

SPECIAL SESSION

Ecosystem-based Recovery: The Case of the 2018 Kerala Floods

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Context	<p>Between June and August 2018, the Indian state of Kerala was affected by a series of disasters caused by a once-in-the-century rainfall event. The flooding and landslides which resulted from the rainfall resulted in approximately 500 casualties, 19,000 homes destroyed, temporary displacement of 1.1 million persons, and 5.5 million people affected. The World Bank estimated a total economic loss of 3.4 billion USD and the UN system has estimated 3.7 billion USD in recovery costs.</p> <p>United Nations agencies supported the Government of Kerala to conduct a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA). It is likely the first PDNA which has included such substantive recommendations on environmental sustainability and gender inclusiveness as a foundation for the recovery process. The Government has accepted the UN recommendations to integrate building back better and greener as its operating philosophy in its reconstruction plan “New Kerala -Nava Keralam”, supported by UN and the World Bank. . Hence the Government is conducting extensive consultations on the recovery plan to ensure it is inclusive for women, children, migrants and differently abled women and men.</p> <p>The 2019 World Reconstruction Conference will be an opportunity to highlight results from this unique PDNA, receive updates and inputs on <i>Nava Keralam</i> reconstruction plans especially with regards to its greening and inclusion strategies.</p>																								
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