



3rd Meeting of the Joint Task Force for Disaster Management of BRICS Member Countries

16 April 2021



National Disaster Management Authority, Government of Republic of India, organized the 3rd Meeting of the Joint Task Force for Disaster Management of the BRICS Member Countries on 16th April 2021. This was the first meeting on the Disaster Management by Republic of India under its BRICS Chairship during 2021.

The meeting was chaired by Shri Sanjeeva Kumar, Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority. In his opening remark he briefed about the importance of the themes – Multi Hazard Early Warning Systems, Volunteerism in Disaster Management and Disaster Resilient Infrastructure – for this Joint Task Force Meeting. He urged all the participants from BRICS Member Countries to join hands together to develop a common platform for information and data sharing and chalk out some of the exchange programmes.

Mr. Wei Min Liu, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Emergency Management from People’s Republic of China appreciated the efforts of India for organizing this Joint Task Force Meeting and stated for initiating policy dialogue and joint research



for cooperation in sustainable development and implementation of SFDRR and UN Sustainable Goals.

Dr. Mmaphaka Tau, from National Disaster Management Centre, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Republic of South Africa stressed upon the importance of investing in planning for resilience for local risk reduction and data information sharing.

Mr. Paulo Falcao, Director, Protection and Civil Defence, Ministry of Regional Development, Federal Republic of Brazil welcomed the initiative of India and expressed cooperation from Federal Republic of Brazil.

Mr. Oleg Manuilo, Director, Department of Civil Defence and Population Protection, EMERCOM of Federation of Russia emphasized upon the need of cooperation for not only present risks but also to prevent future risk.

During the technical sessions, presentations were made by all the Member Countries on the three themes of this meeting.

Dr. Mrityunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department gave a presentation on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems in India; Shri Rajendra Singh, Member, NDMA talked about the importance of volunteerism in disaster management and highlighted the contributions by volunteers in managing the COVID-19. Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA reflected the importance of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for BRICS Countries. Lt. Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain, Member, NDMA delivered the concluding remarks and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts for managing the disasters in all the Member Countries.

The meeting concluded on a positive note and all the Member Countries expressed cooperation in the field of disaster management.
