

Title *From Words to Action:
What More Should Be Done to Ensure Resilience for All in Asia and the Pacific?*

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Background

The impacts of climate change and disasters affect different people in different ways, depending on many factors including levels of preparedness, race, class, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities, access to resources, abilities, age, and political capabilities. During climate-related disasters, for instance, heavily pregnant and lactating women, the elderly, children, sexual and gender minorities, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples and other marginalized groups may not only have specific challenges and needs but also different capabilities. Often times, their needs are not adequately considered and their capabilities unrecognized.

While resilience building has the potential to contribute to societal transformation, it can also be socially exclusionary if done without regard to the vulnerabilities of different groups. The ongoing pandemic has also compounded current and future actions to build resilience to climate risk as it puts pressures on resources and priorities of everyone. At its core, *inclusive resilience is about enabling resilience for all*. It is not about majority rules, but about ensuring that the processes that build resilience work for everyone.

Inclusive resilience is anchored on the principles of recognition, distributive, and procedural justice and at its minimum the pursuit of inclusive resilience must “do no harm” to other members of society. Inclusive resilience must be guided by obligations and accountabilities of States to the various human rights treaties and global compacts for which they have committed themselves including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

Scope

This virtual dialogue will catalyse thinking and actions on how we achieve inclusive resilience in the context of the deepening climate emergency and the need for urgent actions in a world still to recover from a pandemic. The dialogue will help to meaningfully engage with marginalized and vulnerable voices in joint conversations and proactive actions. By soliciting ideas and approaches from the audience, the dialogue will gather insights and inspirations that will facilitate a meaningful, inclusive, productive and insightful design of the Inclusive Resilience stream of the 7th APAN Forum.

Key expected outcomes for this webinar are:

- Learned about successes and challenges of inclusive resilience and identify actions including scalable actions to achieve it;
- Identified key priorities to be discussed during the 7th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum;
- Gathered insights on how best to design the Forum to maximize meaningful impacts.

Participants in the dialogue will discuss emergent and critical priorities on inclusive resilience to climate change impacts in Asia and the Pacific in relation to the five enablers which may support or hinder inclusive resilience. These enablers are: policy and climate governance; planning and processes; financing and investing; science and assessment; and technologies and practices. While they will also gain new insights, they will also share their experiences on how inclusive resilience will be pursued in important vulnerable groups or communities.

Key questions to be discussed

- ✓ Who are the vulnerable groups that are not yet adequately represented in climate change adaptation discussions in your locality or region and how should we ensure that they are not left behind?
- ✓ How do we reach those most marginalized through the five enablers: policy and climate governance, planning and processes, financing and investing, science and assessment, and technologies and practices?
- ✓ How can we maximize commitments made by countries in international human rights treaties and global compacts such as the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda, Sendai Framework, and the New Urban Agenda to push for more inclusive climate resilience?

Key messages

- ✓ The impacts of climate change affect different people in different ways, depending on many factors including their levels of preparedness, race, class, ethnicities, gender, access to resources, abilities, age, and participation in decision-making.
- ✓ Inclusive resilience must be guided by obligations and accountabilities of states to the various human rights treaties and global compacts for which they have committed themselves including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and other human rights treaties, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.
- ✓ Inclusive resilience is anchored on the principles of recognition, distributive, and procedural justice and at its minimum the pursuit of inclusive resilience must “do no harm” to other members of society.

Agenda

		Time
Registration	Via Zoom	13:30 – 14 :00
Welcome	Mr. Niall O'Connor , Centre Director, SEI Asia	14:00 – 14:05
Inspirational Talk	Ms. Angie Mead King , CEO, Victoria Court and Founder, King Tower Farms	14:05– 14:15
Inclusive Resilience Outlook	Dr. Albert M. Salamanca , Senior Research Fellow, SEI Asia	14:15 – 14:25
Interactive Activity	All participants to go to www.menti.com and enter the code: 9861014	14:25 – 14:30
Moderator	Mr. Niall O'Connor , Centre Director, SEI Asia	14:30 – 14:35
Panel Discussion	<p>Ms. Yugratna Srivastava, Plant-for-the-Planet & UN Major Group for Children and Youth, India</p> <p>Ms. Dharini Priscilla, Program Manager, Grassrooted Trust, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Manager, Community Development Department of Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD)</p> <p>Ms. Vaito'a Toelupe, Technical Advisor, Samoa Fa'afafine Association and UN Women National Coordinator, Samoa Spotlight Initiative Country Programme</p> <p>Atty. Tony La Vina, lawyer, educator, environmental expert, and former Undersecretary, Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>	14:35 – 15:00
Q/A from the floor	Moderated audience Q&A	15:00 – 15:20
Wrap-up	Dr. Albert M. Salamanca , Senior Research Fellow, SEI Asia	15:20 – 15:25
Closing and Vote of Thanks	Dr. Dhrupad Choudhury , Chief Scaling Operations, ICIMOD	15:25 – 15:30