Lifelong Learning and Disaster Risk Reduction Policies, Programmes, and Challenges in the Southeast Asian Region

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**Abstract:**
The benefits of lifelong learning including basic and functional literacy programmes are well documented. On-going youth and adult education programmes related to skills development and/or life skills abound as policy makers see the link between lifelong learning and poverty reduction. However, there are pressing new challenges on disaster risk reduction (DRR) that arise in the Southeast Asian region due to climate change. The research presentation will outline the state of the art in youth and adult education literacy policies and programmes on DRR. For example, in the Philippines, some policy and capacity development programmes developed, shared, innovations developed and regional training seminars were made available in the Region. The research presentation will share good practices, challenges and recommendations to strengthen lifelong learning in the region and beyond.