

World Disaster Reduction Campaign

WCSDA Resilient Cities Award 2012

The United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and the World Cities Scientific Development Alliance (WCSDA) are proud to announce entries are now being accepted for the inaugural Resilient Cities Award 2012.

The award, which will be presented at a ceremony in Beijing, China on 12 December during the Second Mayors' Summit on Disaster Risk Reduction, recognizes excellence in the adoption and implementation of the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient, a 10-point checklist designed to help local governments assess their risks and initiate plans to improve their cities' resilience.

Applicants will be considered based on successful urban resilience efforts demonstrated through effective land-use planning, design, development, and infrastructure activities and investments that serve to reduce disaster risk.

Further consideration will also be given to efforts to raise awareness of disaster risk through successful organization and coordination between multiple-stakeholders and the mobilization of funding and other resources, as well as the implementation of educational programs and training, and efforts to protect ecosystems and natural buffers to mitigate floods, storm surges and other natural hazards.

The Award Winner will receive VIP access to the Summit in Beijing, a tour of the capital, a Resilient Cities 2012 Plaque, and global recognition as an international exemplar in urban resilience. The Successful Entrant will also be invited to serve as a champion for disaster risk reduction, engaging with multiple audiences and other city leaders at future forums and events.

Applicants for Resilient Cities Award 2012 may be a city administration, a local government, or institution. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Current signatory to the Making Cities Resilient Campaign: My City is Getting Ready! (or part of the Forum to join the Campaign).
- A letter explaining why the entry should be selected for this award.
- Two letters of endorsement from credible references, such as a government entity, recognized academic or non-governmental organization, or professional institution.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants that have utilized the HFA Local: Local Government Self Assessment Tool and submitted reports to UNISDR. To access the Tool, visit <http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/howto>
If you do not yet have a username and password, please contact UNISDR-WCSDA@un.org and you will be provided with one.



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Winners will be selected by an independent jury. The nominee shall not be subjected to any kind of discrimination on the grounds of nationality, religion, race, sex or age.

Recognition will be given to all entries that demonstrate a clear path toward improving resilience. Upon approval, these entries will be posted in an Awards section of the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient Campaign website.

The deadline for Award Entries is 30 October. Please submit your entries to UNISDR-WCSDA@un.org.

For any questions, please contact Xue Dong at dong1@un.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Beijing!

About the Making Cities Resilient Campaign

The Making Cities Resilient Campaign, launched by UNISDR in 2010, is premised on three principles: know more, invest wiser, and build more safely. Guidance on these principles is outlined in the “Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient”, the building blocks for disaster risk reduction, developed in line with the five priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters. Agreement to the Ten Essentials forms the basis of a city’s commitment toward improving their resilience, and is the organizing principle around which fellow campaign signatories pool good practices, tools, resources and frameworks for reporting and monitoring of progress. In May UNISDR launched A Handbook for Local Government Leaders and a corresponding Local Government Self-Assessment Tool. Both are designed to help urban leaders assess their risk and implement sustainable disaster risk reduction plans. For more information and to download the Handbook, visit <http://www.unisdr.org/campaign>.

About the World Cities Scientific Development Alliance (WCSDA)

The World Cities Scientific Development Alliance established in 2009 is committed to promoting sustainable city development and building livable cities for humanity so as to deal with disasters and climate change in China and the world at large. WCSDA also provides opportunities for bilateral talks on city management, experience sharing and new technical exchanges for sustainable city development and works to promote world cities scientific development through the platform of the “World Cities Scientific Development Forum”. The alliance also helps world people understand and respect the diversity of civilization as we look to build a harmonious and peaceful world.

