

# Rural Development and Emergency Management

On behalf of The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS): Asia Region, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and its Director General and staff for successful establishment of the World Rural Development Day at the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 6 September 2024 “Noting the efforts of regional organizations, including the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), in assisting national action and promoting regional cooperation relating to integrated rural development, trusting that the observance of an international day will create a comprehensive platform to assess the challenges and opportunities of rural development, Decides to declare 6 July World Rural Development Day, to highlight the critical importance of rural development and transformation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals; invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, farmers’ organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, the private sector and academia, as well as schools, to observe World Rural Development Day by presenting and promoting, as appropriate in national and regional contexts, concrete activities with regard to the sustainable development of rural areas and communities”.

TIEMS is a global forum for education, certification and policy in emergency and disaster management. TIEMS is dedicated to developing and bringing the benefits of

modern emergency management tools, techniques and good industry practices to society for a safer world. This is accomplished through the exchange of information, methodology innovations, and new technologies to improve society’s ability to avoid, mitigate, respond to and recover from, natural and man-made disasters. TIEMS provides a platform for all stakeholders within the global emergency and disaster management community to meet, network and to learn about new technical and operational methodologies. It also aims to exchange experience on good industry practices. This will influence policy makers worldwide to improve global cooperation and to establish global standards within emergency and disaster management. TIEMS has an international network of more than 10 000 experts worldwide, and such a network can be very valuable for finding expertise and for the exchange of experience and knowledge.

TIEMS as one of the strategic partners of CIRDAP during 2020-2023 had conducted several activities in collaboration with CIRDAP which can be listed as follows:

- TIEMS Annual Conference: Citizens and Cities facing new hazards and threats: Adaptive Management on Earthquake and Natural Disaster Management for Community Awareness and Resilience in Chittagong City, Bangladesh, 30 November – 4 December 2020;
- TIEMS Webinar on Anticipating a Resilient Future, 15 Oct 2021;
- TIEMS - CBI WEBINAR 2022: International Models in Emergency Management – Bangladesh, Thursday 2 June 2022;
- TIEMS Hybrid Annual Conference: Challenges and Emergency Management – Towards 2030 and beyond, 20 – 21 Oct 2022;
- 1st CIRDAP-BARD Flagship Training on Regional

Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade and Sustainable Development for Asia and the Pacific, 4 – 25 Nov 2022;

- 2nd CIRDAP-BARD Flagship Training on Regional Integrated Rural Development, Governance, Trade and Sustainable Development for Asia and the Pacific, 3 – 27 Nov 2023.

From 2025 onwards, TIEMS organized and will organize the following activities which can be used as part of the celebrations of the World Rural Development Day 2025:

- The Expert Consultation Workshop entitled “Enhancing Earthquake Resilience in Bangkok: Review, Updates and Risk Assessment” organized by TIMES in collaboration with the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA) and partners on 29 April 2025, the Jupiter 4 – 5, Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand; and
- The 1st Training Programme on Regional Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management for Food Security in Asia-Pacific, to be held in the 4th Quarter of 2025 in Thailand.

TiEMS Asia Region looks forward to collaborating with CIRDAP and relevant partners for implementing important activities relevant to disaster management and climate change in the years to come. Let us celebrate the World Rural Development Day in 2025 for the benefits of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, farmers’ organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, the private sector and academia, as well as schools.

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