Disaster information management services of ESCAP

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Summary and Purpose of Document:
This document reports ESCAP’s new regional institute, the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) and its services.

ACTION PROPOSED:

The Committee is invited to note of the newly established ESCAP’s regional institution, the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) and recognize its services and possible collaboration with the Committee.

APPENDIXES:

A) Draft text for inclusion at Session Report
B) Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM)
APPENDIX A:
DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SESSION REPORT

15.5.1 Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM)

15.5.1.1 The Committee took note of ESCAP's new regional institution, the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) and its initial work programme.

15.5.1.2 The Committee noted the potential collaboration with APDIM for disaster information management, especially for advancing impact-based forecasting.
APPENDIX B:
Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM)

In its resolution 7/11, ESCAP decided to establish the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) as a regional institution of the Commission.

The principle of disaster resilience is central to the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals. Disaster risk reduction and resilience-building are cross-cutting themes of the 2030 Agenda such as Goals 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation) and 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss).

Specifically, disaster information will be instrumental in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal targets related to disaster risk reduction, specifically under Goals 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere), 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) and 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

In this recognition, the Centre’s programme of work is outlined in the below.

Objectives and service lines of APDIM

- **Strategic focus:** Regional and South-South cooperation for addressing shared vulnerabilities arising from cross-border disasters through innovation

- **Goal:** Strengthened information management for disaster risk reduction and resilience

- **Objective:** Strengthened human and institutional capacity for innovative disaster information management

- **Service lines:**
  - Repository of information, data and knowledge repository
  - Training: knowledge and experience sharing
  - Information services on innovations for cross-border disasters