

Climate and  
Environment  
Charter



# MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION IN HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS

**Regional Workshop for Signatories to the  
Climate and Environment Charter in  
Asia/Pacific**

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Dec. 13, 2024  
Rembrandt Hotel  
Bangkok, Thailand



# BACKGROUND

Organizations working in conflict, complex, fragile and disaster-prone contexts are witnessing growing humanitarian needs related to climate change and environmental degradation. In order to address these emerging and multi-faceted challenges, the sector is undergoing substantial efforts to step up its response and act collectively, including through engaging with the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations](#).

The Charter is a set of seven commitments designed to help organisations systematically respond to climate and environmental crises. The Charter is voluntary; however, signatories are asked to submit targets to the commitments a year after signature. While developing suitable targets is unique to each organization - reflecting its scale, capacities and mandate - much can be learned from other organizations who have developed targets.

Humanitarian, development, and advocacy organizations working in Asia-Pacific face unique challenges in addressing climate and environmental issues due to the region's geography and climate context. The frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as typhoons, floods, heatwaves, as well as slow onset events such as droughts and sea level rise exacerbate existing social and economic challenges. Additionally, balancing immediate disaster response with long-term climate adaptation strategies is complex, particularly in areas with limited infrastructure and resources. Organizations working in this region are strongly positioned to learn from and with each other on the unique challenges and opportunities for advancing action on climate and environment in this context.

## OBJECTIVES

- 1 | Provide an **interactive opportunity** for Charter signatories based in **Asia-Pacific** to unpack how they are **taking into consideration the commitments of the Charter** into design, planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluation and learning cycles of humanitarian programming
- 2 | Create a platform for organisations to **share, learn, and further investigate** how to integrate the various elements of the seven Charter commitments into their programming and operations through **knowledge exchange between signatories**.

## WHO IS THIS FOR

We expect applications from actors who are:

- Representatives of organizations that are **signatories to the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations**
- Active in operating humanitarian programs or emergency response in the **Asia Pacific Region**
- Playing a leadership role in your organization's **climate, DRR, or environmental programs OR senior managers** contributing to strategy development/design of your organization's programs or operations.

# SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

You can register your interest in the workshop and for sponsorship support. Due to limited capacity and funding, sponsorship will be available for 20 participants. Since the workshop will occur on the sidelines of the [Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week \(RHPW\)](#) in Bangkok, on 10-12 December, five full sponsorships will cover travel and accommodation for RHPW *and* this workshop, while 15 other participants will receive partial sponsorships to stay after RHPW for the workshop on 13 December.

## 5 FULL SPONSORSHIPS:

*Funding for Participation in RHPW + Workshop on December 13*

- Round trip flights
- Visa fees
- Accommodation Dec 9-14
- 5 days per diem (meals)

## 15 PARTIAL SPONSORSHIPS:

*Funding for Participation in Workshop on December 13*

- Accommodation Dec 13-14
- 2 days per diem (meals)

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## HOW TO APPLY:

Please express your interest in participating in the workshop by filling out [this form](#) by September 27. The Charter Secretariat will be in touch with you regarding the outcome of your request by October 15

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- Applicants from local/national NGOs in Asia Pacific will be prioritised for sponsorship
- The Secretariat will not be able to support in arranging visas, but can provide sponsorship letters for visa applications

# WORKSHOP PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00

**Registration** and Welcome Coffee

9:00 - 9:30

**Opening Remarks** and Workshop Overview

9:30 - 11:00

**Session 1:** Understanding the Charter Commitments

11:15 - 12:30

**Session 2:** Integrating Climate and Environmental Activities and Considerations into Programming and Operations

12:30 - 13:30

**Lunch**

13:30 - 15:00

**Session 3:** Strategies for Climate and Environmental Action: The Role of Targets and Goals

15:15 - 16:30

**Session 4:** Developing and Setting Targets

16:30 - 17:00

**Closing Plenary:** Reflection and Next Steps

# WORKSHOP HOSTS

## Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations

The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations is a set of seven commitments designed to help organisations systematically respond to climate and environmental crises. The Charter Secretariat serves as a referral hub to support and connect organisations to implement the Charter commitments through connecting signatories to technical expertise and guidance in implementing Charter commitments, serving as a knowledge-sharing platform to share resources and exchange lessons learned, developing and enhancing platforms for partnership and coordination, as well as promoting and advocating for the Charter and the implementation of its commitments within the humanitarian community.

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## Community World Service Asia (CWSA)

CWSA is a humanitarian, development, advocacy and capacity enhancement organisation, registered and head-quartered in the global South and implementing capacity enhancement initiatives across the globe. CWSA is a member of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance, a Sphere regional partner and the regional focal point for the Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network's (ADRRN) Quality & Accountability Hub. As an organisation, we aim to address factors that divide people by promoting inclusiveness, shared values, diversity, and interdependence. Respecting the right to choose how to live, we work with marginalised communities to overcome the impacts of inequalities and lead peaceful, dignified and resilient lives. Our focus areas include: Emergencies, Climate Action & Risk Reduction, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Equality, Inclusion & Participation (EIP) and, Quality and Accountability (Q&A). We support humanitarian and development practitioners through the provision of capacity strengthening trainings and resources at the national, regional and global levels. CWSA is a signatory to the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations.

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## ADAPT Initiative

ADAPT brings together stakeholders to work on challenges related to climate change and Disaster Management. ADAPT raises awareness, giving evidence-based presentations at a wide variety of governmental, intergovernmental, NGO and private sector fora; facilitates processes to support learning, build consensus and make decisions on issues related to climate and disasters; supports strategy development, working with humanitarian and emergency organisations to determine how they can incorporate the reality of climate change into their strategies; creates tools to help humanitarian and emergency response organisations understand risks and design programmes that are adapted to the realities of climate change; develops climate adaptive programmes, supporting agencies to design and test new approaches to humanitarian programming in a world threatened by the climate crisis; and conducts research to support emergency response and humanitarian organisations to step up their response to the climate challenge on the basis of solid evidence.

