

Training Workshop *for*
National *and* Local Governments *in*
Southeast Asia *and* South Asia
on Climate Change
Adaptation *and* Mitigation

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It is **critical** that the increased attention, interest, and **sense of urgency** in addressing the challenges posed by climate change and disaster risks are translated into national and local actions that effectively reduce disaster vulnerability.

PHILIPPINES 2011



Severe flooding
affected the
Southern Region
of the Philippines.

1000+ lost their lives

10M lives affected



2010-2011: CAMBODIA, THAILAND BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN



In 2011, Cambodia, Thailand and Bangladesh went through **devastating floods**, which are among the **worst in their history**; Pakistan suffered from severe inundation in 2010 and 2011.

“ People in the Asia-Pacific region are
four times more likely
to be affected by natural disasters
than those in Africa; and
25 times more likely than
those in Europe or North America.”

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UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA



We had hoped that **strong and clear policies** commensurate to the needs of nations to **reduce risks and adapt to the changing climate** would come out.

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This second commitment period is said to **cover less than 15% of global emissions, which could warm the world to the tune of 3.5 degrees**, dangerously way above the 2 degrees acceptable limit.

The devastating impact of climate change is being borne by the poorest groups with the least responsibility for having caused it and least capacity to adapt.





GREEN CLIMATE FUND

is expected to provide **\$100 billion per year** for climate change adaptation by 2020.



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE:



Climate Change Act of 2009



Disaster Risk Reduction
and Management Act 2010

These **two landmark laws** give the Philippines and our people pride as **they are now considered legislative models by the UNISDR and the Inter-Parliamentary Union** for other nations to emulate.

We have to make our
communities safer,
more resilient, and
even more ready to act
when disaster strikes.

We must build
homes, schools,
and hospitals
that are
safe and secure
amidst
natural hazards.





We must design and construct roads, bridges and other infrastructure that helps spur economic growth with disaster risk reduction in mind.

As leaders,
we have to make
the right choice
for our people and
their future.

NOW IS THE TIME
TO REDEFINE
DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU