

Minutes for 2015 annual face-to-face meeting:
World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)
- Standing Technical Committee on Disaster Risk Management (CDRM)

Annual Face-to-Face Meeting No. 6

When: November 29 (Sunday), 2015, 14:00 – 16:00

Where: Room 555 at Kyoto International Conference Center

Meeting materials: Agenda for CDRM Face-to-Face Meeting (three pages)

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks by Chair (Prof. Komatsu)
2. Self introductions (all participants)
3. No.5 Face-to-Face Meeting summary
WFEO-CDRM Annual Face-to-face meeting, No.5 in Paris, December 11, 2014
(Moderator)
4. 2015 activity reports
Reporter: Prof. Komatsu.
5. 2016 action plans
Reporter: Prof. Komatsu
6. Other businesses (all participants)
 - 6.1 Change of committee name: some listed “Disaster Committee”, “Resilience Committee”, etc.
 - 6.2 Relationship between CDRM and I3R2
7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment (Prof. Komatsu)
Note: Moderator and Recorder: Dr. Kimura

0. Attendance List

Chair

Prof Emer. Toshimitsu Komatsu Japan (Vice President at WFEO, Division Chair at SCJ)

Vice Chair

Dr. Marlene Kanga	Australia (President Elect at WFEO, Leader of CBNDRM)
Prof Emer. Syunsuke Ikeda	Japan (Vice Chair at CDRM, CTI Eng. Int. Co. Ltd.)
Dr. Vilas Mujumdar	USA (Vice Chair at CDRM, AAES)

Water-related Disaster Risk Management (WDRM) Subcommittee Members

Prof. S. Chan Wirasinghe	Canada (Professor at Univ. of Calgary)
Prof. Kenichi Tsukahara	Japan (Leader of WDRM, Secretary of CDRM)
Prof Emer. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi	Japan (Advisor at UNESCO-ICHARM)

Earthquake-related Disaster Risk Management (EQDRM) Subcommittee Members

Prof Emer. Akira Wada	Japan (Leader of EQDRM, SCJ)
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Capacity Building for Natural Disaster Risk Management (CBNDRM) Subcommittee Members

Eng. Ahamad Banman	Kuwait (DRM Chair at Kuwait Society of Engineering)
Prof Eng. Paul S. Nacouzi	Lebanon (Professor at Saint Joseph Univ.)

Observers

Eng. A. Majeed Al-Gassab	Bahrain (Chair at CRPEP, Bahrain Society of Engineers)
Dr. Jing Peng	China (Division Director at China IWHR)
Prof. Xila Liu	China (Professor at Shanghai Jiaotong University, CAST)
Prof. Zhishen Wu	China (Professor at Southeast Univ.)
Eng. Pratarp Singh	Fiji (President at SPEA, Fiji Institute of Engineers)
Eng. Abdullah E. Al-Otaib	Kuwait (Kuwait Society of Engineering)
Eng. Asma Al-Khalidi	Kuwait (Kuwait Society of Engineering)
Eng. Hanadi Alhai	Kuwait (Kuwait Society of Engineering)
Eng. Huda Aldehain	Kuwait (Kuwait Society of Engineering)
Eng. Cyril Gamede	South Africa (President at ECSA)
Dr. Sanzan Diarra	Zimbabwe (CEO at Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers)
Eng. Tendai Kapumha	Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers)
Eng. Ben Rafemoyo	Zimbabwe (CEO at Engineering Council of Zimbabwe)

Secretariat

Dr. Nobuaki Kimura	Japan (Deputy secretary at CDRM)
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1. Opening remarks

The Chair (Prof. Komatsu) extended welcoming greetings and emphasized that the vision and mission of the CDRM.

2. Self-introductions

Each participant briefly introduced him/herself by name and affiliation.

3. Summary of the 5th face-to-face meeting

The minutes of the previous face-to-face meeting in Paris, December 2014, were reported. (see Appendix-I).

4. 2015 activity reports

The Chair began by talking about the mission and vision of the CDRM, and then reported the current membership status. He went on to report several outputs from CDRM activities, including routine activities (e.g., webpage update and E-newsletter issue) and special activities (e.g., UN-ISDR WCDRR-related conference, “Tokyo Conference DRRR”, international “River Technology” symposium at WECC 2015 in Kyoto, and collaborative “WFEO-CDRM Special Session” at I3R2 in Seoul). He also reported the results of CBNDRM subcommittee activities. Members made comments on membership enrollment and financial issues, particularly noting that financial support is crucial to make the CDRM more active.

5. 2016 action plans

As for the 2016 term, the Chair talked about international collaborations. A range of discussions followed: the issue of a deficit budget for extending CDRM activities; a high level international conference to earn revenue for such activities; a disaster concept for CDRM roles, excluding manmade disasters such as war and conflict, based on the Sendai Framework; the benefits of CDRM activities to committee members; implementation of DRM regional requirements; etc. The discussion of plans for 2016 remained incomplete, and the Chair ruled that the discussion would continue by email after the meeting.

Regarding potential plans for 2016, the committee Secretary expressed deep commitment to international collaboration such as via the 10th International Joint Symposium (Taiwan) and I3R2 (Sri Lanka). The committee Secretary will ask all members to submit their plans for local or international activities, and will organize and circulate this information to all members by email. The members will decide on approval or disapproval for such plans.

6. Other businesses

- Subcommittee CBNDRM leader, Dr. Kanga, requested that all members provide some information on the subcommittee website related to DRM. She also suggested that collaboration with FEIAP-CDRM could become more progressive.
- Subcommittee EQDRM leader, Dr. Wada, reported on his group’s activities, like the Joint Statement of 30 Disaster-Related Academic Societies of Japan, Global Sharing of Findings from Past Great Earthquake Disasters in Japan, which contributed to the UN-ISDR WCDRR.
- One member proposed that the CDRM may collaborate with the ACECC for practical implementations although the WFEO may be a policy-making organization.
- Members and observers suggested several methods to earn revenue and extend committee activities. For example, an attractive, high-level conference or workshop with registration fees could be held.
- In response to many comments from members and observers, the issue of changing the committee name was postponed, as such a name change is not currently a high priority in

comparison to other activities.

7. Closing remarks and adjournment

The Chair expressed to us his appreciation to the participants who had contributed to valuable discussion and requested their ongoing contributions to committee activities.

Abbreviations

AAES	= American Association of Engineering Societies
ACECC	= Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council
CAST	= China Association for Science and Technology
CRPEP	= Council for Regulating the Practice of Engineering Professions
DRM	= Disaster Risk Management
DRRR	= Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience
ECSA	= Engineering Council of South Africa
Eng.	= honorific title of Engineer
FEIAP	= Federation of Engineering Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
I3R2	= International Institute for Infrastructure Renewal and Reconstruction
ICHARM	= International Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management
IWHR	= China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research
SCJ	= Science Council of Japan
SDGs	= Sustainable Development Goals
SPEA	= South Pacific Engineers Association
UN-ISDR	= United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
WCDRR	= World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the 3rd conference in 2015 March, held in Sendai, Japan
WECC2015	= World Engineering Conference and Convention in 2015, held in Kyoto, Japan

Appendix I Minutes for 2014 face-to-face meeting

Annual Face-to-Face Meeting No. 5 (2014)

When: December 11 (Thurs), 2014, 14:00 – 16:00

Where: Room XIII (B2) at UNESCO Bonvin Building

Meeting materials: Agenda for CDRM Face-to-Face Meeting (one page)

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Specific/important remarks

- The CDRM contributions to the UN-SDGs-related international conferences, such as 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (Sendai, Japan) and Tokyo Conference Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (Japan), were discussed.
- The plans for 2015 international symposium (a WECC2015 side event) and session (IIIR special session), collaborated with local and international organizations, were discussed.
- The other businesses such as new member recruitment, international collaboration and disaster-related guidelines were also discussed.
- The subcommittee activities were reported. For example, Capacity Building for Natural Disaster Risk Management developed their resource-sharing website.

Photos

