



RESILIENT CITIES WEBINARS

Joint Action between CIB (TG63) and United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

CIB and **UNISDR** are hosting a series of webinars (web-based seminars) on the topic of **Building Disaster Resilient Cities**. The webinars will share knowledge and expertise between CIB members, UNISDR, and cities that are involved in the 'Making Cities Resilient' Campaign. The target audience for the webinars are local governments, disaster risk reduction practitioners, planners and researchers.

The webinars will act to inform a number of key outputs, including a research strategy outlining areas for future research in building, construction and Disaster Resilience, which will be presented at a special session on disaster resilience and the Built Environment (hosted by TG63) at CIB World Building Congress in Brisbane in May 2013. The webinars will also inform the first annual report of the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient Campaign to be prepared in 2012.

The webinars will be held online in English or in Spanish. Each webinar will have a panel of presentations by researchers and city representatives plus a discussion session in which listeners can write in with questions and interact with the presenters. Participants will need a computer and an internet connection to participate in the webinar. Participation is free but you must register ahead of time.

THEMES

Enabling risk reduction through urban planning

(29 May 2012, 90 minutes, time to be confirmed)

Cities face immense governance challenges in integrating agendas for disaster risk reduction in urban planning and the implementation of urban plans. This webinar seeks to address:

- What are the main constraints cities confront in developing and implementing urban plans that account for hazard risk?
- What are the barriers municipalities are facing when trying to implement risk reduction through planning?
- How can planning address risk in informally settled urban areas in ways that contribute to social and environmental justice?
- What are the good practices, and problems emerging, in trying to address risk through planning in built-up urban areas? Where does good practice exist?
- How can a multi-stakeholder perspective enable risk reduction through urban planning?
- Are there any clear gaps in knowledge that can be addressed through high-quality research?

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Engaging multiple stakeholders in risk reduction for cities

(30 May 2012, 90 minutes, time to be confirmed)

Multi-stakeholder engagement is seen as a key factor in the planning, design, construction and operation/maintenance of resilient cities. This webinar seeks to address:

- What is the role of the private sector / local businesses in risk reduction?
- What is the role of NGOs / Civil Society Organisations in risk reduction?
- What are the main barriers to multi stakeholder engagement?
- What ways can we overcome these barriers?
- Where does good practice of this exist?
- In which cities are construction professionals playing a proactive role in the 'Making Cities Resilient Campaign'?
- Can bottom up approaches be successful if not supported by sound top down approaches?
- Are there any clear gaps in knowledge that can be addressed through high quality research?

Necesidades y expectativas de los habitantes en el proceso de reconstrucción

(People's needs and expectations in post-disaster reconstruction) This webinar will be held in Spanish.

(31 May 2012, 90 minutes, time to be confirmed)

After any disaster, it is necessary to ensure that the needs of the survivors are placed at the centre of reconstruction with support for them and their community organizations to design and help implement responses, including rebuilding homes and livelihoods. This webinar seeks to address:

- What are the common mistakes in the identification of needs and expectations after disasters?
- How can needs and expectations be addressed by project stakeholders?
- What are the needs and expectations of slum dwellers? How to address them in a post-disaster situation?
- How can project stakeholders (including the informal sector) address these needs and expectations?
- How to respond to opposing needs and expectations by different stakeholders (government, users, construction companies, pressure groups, NGOs, etc)?
- How can needs and expectations be aligned towards sustainable solutions? (for instance, how can infrastructure efficiency and transportation reduction be aligned with the common expectation of lower densities)?

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Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient: a Local Government Self-Assessment Tool

(1 June 2012, 90 minutes, time to be confirmed)

This fourth webinar will engage campaign cities and partners in a discussion about how cities and local government have used the ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient, as set out in the campaign, and how the new Local Government Self-Assessment Tool can help devising gaps, priorities and institutional commitments for disaster risk reduction at local level. This webinar seeks to address:

- How is the campaign ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient relevant for Local Governments? How has the check list been used- and how will the new Local Government Self Assessment Tool help: for multi stakeholder engagement led by LG, for starting off the process of checking on status, identifying gaps and supporting planning- and for monitoring (speaker:
- Process in using the Self Assessment Tool: what does it take? Who in charge, who involve, over which period of time? How are the results used?
- Evidence from a few (2) cities/local governments on how they used the tool to date, what worked, what needs to be improved. To what extent has this exercise helped the city/community to anticipate changes in their DRR planning or strategy?
- National-Local: how the national govt can help local govt, linking to national HFA implementation and monitor. Benefits of strong local government capacities in making cities resilient- how can a Self Assessment tool help (Lebanon? Plus one city representative in Lebanon?)
- Has the use of the LGSAT tool foster a new dialogue within the LG and the National government with regards to better DRR planning?

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Participation is free but you must register by 20 May 2012.

Please submit your interest in participation by following the webinar registration link at <http://resilientcitieswebinars2012.eventbrite.co.uk> and follow the instructions.

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