

## Regional Consultative Group on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination for Asia and the Pacific



## Welcome to the Third Edition of the Regional Consultative Group (RCG) on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination for Asia and the Pacific Newsletter

Singapore, as the current RCG Chair and the RCG Secretariat, are glad to share the latest updates in relation to the RCG as well as other UN-CMCoord projects:

1. Third Session of the Regional Consultative Group (RCG) on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination for Asia and the Pacific;
2. Annual Meeting of the Consultative Group on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination, Geneva, Switzerland;
3. 2018 RCG Event Calendar.

### THIRD SESSION OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP (RCG) ON HUMANITARIAN CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The Government of Singapore, represented by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) chaired the RCG in 2017 and hosted the RCG Third Session from 5 to 6 December 2017 at the SAF's Changi Regional Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Coordination Centre (RHCC). The event was organised with the support of the RCG Secretariat, represented by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), and the United States Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (US CFE-DM). The Third Session was attended by more than 130 participants from 26 countries and 24 regional/international organisations, academia and the private sector.

Some of the key themes addressed during the RCG Third Session included:

- **Update on the work plans** that were agreed during the RCG First/Second Session to strengthen the coordination of operational planning between civilian and military actors in each of the RCG priority countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar and the Philippines);
- **Coordination Architecture in Disaster Response** to raise awareness of coordination platforms that can be activated during disaster response, analyse and discuss opportunities and challenges in the civil-military interface for each of these platforms and review how to create/strengthen linkages among them;

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- **Lessons Learned from Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** exercises that took place in 2017 with a view to informing future exercise planning during 2018 and ensure harmonization of these events in the region;
- Drawing on the experience of civilian and military speakers situated in relief agencies, social media, and humanitarian logistics, a dedicated session generated ideas and recommendations on using **technology to improve disaster preparedness and response** in a manner consistent with local social and governance conditions as well as humanitarian needs;
- Given the complexity and the relevance of logistics in the coordination of operational planning between civilian and military actors, one of the key RCG sessions focused on the **RCG Logistics Working Group (RCG-LWG)**, established within the overall RCG framework, to facilitate inter-governmental and inter-agency discussions on critical logistic issues.



The RCG Third Session also marked the hand-over of the RCG Chair from the Government of Singapore (2017) to the Government of Bangladesh (2018). To receive the full report of the RCG Third Session please send a request to the RCG Secretariat ([rcgpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:rcgpolicy@gmail.com)).

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON HUMANITARIAN CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION, 8 FEBRUARY 2018 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) is the annual event of the Leading Edge Programme – a year-round collaboration platform to improve emergency preparedness and response. It is held in Geneva, Switzerland since 2015, hosted by the Swiss Government and co-chaired by OCHA and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). The HNPW 2018 will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva from 5-9 February.

As part of the HNPW, the 2018 Annual Meeting of the UN-CMCoord Global Consultative Group will comprise four 90-minute Thematic Sessions (6-7 February) and one full day Plenary Session on 8 February 2018. The events will be an opportunity to formulate collective action on humanitarian civil-military coordination in multi-state settings across natural disasters and conflicts around topics such as Frontline Medical Assistance; Sharpening UN-CMCoord on Development; Peace and Security; Periphery of UN-CMCoord; Safeguarding

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Humanitarian Work in Danger Zones; and Combatants in Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination. The outcomes of the RCG Third Session will be presented during the full day Plenary Session on 8 February 2018.

For further information please visit: [www.dialoguing.org](http://www.dialoguing.org)

# EVENT CALENDAR 2018

<p><b>January</b> 1 January/3 February <b>ADMM-Plus EWG on HADR</b> (Honolulu, Hawaii)</p>	<p><b>February</b> <b>11-24 February</b> <b>COBRA GOLD</b> (Thailand)</p> <p><b>First Meeting of the RCG Logistic Working Group RCG-LWG</b></p> <p>8 February - <b>Annual Meeting of the Global Consultative Group</b> (Geneva, Switzerland)</p>	<p><b>March</b> 11-16 March <b>UN-CMCoord Course for Asia</b> (Location TBD)</p> <p><b>DHL Disaster Response Training</b> (Yogyakarta)</p> <p><b>ARDEX IPC</b> (Indonesia)</p> <p>11-14 March <b>TE 33 Initial Planning Conference</b> (Dhaka, Bangladesh )</p>
<p><b>April</b> <b>ASEAN CMCoord 2018</b> (Thailand)</p> <p><b>Balikatan</b> (Philippines)</p> <p><b>MNF SOP Workshop</b> (Location TBD)</p> <p><b>Key Resolve 18+Sr. Leaders' Seminar (ROK)</b></p>	<p><b>May</b> <b>EAS Disaster Workshop (EMA) -</b> (Perth, Australia)</p> <p><b>ARDEX MSEL Workshop</b> (Indonesia)</p> <p>29 April/11 May <b>UNDAC Induction Course</b> (Morges, Switzerland)</p> <p>07-10 May <b>TE 33 Final Planning Conference</b> (Dhaka, Bangladesh)</p>	<p><b>June</b> <b>INSARAG Regional Earthquake Exercise</b> (Philippines)</p> <p><b>Second Meeting of the RCG Logistic Working Group RCG-LWG</b></p> <p><b>RCG Mid-Term Consultation (TBC)</b> (Bangladesh)</p> <p><b>RIMPAC</b> 27 Jun - 02 August</p>
<p><b>July</b> <b>ADMM-Plus EWG on HADR TTX-</b> (Malaysia)</p> <p><b>ROK-US Stability Drill</b></p> <p><b>ARDEX FPC and Referee Training</b> (Indonesia)</p>	<p><b>August</b> <b>Tempest Express 33</b> (Bangladesh)</p> <p><b>Ulchi Freedom Guardian 18+Sr. Leaders' Seminar</b> (ROK)</p> <p><b>INSARAG Asia-Pacific meeting</b> (Tokyo)</p>	<p><b>September</b> <b>DREE 2018</b> (Nepal)</p>
<p><b>October</b> <b>21-25 October UN-CMCoord Course for the Pacific</b> (Location TBD)</p>	<p><b>November</b> <b>ARDEX2018</b> (Chilegon, Indonesia)</p>	<p><b>December</b> <b>RCG Fourth Session (TBC in Q4)</b> (Dhaka, Bangladesh)</p>

Every year in the Asia-Pacific region several Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) events are organized either at national or regional level. To facilitate synchronization of these events and avoid any overlap or duplication, RCG members have suggested to continue to maintain a regional calendar that would provide an overview of the key events as they are planned. The 2018 RCG Event Calendar should be considered as a 'work in progress' that is updated as regular feedback is received by RCG members. Please send information about forthcoming events to the RCG Secretariat ([rcgpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:rcgpolicy@gmail.com)).