

High-Level Regional Asia Pacific Webinar - 12 July

The Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters



Join our webinar to discuss the prospect of a global treaty to protect people in disasters. The expert panel includes:



Ambassador Antonio M. Lagdameo - the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations since 2022. Prior to that, he was a diplomat in Ambassador roles since 2008. Ambassador Lagdameo is Chair of the Working Group on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters (PPED) under the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.



Dr. Suphanvasa Chotikajan Tang - Director-General of the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Thirty years experience in international law and diplomacy, including the Department of International Organizations, the Royal Thai Embassy in Vientiane, as a UN expert in drafting legislative guides for the Transnational Organized Crime Convention and as Vice-Chair of the 55th Session of the UN Commission on International Trade Law.



Jeanett Veá - Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Tonga to the UN, 20 years of service with the Government of Tonga, 10 years at the Deputy CEO and Deputy Head of Mission/Ambassadorial level. Currently leads the mission's engagements on economic and financial sustainable development under the UN 2nd Committee, Social, Humanitarian affairs and Human Rights at the UN 3rd Committee, administrative and budgetary matters under the UN 5th Committee and legal considerations undertaken at the UN 6th Committee, along with climate change, ocean and disaster UN-related processes.



Adelina Kamal - humanitarian and disaster management practitioner, international policy development analyst, steering committee member of the Southeast Asian Women Peace Mediators and was the first female executive director of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance from 2017 to 2021, and prior to that, worked with the ASEAN Headquarters for over two decades.



Dr. W. John Hopkins - Professor of Comparative Public Law specialising in disaster law and sub-national governance, Director of the LEAD Institute of Law Emergencies and Disasters, a member of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law Editorial Board and chair of the International Disaster, Emergency and Law (IDEAL) Network.



Marco Toscano-Rivalta - Chief of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, with over 25 years of experience in international cooperation with the UN and other international organizations across sustainable development, disaster risk management, humanitarian relief, and refugee, IDPs and human rights protection.

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