

**4th meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-related Statistics
27 January 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 PM (Bangkok time)**

No decisions were made by the meeting on the following:

1. The Secretariat presented interim observations regarding the state of disaster statistics in several countries in the region. They will be included in the country case study on the implementation of Disaster-related Statistics Framework (DRSF) in the region as part of regional situational analysis.
 - a. Among those observations showed that respondents:
 - stated an increasing demand for disaster statistics due to the pragmatic need for decision making as well as the global and regional precedence;
 - revealed that their countries are not sufficiently aware of the DRSF although it has been discussed at the regional level;
 - indicated that their countries do not attach priority to disaster statistics and has no indication of embarking on the DRSF;
 - showed interest in specific examples from countries that have adopted the DRSF in terms of model, process, and templates.
 - b. Implications to the TWG: the stated observations stresses the role of the TWG as the platform:
 - to advocate the importance of the DRSF;
 - to build the capacity of countries;
 - to share experiences, challenges, and to explore solutions; and
 - to encourage innovations.
2. Sri Lanka, at the conclusion of its experience sharing presentation, requested consultancy assistance from ESCAP and exchange with fellow countries, to help start developing DRSF to improve its systems.

Next steps

1. The 5th meeting of the TWG will be held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021, 2:00 – 3:45 PM, Bangkok time.
2. The secretariat will provide members with a step-by-step tutorial on how to make the best use of Confluence as the main communication platform for the TWG.
3. The secretariat will solicit interest from members in making TWG meetings more participatory, such as by opening up for members to contribute to future agenda topics, and seek ideas for engagement between meetings, for example online discussion forums or trainings on the Confluence platform.

The agenda for the fifth meeting and other materials are available at:

<https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/fifth-meeting-technical-working-group-twg-disaster-related-statistics>