

2nd National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action

"Harmonization of Anticipatory Action towards Institutionalization"



11-12 May 2026
NDMA HQ, Islamabad, Pakistan



Concept Note

Introduction: Anticipatory action presents an opportunity to reduce the humanitarian impact of forecasted hazards by taking timely and informed measures based on credible forecasts or collective risk analysis.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), under the National Coordination Forum on Anticipatory Action and in collaboration with the Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Pakistan Red Crescent Society / IFRC, are organizing the 2nd National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action in Pakistan. This two-day event aims to bring together diverse stakeholders to share experiences and discuss different ways for harmonization of anticipatory action towards institutionalization in Pakistan.

The 2nd National Dialogue Platform provides an interactive, open and engaging space for our anticipatory action community to thrive. At this event, we share and exchange knowledge, best practices, and lessons learned to ensure a fundamental change within the humanitarian system: from reaction to anticipation. The National Dialogue Platform gathers government stakeholders, AA implementors, humanitarian actors, donors, international financial institutions, meteorologists, climate scientists, risk analysts, academia, community leaders, and decision-makers to discuss how to effectively work together in harmonizing elements of anticipatory action to shift the way we do humanitarian action and support efforts towards the institutionalization of AA in disaster risk management. So that collectively, we can reduce the impact of anticipated disaster, implement the concept through new initiatives and incorporate into existing projects, and advance the use of weather and climate data.

Objectives:

1. Facilitate the exchange of information, best practices, and lessons learned on anticipatory action (AA) to improve its implementation.
2. Advocate for the integration of AA into national and provincial policies and processes, and to identify sustainable funding mechanisms (e.g., public funds, climate finance) for its long-term viability.
3. Promote collaborative efforts for a harmonized approach to hazard specific triggers, enhanced data accuracy and cross-sectoral alignment.

Expected Outcomes:

1. A synthesized analysis of Pakistan's AA portfolio, documenting key indigenous learnings and best practices to be shared nationally.

Successes of 1st Dialogue Platform

- Establishment of National Coordination Forum on Anticipatory Action Led by NDMA
- Localized AA minimum training package
- Successfully conducted National and provincial training on AA with further upscale planned,
- Draft national AA strategy.

2. A consensus on a roadmap and high-level commitments for integrating AA into key national/provincial DRM policies/strategies, with identified next steps for exploring public funding avenues.
3. Establishment of initial, multi-stakeholder workstreams to explore AA approaches for other hazards (e.g., droughts, heatwaves, Dengue) and compound emergencies.

Participants Profile: The 2nd National Dialogue Platform welcomes relevant government organizations, UN Agencies, RCRC Movement, humanitarian & development organizations, international financial institutions, humanitarian coordination forums, academia, and the private sector with experience or an interest in anticipatory action in the country. Around 200 participants are expected to share experiences and discuss international developments related to anticipatory action, pre-agreed financing, early warning action, disaster risk reduction, and climate and disaster risk financial instruments (CDRFI).

Location: The National Dialogue Platform will take place at NDMA Headquarters, Islamabad from 11 - 12 May 2026.

Methodology: The 2nd National Dialogue Platform will adopt a participatory and iterative approach and encourage open dialogue and active engagement from all stakeholders. The event will incorporate the following methodologies:

1. International and national expert resource persons in the fields of AA, Climate and Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (CDRFI), and DRM will be invited to provide key inputs and in setting the stage for insightful discussion at plenaries.
2. Panel discussions and various interactive sessions will explore the scope, challenges, and potential for AA implementation in various contexts, including learnings from recent AA activations and failures.
3. Group discussions and design thinking workshops will be used to propose a way forward for implementing anticipatory action. These will utilize real-world scenarios, case studies, scenario-based tabletop exercises, and other learning activities.

Way Forward:

The outcomes of this dialogue will directly inform the work plan of the National Coordination Forum on Anticipatory Action and will be essential for shaping a more proactive, resilient, and institutionalized disaster management system for Pakistan.

The event is being organized by:





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Agenda

Time	Session
Day 1	
0930 - 1050	Opening Ceremony
1050 - 1100	Seasonal Outlook (Monsoon) & DEW-2 Overview
1100 - 1130	Tea Break
1130 - 1250	Anticipatory Action in Motion: Pakistan's Journey
1250 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1500	Breakout Session 1.1: Harmonization of AA
	Breakout Session 1.2: AA Integration into CBDRM
1500 - 1600	Institutionalizing AA
	Day End
Day 2	
0930 - 0950	Day 1 - Recap
0950 - 1020	Global / Regional Overview 2025
1020 - 1120	EW4ALL – Forecasting to Last-Mile Dissemination
1120 - 1140	Tea Break
1140 - 1240	Leveraging Disaster Risk Financing for AA
1240 - 1330	Lunch
1330 - 1430	Breakout Session 2.1: Standardizing Anticipatory Cash Values: Interoperability Across Social Registries
	Breakout Session 2.2: Integration of AA into Sectoral & Hazard-Specific Plans
1430 - 1530	Event Recap & Way Forward
1530 - 1600	Closing Ceremony
1600 - 1630	Tea - Break off