



2026 Asia Pacific Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action

Concept note

Theme

Eyes on the Horizon, Feet on the Ground: Powering Early Warning Systems and Scaling Anticipatory Action

Date and location

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Objectives

Over the past decade, anticipatory action (AA) has gained significant momentum across Asia-Pacific, with governments, humanitarian organizations, technical agencies and scientific institutions increasingly adopting approaches that support action before disaster impacts occur. At the same time, countries are investing in strengthening multi-hazard early warning systems, risk information services and forecasting capacities.

As AA continues to mature, attention is increasingly turning to how early warning information can be translated into timely decisions and action. Strong forecasting and warning systems alone do not automatically lead to better outcomes. Effective anticipatory action requires warnings that are accessible, understandable, trusted, and connected to agreed decision-making processes, financing mechanisms and preparedness measures. This is a core objective of the global Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative.

The 2026 Asia-Pacific Dialogue Platform will bring together practitioners from the anticipatory action and early warning communities to strengthen the continuum from

risk information to early action. Through exchanges, joint reflection, and collaborative planning, participants will explore how stronger integration between early warning systems and anticipatory action can help reduce disaster impacts and better protect at-risk populations. Looking ahead, the Dialogue Platform will also explore pathways to transition EW4All momentum into long-term commitments and resilient national frameworks across the region.

The Dialogue Platform will focus on the following outputs

1. **Share knowledge** and lessons learned from country experiences in strengthening the link between early warning systems and anticipatory action.
2. **Identify country-level priorities**, gaps, and support needs related to early warning systems, anticipatory action, and institutionalization efforts.
3. **Strengthen collaboration** between government agencies, technical institutions, scientific partners, and humanitarian actors working across the warning-to-action continuum.
4. **Develop shared regional priorities and commitments** for advancing anticipatory action and strengthening systems that enable action before impacts occur.
5. **Inform future regional guidance**, roadmaps and technical support priorities for countries across Asia-Pacific.

Participant profiles

The Asia Pacific Dialogue Platform welcomes practitioners, government representatives, scientists, national and regional organisations with experience or an interest in anticipatory action, with a special focus on institutionalising and harmonising Anticipatory Action. Participants are nominated via the national AA TWGs and encouraged to share lessons from their work and should have experience in anticipatory action, forecast-based financing, early warning early action, disaster risk reduction, community-level early warning systems, disaster risk financing, or hydrometeorological forecasting.

Organizers

The 2026 Asia Pacific Dialogue Platform is co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Technical Working Group on Early Warnings and Anticipatory Action and the Anticipation Hub. It is supported by the American Red Cross, the Danish Refugee Council, the Finnish Red Cross, Plan International, and the Start Network. This Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.



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Background

Anticipatory action (AA) has emerged as an important approach for reducing the humanitarian impacts of predictable hazards and crises. By combining risk analysis, forecasting, pre-arranged financing and pre-agreed actions, anticipatory approaches enable governments and organizations to act before forecast hazards escalate into disasters.

Across Asia-Pacific, significant progress has been made in establishing AA frameworks, triggers and financing mechanisms. Governments are increasingly taking leadership roles, national technical working groups have been established in multiple countries, and AA approaches are being applied to a growing range of hazards and contexts.

At the same time, the effectiveness of AA depends fundamentally on the availability of robust, accessible and actionable early warning information. Advances in forecasting science, climate services and multi-hazard early warning systems have expanded opportunities to anticipate risks with greater confidence and lead time. Yet challenges remain in ensuring that warnings are translated into timely decisions and concrete actions that reach at-risk communities.

Strengthening the connection between early warning systems and AA is therefore an important next step for the region. This includes improving the usability of risk information, strengthening institutional coordination, aligning decision-making processes, harmonizing approaches across sectors and ensuring that warnings trigger meaningful action. Against this backdrop, the 2026 Asia-Pacific Dialogue Platform will focus on how governments, technical agencies, regional organizations and humanitarian partners can work together to strengthen the pathway from early warning to early action and build more effective systems for anticipatory action.