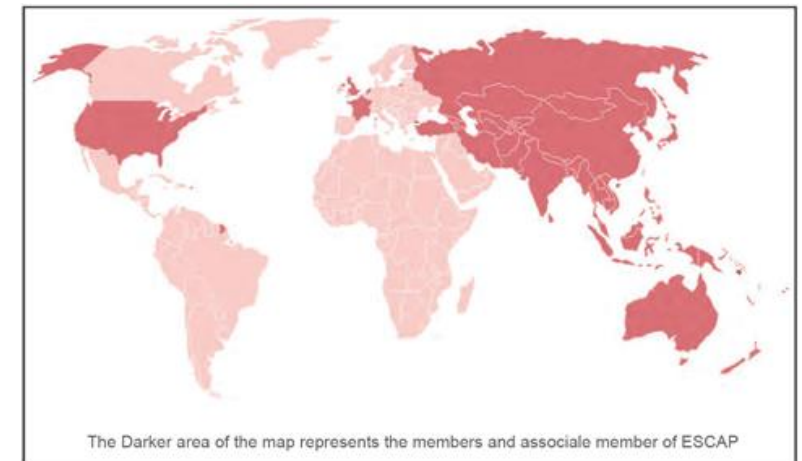


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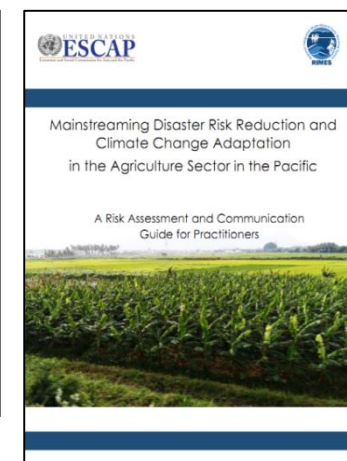
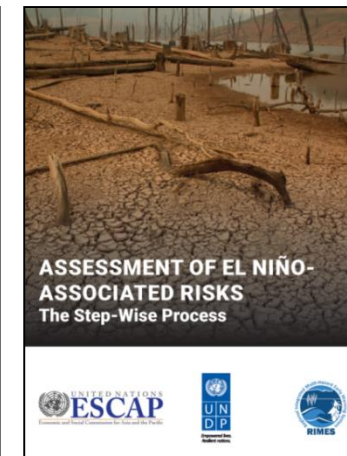
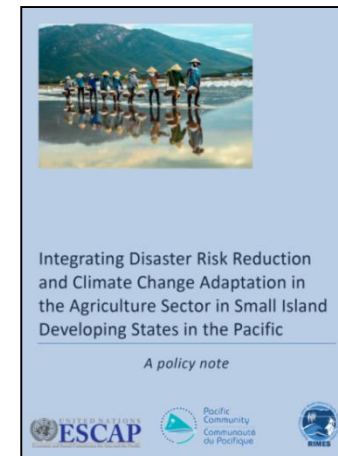
- Support for disaster-affected countries
- Regional Drought Mechanism
- Capacity building and regional cooperation to enhance access

Studies:

- ESCAP/ASEAN Study on Drought: Situational assessment and SDG poverty alleviation implications
- Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2017

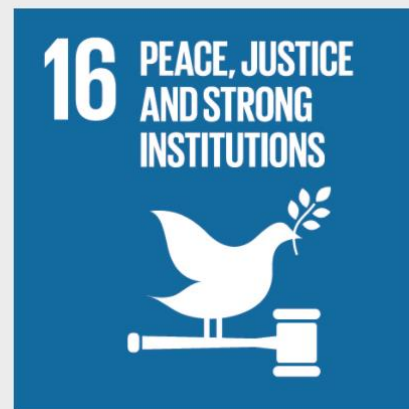
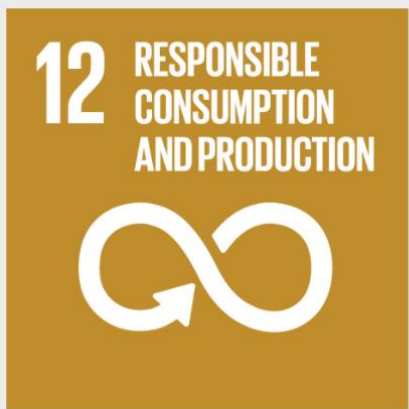
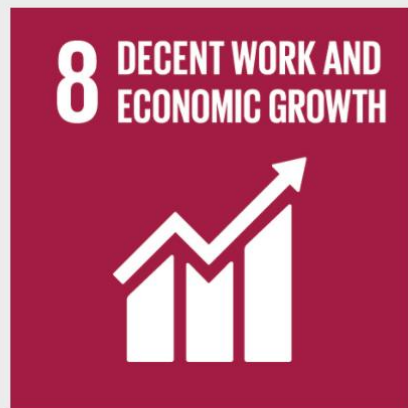
Handbooks:

- Handbooks on risk assessment in ASEAN
- El Nino risk assessments
- Mainstreaming DRR for Poverty Eradication: A guidebook



Importance of space applications for achieving the SDGs

- Space applications and their associated tools can provide far-reaching solutions
- Sectors like **health, education, food security, agriculture, and natural resource management to disaster risk reduction and resilience-building.**
- Satellite-derived data and images can support evidence-based approaches for better informed decision-making.
- Of importance is the application of this information for medium-term development planning and more accurate **monitoring and evaluation of development interventions.**

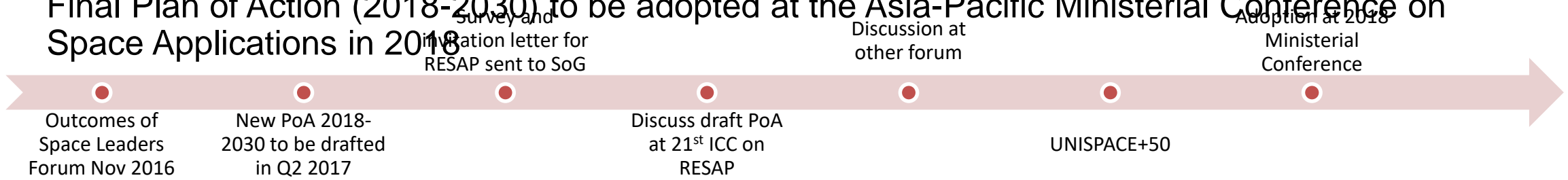


Challenges faced by Asia-Pacific

- Scaling up pilot projects
- Communication between the space community and sectors that could use the information
- Lack of budget - raising awareness in finance ministries of the importance of space applications and information for SDGs
- Lack of technical capacity, and ability to retain technical staff
- Lack of policy, procedures on data
- Lack of cooperation between ministries and institutions

Development of a new Plan of Action (2018-2030)

- Priority activities can be identified/outlined in the New Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Space Applications (2018-2030).
- New Plan of Action (2018-2030) is being drafted in consultation with stakeholders.
- Letter sent to Seats of Governments inviting new members or renewal of membership.
- Survey to be sent to Seats of Government.
- Draft Plan of Action (2018-2030) to be discussed during the 21st Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on RESAP to be held 9-12 October 2017.
- Discussion and feedback sought through other forums such as APRSAF, Commission, etc.,
- Reflection of global priorities to be incorporated after COPUOS to be held in June 2018
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- Final Plan of Action (2018-2030) to be adopted at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Space Applications in 2018





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