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10th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction

21-01-2026



The 10th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) concluded in Islamabad with the adoption of the Islamabad Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction, reaffirming the collective commitment of ECO Member States to strengthen regional cooperation, disaster resilience and coordinated action. The Ministerial Conference was hosted by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on behalf of Government of Pakistan from 21–22 January 2026, the meeting brought together ministers, heads of delegations, senior officials, and representatives of regional and international organizations. The closing session was chaired by Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik, with Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environment Coordination Dr. Musadiq Malik as Chief Guest.

The two day Ministerial Meeting reviewed outcomes of the High-Level Working Group and endorsed key decisions were incorporated into the Islamabad Declaration 2025. Member States emphasized strengthening regional coordination, early warning systems, institutional capacities and harmonized frameworks to address increasingly complex and climate-induced disaster risks. Pakistan highlighted its commitment to technology-driven disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action, and regional capacity building through its National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), while several Member States reaffirmed support for joint training, simulation exercises and real-time data sharing initiatives.



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NDMA & Universities Join Hands for Climate and Disaster Resilience in Balochistan

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Turning knowledge into impact, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has formalized strategic collaboration by signing Letters of Agreement (LoAs) with leading public universities across Balochistan and Superior University, Lahore. This milestone marks a significant step towards a proactive, science-driven and anticipatory disaster risk management framework.

The partnership brings together a province-wide academic network including Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, University of Balochistan, BUITEMS, LUAWMS Uthal, Mir Chakar Khan Rind University Sibi, University of Loralai, University of Makran Panjgur, University of Turbat, BUET Khuzdar, University of Gwadar, Bolan University of Medical & Health Sciences Quetta, along with Superior University Punjab. Vice Chancellors represented their respective institutions, with the delegation led by Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUITEMS, Quetta.

Reflecting NDMA's strategic shift from reactive response to risk-informed and anticipatory governance, Vice Chancellors appreciated NDMA's advanced early warning and hazard projection capabilities at National Emergencies Operation Centre (NEOC). They also proposed the establishment of regional and subject-specific Centers of Excellence, expanding the outreach of NDMA's Centre of Excellence on Climate Change & Disaster Management (C2DM).

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Inland Study Tour of 45th MCMC, NIPA Peshawar to NEOC-NDMA 05-01-2026



National Disaster Management Authority hosted the officers of the 45th Mid-career Management Course (MCMC), currently undergoing training at the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Peshawar.

The study visit aimed to familiarize the officers with NDMA's organizational structure, disaster management mechanisms, early warning systems and response coordination processes.

An interactive session was also conducted where probationers engaged with NDMA officials, discussed key challenges in disaster risk governance, and explored modern approaches in preparedness, response and recovery. The participants took keen interest in NEOC operations, data-driven decision support systems and technology-based early warning tools.

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NDMA conducted National Seminar on Infrastructure Audit Program – 2026 at NEOC

07-01-2026



NDMA conducted the National Seminar on Infrastructure Audit Program – 2026 at NEOC, Islamabad, marking the launch of a nationally mandated initiative to assess and strengthen vulnerable public infrastructure ahead of the 2026 monsoon.

The program was endorsed by the PM Office which aims to enhance evidence-based infrastructure audits at federal and provincial levels. Federal Minister for Housing & Works, Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, attended the conference as Chief Guest and underscored the need to address structural vulnerabilities to reduce disaster losses.

Chairman NDMA Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik emphasized coordinated nationwide implementation, standardized audit methodologies, digital reporting, and prioritization of high-risk buildings to enhance resilience. Senior stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to jointly implement the Infrastructure Audit Program–2026 for safer, more resilient communities.

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Study Visit of Cadet college Hasanabdal to NEOC-NDMA 09-01-2026



Cadets and faculty from Cadet College Hasanabdal visited the NDMA National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) to gain insight into Pakistan's disaster risk reduction and emergency response systems and were briefed on Pakistan's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) framework and mechanisms. The visit included an interactive session with NDMA officials on early warning systems, and modern approaches to preparedness, response, and recovery.

Key outcomes included interest in integrating SFDRR into the curriculum, establishing a Disaster Management Club. Such engagements foster youth leadership and promote a culture of resilience for a safer Pakistan.

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District-Level Training on Anticipatory Action | Lasbela, Balochistan

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NDMA, in collaboration with WFP, PDMA Balochistan, and Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences (LUAWMS), concluded the three-day District Level Training on Anticipatory Action for Gwadar and Lasbela at Lasbela University.

Focused on strengthening response preparedness and practical safety skills. Participants received hands-on fire safety training, enhancing their capacity to prevent, manage and respond effectively to fire-related emergencies at the community and institutional levels.

The concluding sessions reflected on key learnings from all three days, reinforcing the importance of early warning, early action, coordination and local capacity-building to reduce disaster risks and protect vulnerable communities.

The three-day training concluded with a renewed commitment to translating anticipatory action into timely, life-saving interventions.

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NDMA, UNICEF & Pakistan Girl Guides Launch Disaster Risk Reduction Badges

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NDMA, in collaboration with UNICEF Pakistan and the Pakistan Girl Guides Association (PGGA), has launched Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Badges and a DRR Badge Manual to strengthen community preparedness and resilience across Pakistan. The launch ceremony was held at NDMA Headquarters, Islamabad, with Mr. Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Program, as Chief Guest.

This initiative empowers young girls and community volunteers with practical, life-saving skills to understand local hazards, respond to early warnings, and act safely during emergencies. Building on the Girl Guides' long-standing role in disaster response, DRR Badge Manual reinforces the spirit of "Be Prepared" through structured and practical training. As part of the national rollout, 59 master trainers were trained during a Training of Trainers programme (26–30 January 2026), who will further cascade the programme nationwide.

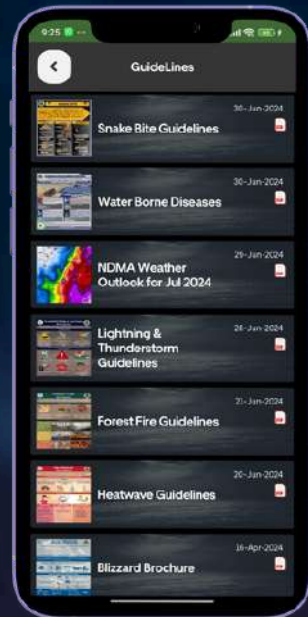
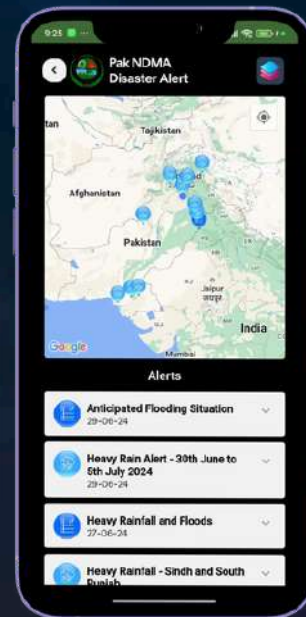
NDMA, UNICEF and PGGA reaffirm their commitment to inclusive disaster risk reduction, focusing on youth and women to build a safer, more resilient Pakistan.

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