

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Brisbane, Australia

Conference Code of Conduct

The Australian Government and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) aim to create an environment during the APMCDRR where sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment of any kind is not tolerated. This includes but is not limited to harassment based on race, gender, religion, age, colour, nationality, ancestry, disability, socioeconomic status, political opinions, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT:

Any form of sexual harassment, exploitation or abuse and behaviour that intimidates is not welcome at the 2022 APMCDRR. This includes speech or behaviour (including in public presentations and online discourse) that intimidates or interferes with a person's participation or opportunity for participation in the community or the conference.

Harassment includes but is not limited to unwanted physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct based around structures of domination (related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religion, etc.); sexual images in public spaces; deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following; harassing photography or recording; sustained disruption of talks or other events; inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; and advocating for or encouraging any of the behaviour listed above.

For more information:

- [Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/development/desa/undrr/sexual-exploitation-abuse/)
- [Preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](https://www.dfat.gov.au/sexual-exploitation-abuse-harassment/)

IMPLEMENTATION:

The behaviour of all participants at the conference help keep our APMCDRR Conference a safe, welcoming, and friendly space for all participants.

The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) Centre Management is also committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all events at the Centre. The Centre's Team of trained and experienced professionals provides venue security. The Centre is equipped with surveillance cameras and has a police station adjacent to the centre.

REPORTING AND RESOLUTION:

1. If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed (active bystander principle), or have any other concerns, please contact the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) venue team who can be identified by clearly definable clothing. They will assist you. They will help participants contact police if required or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment and will help them to feel safe at the event.
2. Anyone engaging in harassing behaviour will be asked to cease immediately or face expulsion from the Conference and the venue.

3. If the matter involves a member of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), BCEC staff will refer the matter immediately to that organisation for action through the relevant internal processes.

Cases of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment may be prosecuted under Australian law, as relevant.

BCEC Venue Security

BCEC Centre Management is fully committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all events at the Centre.

The Centre's Security Team of trained and experienced professionals provides venue security 24/7.

- [BCEC can be contacted on 07 3308 3063](tel:0733083063)

1800Respect – National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling services

If you have been affected by sexual misconduct you can contact the national sexual assault, domestic and family violence support service, 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732). See also: www.1800respect.org.au

Shebah Rideshare

Shebah is an all women rideshare for all women including trans, genderqueer women and nonbinary people who are significantly femme-identified. Download the Shebah App <https://shebah.com.au/>