

## Concept Note

### **Fourth National Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (NCDRR)**

*On the Occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2025*

*"Fund Resilience, Not Disasters"*

*ICIMOD, Khumaltar, Lalitpur (October 13-14, 2025)*

On the occasion of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2025 themed “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters,” the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR), DpNet Nepal, and ICIMOD, is organizing the 4th National Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (NCDRR). The conference will be held in Kathmandu on October 13–14, 2025, inaugurated by the Honorable Home Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Aryal and the closing ceremony will be attended by Hon. Kulman Ghising, who is the Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation; Physical Infrastructure and Transport; and Urban Development.

The conference serves as Nepal’s premier platform for policymakers, practitioners, development partners, academia, civil society, private sector representatives, and community leaders to share experiences, innovative practices, and lessons learned from disaster risk management in Nepal and beyond. Building on the 3rd NCDRR, the 2025 conference spotlights emerging mountain and transboundary risks, AI and frontier technologies for DRR and climate adaptation, GEDSI integration, and resilient reconstruction. Sessions include Learning from Monsoon Response Experiences, Sharing Government Good Practices, Policy to Practice on GEDSI, Private Sector Engagement.

The 4th NCDRR aims to assess Nepal’s progress in achieving the targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015–2030) and the National DRR Policy and Strategic Action Plan (2018–2030). The event will feature several thematic sessions and around two dozen ignite-stage sessions, highlighting local innovations, best practices, and collaborative approaches from all tiers of government. Through interactive discussions and experience sharing, the conference will generate actionable recommendations to strengthen policy coherence, promote multi-sectoral coordination, and guide Nepal’s future disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) priorities toward a more resilient and sustainable future.



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# NCDRR / IDDRR 2025 — Schedule Summary

**Theme:** “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters” October 13–14, 2025

## Day I October 13 (IDDRR Day)

Time	Session / Activity	Highlights / Speakers
09:30– 10:00	Registration	—
10:00– 11:20	Opening Ceremony	Welcome remarks (NDRRMA), context & objectives (Dr. Raju Thapa), “Monsoon 2025 in a Nutshell” (Ram P. Bhandari), Disaster Management overview (Ram B. KC), report release (Dr. Pema Ghyamtsho), remarks by Ambassador of Australia to Nepal, Hon’ble Home Minister, Chief Executive, NDRRMA
11:25– 11:40	Tea Break	—
11:40– 13:00	<b>Session I: Learning from Monsoon Response Experiences</b>	Moderator: Retd. IGP Sanat Basnet; reflections from field (e.g. local municipalities, CDO Ilam), panelists from Nepal Army, Police, APF, NRCS, AINTGDCC, NDRRMA
13:00– 14:00	Lunch Break	—
14:00– 15:30	<b>Session II: Reconstruction of Damages from Various Disasters and the 2025 Movement</b>	Moderator: Ar. Kishor Thapa Panel discussion (Dr. Chandra Shrestha, Dr. Amod Mani Dixit, Mr. Sushil Shrestha, Dr. Tej Bahadur Karki, Roshan Shrestha, MoUD)
15:30– 15:45	Tea Break	—
15:45– 17:00	<b>Session III: Emerging Mountain &amp; Transboundary Risks</b>	Moderator: Dr. Basanta Raj Adhikari; Keynote by Dr. Neera Pradhan; panelists from DMG, DHM, ICIMOD, UNDP

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## Day 2 October 14

Time	Session / Activity	Highlights / Speakers
09:30–10:00	Registration	—
10:00–10:10	Brief of Day 1	Recap & opening of Day 2
10:10–11:30	<b>Session IV: AI / ML &amp; Frontier Technologies in DRR / CCA</b>	Presentations including ML/DL-based landslide forecasting (ICIMOD), digital & spatial tech for anticipatory action
11:30–13:00	<b>Session V: Sharing Good Practices (Federal / Provincial / Local)</b>	Moderator: Pradeep Koirala; panelists from MoHA, Madhesh province, Durga Bhagwati Rural Municipality, NCDMC
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break	—
14:00–15:00	<b>Session VI: From Policy to Action — Strengthening GEDSI Governance in DRR</b>	Keynote by WHDRRP; sessions by UN Women, Sarita Karki, Krishna Karki, Chandragiri Municipality, Women NGO Fed, ICIMOD
15:00–15:15	Tea Break	—
15:15–16:00	<b>Session VII: Private Sector Engagement in DRR / CCA</b>	Moderator: Suman Shakya; panelists from CNI, Chaudhary Foundation, Dr. Suman Karna
16:00 onwards	Closing Ceremony & Remarks	Closing remarks include from ICIMOD, Ministry of Energy/Water, Physical Infrastructure, Urban Development