		