



ARISE Newsletter



Spotlight on:

CDRI webinar on 'Disaster Risk Finance for Public Infrastructure Assets in the Developing World: Opportunities & Challenges'

The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), of which ARISE is a member, organized its first dialogue on 14th of July 2021 titled '[Disaster Risk Finance for Public Infrastructure Assets in the Developing World: Opportunities & Challenges](#)'.



The dialogue was organized in collaboration with two CDRI partners, the Insuresilience Global Partnership and the Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment. It explored several key questions regarding the design, scope, and viability of risk financing schemes

for public infrastructure in developing countries, focusing on sovereign disaster risk financing solutions. Participants had the opportunity to deliberate upon the costs and benefits of risk financing solutions and if and how such solutions can be supported through interventions of governments, multilateral development banks and other international organizations. The deliberation also highlighted the relevance of risk financing instruments in a comprehensive disaster risk financing strategy for governments to effectively avert, reduce, and mitigate disaster losses and interruptions to critical infrastructure service, and to build-back-better. The gaps and opportunities highlighted through the discussion will form the CDRI Workplan in disaster risk financing for the coming years. Watch the recording of the webinar [here](#).

Key events related to ARISE Priority Areas:

October 2021

7th ARISE AGM

13th International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

26th ARISE Board Meeting

November 2021

1st– 4th Virtual [VII Regional Platform for DRR in the Americas and the Caribbean](#)

5th World Tsunami Awareness Day

8th – 11th Virtual [Fifth Arab Regional Platform for DRR](#)

16th ARISE Network leaders call

24th – 26th [2021 European Forum for DRR](#)

Forthcoming

UNDRR COP26 Risk Dialogues

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News round-up: Africa

Workshop – Implementing Climate Resilience Infrastructure Investment in Africa – Developing National and Regional Learning Networks and Enhancing Continental Engagement with the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

In April 2020, ARISE became a member of CDRI. Recognizing the great value of this global network of public and private sector stakeholders working towards resilient infrastructure investments, stakeholders from the African region conducted a workshop on the 3rd of June 2021 with the view to promote Africa representation within CDRI and to identify potential projects. The workshop brought together organizations that are interested in engaging in climate and disaster resilient. Read more [here](#).

Workshop – Private Sector Engagement for Risk-informed Development & Investments at the Action on Disaster Relief



UNDRR organized a virtual workshop titled: 'Private Sector Engagement for Risk-informed and Development & Investments' during the event [Action on Disaster Relief – Africa](#) on the 28th of June 2021. The main goal of the workshop was to understand how disaster risk reduction and climate change practitioners can engage with the private sector to effectively cushion them from heavy losses on their investments due to disasters. As such, the workshop encouraged stakeholders from the private sector and beyond to create opportunities for collaboration so that businesses can integrate disaster risk reduction into their management practices on the African continent. Given Africa's immense vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters, the fact that any development project or business that is not risk-informed is simply not sustainable can be regarded as one of the key messages of the workshop. [Click here](#) to watch the recording.

Americas and the Caribbean

ARISE Argentina Network Launch

After a round of consultations with private sector companies, public institutions, and ARISE networks in the region, a group of ten companies launched the ARISE network in Argentina together with UNDRR. The network is currently operating under the ARISE Terms of reference and has established a governance mechanism comprising five ARISE members in Argentina. The current network is led by companies working on ARISE four priorities, including SANCOR seguros (insurance sector), Spacesur (resilient infrastructure), and the Business Association Procordoba (SMEs resilience).

ARISE Argentina's Chair, Fundación Instituto Lationamericano para la Paz y la Ciudadanía, together with the members of the board, hosted a Network launch event in cooperation with UNDRR. The event was a space to present the ARISE Argentina members and share experiences with other ARISE networks in the region, such as ARISE Chile and ARISE Mexico. ARISE Argentina has assumed its work on the development of the Network work plan and initiated a dialogue with Argentina's national authority on disaster risk management with the view to contribute to the goals of the national disaster risk reduction strategy.



ARISE Honduras: Private Sector Symposium for Sustainable Development



In May 2021, ARISE Honduras, FUNDAHRSE, in collaboration with UNDRR, organized their annual private sector symposium for sustainable development. The event highlighted the role of the private sector in achieving sustainability while also supporting the country's current recovery plan after the impact of hurricanes, Eta and Iota in 2020. The symposium was attended by 120 companies across the country, government authorities, and international cooperation representatives, including European Commission and United Nations. The symposium included special sessions dedicated to disaster risk reduction and ARISE. One of the sessions included a high-level panel, where the UN Resident Coordinator in

Honduras and UNDRR discussed the role of the private sector and resilient infrastructure as key elements for the Honduras' national recovery plan followed by a dialogue with companies from the food, logistics, and insurance sectors focusing on how the private sector can ensure risk reduction. Participating companies presented their experience with resilience action plans, which helped to continue business operations despite their location in the areas most impacted by disasters. Additionally, representatives from the insurance sector showcased examples of incentives for businesses to promote the use of insurance mechanisms and highlighted the importance of understanding risks. Click [here](#) to read more about the symposium.

CARICHAM Releases New Episodes of its Webinar Series to Promote Business Resilience

ARISE regional network in the Caribbean, the Chambers of Commerce from the Caribbean Community (CARICHAM), organized the sixth and seventh webinars of its webinar series titled "CARICHAM Regional Growth Series" to promote business resilience. The sixth episode, organized in coordination with UNDRR, ARISE British Virgin Islands, and the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, was released on 21st May. Its theme, 'Leveraging Business Continuity Planning to Enhance Business Resilience for the

Hurricane Season and the Impact of Multi-Hazards on the Caribbean', focused on sharing good practices with other businesses to integrate resilience planning within operations. The webinar also included a workshop to introduce some elements of the Business Continuity Planning tool, which is currently being developed by CARICHAM and one of ARISE Canada members, with the purpose to receive feedback from business owners before its official launch. Click [here](#) to watch the webinar.

CARICHAM released the seventh episode on the 2nd of July on 'The Importance of Cybersecurity for Business Continuity Planning.' The webinar raised awareness on cybersecurity threats in a context of massive digitalization of companies and shared good practices and solutions among the private sector stakeholders on cybersecurity. Click [here](#) to watch the webinar.

ARISE Mexico and ARISE Colombia: Implementation of the TRANSFORM Programme

ARISE Mexico and ARISE Colombia, in coordination with UNDRR, partnered with the University of Waterloo to implement the [TRANSFORM programme](#), which focuses on developing evidence, policy, and practical recommendations on resilient

business models for SMEs. The initiative is aligned with ARISE priorities and will assess risks for SMEs within specific value chains and business practices. The aim of the programme is to improve SMEs resilience to disasters. Currently, six youth researchers from the region together with ARISE Mexico and ARISE Colombia have been involved in the research process. The programme launch event took place on 8th June with the participation of UNDRR, ARISE Mexico President, ARISE Colombia members, Consejo Colombiano de Seguridad and the University of Waterloo.



ARISE US: Launch of Social Media Channel and 3rd ARISE Network Meeting

ARISE US launched its [social media channel account](#) and conducted its third ARISE network meeting to discuss the implementation of its 2021 Plan. The 2021 Plan includes the following ongoing activities:

- a) develop a free Critical Asset Management System for cities, states, and small nations;
- b) create a series of symposia with the insurance industry on issues of interest - the first symposium will focus on the assessment of wildfire risk;
- c) assemble a "rolodex" of ARISE-US members' capabilities and skills to enable them, and non-ARISE members, to find potential collaborators.



ARISE US is also actively seeking to boost its membership and build a working relationship with its ARISE neighbors in Mexico and Canada.

Additionally, one of new ARISE US members developed a brand-new course titled '[Whole Community Inclusive Economic Recovery](#)', which is the first Federal Emergency Management Agency certified course designed to tie together the principles of whole community and economic recovery. The course is now available to private, non-governmental, and public sector organizations in the US on the 20th-21st July 2021.

Arab States

ARISE UAE: Meet and Greet

On 29th June 2021, with the aim to welcome all new members, ARISE UAE's board organized a virtual *Meet and Greet*. Great number of members joined ARISE UAE since its establishment in September 2020, which currently counts over 24 members. Click [here](#) to read more.



ARISE UAE: COVID-19 Rehabilitation Program continued



CoviBeat RAK HOSPITAL COVID REHAB PROGRAM WEBINAR

Respiratory Disorders & It's management" on 22nd May and "Post Covid-19: musculoskeletal disconformities & Management" on 5th June. The program was launched with the support of ARISE UAE and it aims to support and create safe and resilient communities while working towards saving lives. Click [here](#) to read about the COVID-19 Rehabilitation Program.

As part of the ARISE UAE online COVID-19 Rehabilitation Program launched in October 2020, in association with RAK Hospital, four virtual sessions were offered between April and June including "Post Covid-19: Digestive Disorders & Remedies" on 17th April, "Post Covid-19: Fatigue & It's management" on 1st May and "Post-Covid-19:

Asia & Pacific

ARISE Philippines: Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting

Members of the ARISE Philippines Board of Directors, together with the Work Theme and Priority Area Leads, and the ARISE Philippines Secretariat met on 4th June 2021 to learn about updates on ARISE Philippines membership status, current activities, and accomplishments from 2020. Participants also discussed the strategic and operational directions in 2021 for 'Re-energizing the Network' by fostering its growth and catalyzing projects and activities.



Following the Board of Directors meeting, ARISE Philippines held its Annual Membership meeting on 8th June 2021 during which the Network updated its members on the progress achieved and shared the network's 2021 Strategic Direction and 2021-2023 roadmap. The roadmap aims at expanding and promoting deeper involvement among members, establishing more strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders, and promoting the network's overall vision and goals. The UNDRR Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific highlighted the driving role of ARISE in achieving the targets of the Sendai Framework.

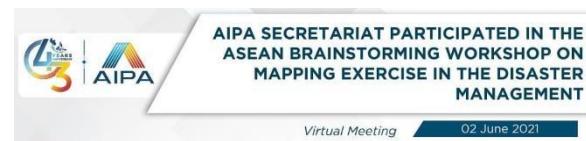
ARISE Philippines: Pilot Launch Building Resilience Index Initiative



The International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, together with ARISE Philippines, SM Prime Holdings, Neo Property Management, Build Change, the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers and several other private and public organizations in the Philippines, launched the pilot run for the Building Resilience Index initiative on 11th May 2021. During the launch event, ARISE Philippines Co-Chair Alexander Pama highlighted the need to drive inclusion of risk and resilience information in investment and financial decisions and welcomed private sector participation and adoption of the Building Resilience Index.

The [Building Resilience Index](#) is a web-based software that aims at monitoring and boosting measures against calamities and disaster risks. It includes hazard mapping, self-assessment of resilience measures, and voluntary disclosures. The initiative will be first piloted in the Philippines and expanded to the Caribbean and Pacific Islands.

ARISE India: Mapping Exercise on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change



existing technical expertise, capabilities, and resources to strengthen the multi-sectoral collaboration in disaster management.

ARISE India: TechEmerge Resilience India Challenge

ARISE India member, Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology engaged in the TechEmerge initiative of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center. The TechEmerge connects innovators with companies in emerging markets and accelerates the adoption of new technologies, services, and business models. As part of this initiative [TechEmerge Resilience India Challenge](#) was launched to engage the tech community to help communities in India to better prepare, respond and build resilience to disasters and climate change. Click [here](#) to read about the ten winner projects of the Challenge in 2021.



ARISE India: COVID-19 Webinar Series

ARISE India member Institute for Integrated Rural Development organized a series of webinars exploring post-COVID-19 scenarios in education, public service, health, employment, and livelihood. Click on the webinar titles to watch the recordings.

[Dialogue on empowering women \(in Hindi\)](#)



[Optimism in COVID scenario \(in English\)](#)



[Creating employment opportunities for youth in Uttarakhand \(in Hindi\)](#)



ARISE India: 2nd International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development

Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy became the institutional partner for the 2nd International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development held on 24th-25th June 2021. The Symposium was organized by the Asian Institute of Technology and ProSPERNet. Click [here](#) to read more about the event.

Europe

The European Commission has been steadily working to implement its **Action Plan for Financing Sustainable Growth**. Many of the Action Plan implementation activities will work to facilitate increased investment in resilience. In July 2021, the European Commission adopted several measures to increase its level of ambition on sustainable finance. These include:

- **Strategy for Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Economy** - This long awaited strategy emphasizes a broader systemic approach, going beyond climate issues. This includes improving the financial sector's resilience and contribution to sustainability, increasing the resilience of the financial system to shocks by requiring the identification, measurement and management of risks at the system level, as well as increasing disaster insurance coverage. The next steps also have a strong emphasis on the international financial architecture.
- The **European Green Bond Standard** proposal which aims to create a high-quality voluntary standard for bonds financing sustainable investment. It would align with the [EU Taxonomy](#), and as such would also feature a 'do no significant harm' requirement.
- A Delegated Act on the information to be disclosed by financial and non-financial companies about how sustainable their activities are, based on [Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy](#).

The European Commission also announced plans to expand the scope and complete the EU Taxonomy. The taxonomy on climate change adaptation integrates disaster risk reduction and many of the next steps to expand the taxonomy in the renewed strategy will also be important for disaster resilience.

