

Crisis And Emergency Management Summit 2023

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Under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Adviser, The National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA) had organized The Crisis and Emergency Management Summit 2023 (CEMS) under the title 'Abu Dhabi 2023', on May 9 and 10, 2023, at the St. Regis Resort Saadiyat Island

Day	Main Themes	Agenda	Topics	Speakers	Workshops
Day 1	Comprehensive and integrated approach to non-traditional emergency and crisis management	Session 1: Moderator: Fadila Suoissi, SkyNews Arabia presenter.	Employ The Comprehensive Instruments of Power in National Risks Management	- Dr. Goh Moh Heng, President of Business Continuity Management Institute – Singapore. - Jeffrey Saunders, CEO of Nordic Foresight – Denmark. - James Morse, President of Rabdan Academy.	Workshop 1: Hazardous Materials Challenges and Opportunities.
		Session 2: Moderator: Dr. Mohamed Al Ali, CEO and Founder of the new TRENDS R&A.	Challenges of integration and strategic balance between sectors	- Prof. Waheguru Pal Sidhu, Clinical Professor & Director, Center for Global Affairs (United Nations) - USA. - Myriam Urzúa Venegas, Head of Risk Management and Civil Protection Secretariat of Mexico City. - Richard Hannah, Lead Advisor, Humanitarian and	Workshop 2: National Business Continuity System.
	Opening	Opening Speech		Fahed Buti Al Muhairi, the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority.	
		Keynote Speech		- H.E. Dr. Anwar bin Mohammed Gargash, The Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President. - Loretta Hieber Girardet, Chief of Risk Knowledge, Monitoring & Capacity Development Branch, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Switzerland.	
	Globalization of preparedness and response to emergencies and crises	Session 3: Moderator: Chantal Saliba, SkyNews Arabia presenter.	Cross Border Risks	- H.E Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of UAE Cybersecurity Council, United Arab Emirates Government. - H.E Hamad Saif Al Kaabi, Director of Hazardous Materials Incidents Department, National Emergency, Crisis & Disaster Management Authority. - Prof. Raina MacIntyre, Professor of Global Biosecurity & Head of Biosecurity Program, Kirby Institute - Australia.	Workshop 3: Prospects of Economic Risks and Their Impact on the National Economy.
Day 2	Preparedness for unexpected crises (Crisis X)	Session 4: Moderator: Dr. Khameis Alabdouli, Program Chair of Foundation and General Education.	Foreseeing the future of emergencies and crises and the next generation of risks	- H.E. Dr. Saif Juma Al Dhaheri, Director of the National Operations Center, National Emergency, Crisis & Disaster Management Authority. - H.E. Dr. Saeed Khalfan Al Dhaheri, Director of the Center for Future Studies, University of Dubai. - Dr. Charilaos Mertzanis, Professor of Financial Economics, Abu Dhabi University. - Dr. Diego Otegui, Assistant Professor Crisis & Disaster Management, University of Central Missouri - USA.	Workshop 4: The media power from the perspective of emergencies and crises.
		Keynotes		- H.H. Sheikh Shamma bint Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, President & CEO of UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators. - H.E. Maqsood Kruse, Chairman of National Human Rights Institute.	
		Session 5	Leadership of emergency, crisis and disaster management between science and art	H.E. Obaid Rashid Al Hosan Al Shamsi, Vice President of the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority.	
	Society as a Key Partner in the Success of Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster Management	Session 6: Moderator: Eisa Al Marzooqi, SkyNews Arabia presenter.	Preparing the community for emergencies and crises	- Loretta Hieber Girardet, Chief of Risk Knowledge, Monitoring & Capacity Development Branch, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Switzerland. - Dr. Reham Bahi, Professor of International Relations, Cairo University. - Dr. Emadeldin Adly Abdelaziz, Expert and Executive Director of the Egyptian Sustainability Forum - Cairo.	Workshop 5: Artificial intelligence in nuclear and radiological emergencies.
	Preparing the next generation of leaders to face emergencies and crises	Session 7: Moderator: Dr. Faisal Ahmed Al Kaabi, Dean of Faculty of Resilience at Rabdan Academy	Building national leaders in emergency and crisis management	- H.E. Dr. Ali Seba Al Marri, Chief Executive Officer, Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government. - Dr. Adnan Olwan, Major General (retired) Armed Forces. Expert in leadership & strategic management in crises & emergency, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.	

In the conclusion of The Crisis and Emergency Management Summit 2023, the summit presented the final recommendations:

- Setting greatest importance to strategic planning for emergency response operations, assessing it as the basis for expanding investments that enhance the resilience and agility of entities, noting that it is right way to involve all stakeholders in implementing the content of sustainable plans.
- Enhancing collaboration and harmony between all parties of the Emergency and Crisis National Network, especially the private sector, the academic community, civil society organizations and governments. In times of emergency, it is required that transparency and continuous updates be implemented and setting improvement of the legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks within the country.
- Steady and continuous education and training has a great impact on improving the performance of emergency and crisis management institutions. Parallel to that, these institutions are required to learn from successful casestudies both regionally and internationally, to become more capable of dealing with crises and limiting their repercussions.
- Governance plays a fundamental role in improving the performance of emergency and crisis institutions. Therefore, it is paramount to develop efficient international standards for the governance of crisis and emergency management to guide countries as they seek to develop their national capabilities to respond to challenges and dangers of all kinds.
- With contemporary crises of a complex, cross-border nature, there is no alternative to coordination, collaboration and integration between states and other actors in the Emergency and Crisis Management Community, including international organizations and local entities.
- There is a necessity of establishing and consolidating the principle of trust in the exchange of information and experiences between the partners of the Emergency and Crisis Management Community at the international, national and local levels, in order to raise the level of national capabilities in confronting crises shall they occur, while reducing the chances of their occurrence in the future.
- The escalation of new generation of risks and crises driven by economic and social conditions calls for reformation by relying on studies and research to raise the level of preparedness and readiness.
- Foreseeing future risks is a crucial element in developing national strategies for disaster and crisis management. This requires crystallizing a clear approach to foreseeing the future in order to identify and assess risks and crises and develop possible scenarios to deal with them.
- Employing technological developments, including applications of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data, in order to adopt smart policies and solutions based on innovation and creativity, and to achieve accurate, realistic and applicable results.
- Raising awareness among the public and raising the level of educational awareness among community members with regards to managing emergencies, disasters and crises; as individuals are often the front line of defense to face current and future challenges and dangers.
- While the world is currently experiencing an unprecedented climate crisis, building a more sustainable future for the next generations calls for strengthening international climate action efforts and developing effective early warning systems for natural disasters, and raising the world's aspirations to support the results of the extraordinary edition of COP 28, which the UAE will host next November.
- Investing in climate resilience and adaptation in cities will reduce the economic and social impact of future crises caused by climate change and extreme weather.
- Emergency and crisis management is a science and an art all together. Therefore, courses related to logic, philosophy and other human sciences must be included in preparing the future generation in the field of Emergency and Crisis Management.