



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Fourth Session - Invest Today for a Safer Tomorrow

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Mayors Lunch Cities Perspectives Towards Resilience - Scaling Up Local Action CONCEPT NOTE

Schedule	Wednesday 22 May, 13.00H to 15.00H – CCV Espace Incontro (in front of Conference centre CICG)
Organizers	UNISDR
Focal Points	Ms Ana Maria Castillo (castilloan.org), Ms Helena Molin Valdés (molinvalides@un.org)
Background and Rationale	<p>The Mayors Lunch is a high-level working meeting for Mayors, Governors, local government leaders and key Making Cities Resilient Campaign partners who attend the 4th Global Platform. It is an opportunity to share experience, to advance the political momentum for cities and local governments in managing and reducing disaster risk; and to identify priorities to act on for the future.</p> <p>Campaign Champion Mayors, role model cities and other leaders will interact in an informal dialogue. The lunch meeting provides the opportunity to consolidate views among leaders and to formulate strong follow-up commitments from the 4th Global Platform that can inform other policy bodies and the post-2015 HFA.</p> <p>It will also help to increase the political momentum and shared values. New Campaign Champion Mayors will be nominated by Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary- General for Disaster Risk Reduction. Cities who have yet not signed up to the campaign has the opportunity to do so during the lunch.</p> <p>Context:</p> <p>During the 3rd Global Platform in 2011, a similar lunch hosted by UNISDR, the UN Deputy Secretary-General, ICLEI and the host-city of Geneva, led to a strong Mayors Statement of commitment as part of the conclusions of the Platform. It became basis for the political advocacy of the Campaign partners and cities, and guided several regional and sub-regional declarations and action plans. It also served as a brain-storming opportunity to share information and experience among cities on needs and next steps, including several contacts for successful city-to-city learning such as in the case of Venice (Italy) and Byblos (Lebanon); Tervagh-Zeina (Mauritania) and Arab State region; Tyrol Province (Austria) and collaboration with Swedish cities; Santa Tecla (El Salvador) with Telica Association (Nicaragua) among many others.</p> <p>A key objective of the 4th Global Platform is the direction and priorities for the post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Several consultations have taken place to date with summaries available. These will be discussed in the Informal Plenary.</p> <p>HFA was agreed upon by Member States, and has been adopted by international, regional and local organizations alike. More than 1,400 local governments have signed up to the Campaign and its 'Local HFA' - this is double amount since the 2011 Global Platform. The 'Local HFA' is summarized in the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient. The Campaign has served to raise municipal governments' political commitment to act locally, increase knowledge, invest smarter, and build safer. Local</p>

	<p>governments are at the forefront to deliver services and responses to disaster risk, protect development gains, and build the resilience of urban communities. It is essential to seek the proactive involvement at all levels of local governments in further defining the post-2015 iterations of the HFA, and its means of implementation and monitoring.</p> <p>By 2030, roughly two-thirds of the world's inhabitants and the vast majority of wealth will be concentrated in urban centres. While the increasing concentration of people and economic assets in cities will present many new opportunities, it also poses new challenges to lives and livelihoods. Of particular concern are the most vulnerable communities in low and middle-income nations, where the rate of urbanization is fastest. Many of these communities are located in areas highly exposed to earthquakes, floods, drought, unstable slopes and the impacts of climate change. Large deficits in critical infrastructure and services, such as access to clean water, sanitation and drainage compound the social, environmental, and economic risks.</p> <p>Inclusive local action, built on partnerships between national and local governments, communities, private sector and other partners is critical to the successful implementation of the post-2015 disaster risk reduction (HFA2) and development frameworks.</p> <p>Do you know how much small, medium and major disasters are costing your municipality/city in direct and indirect losses- and in loss of trust and opportunities (political, population, business)?</p> <p>Be prepared to share what it is that you are doing – and how - to make your city more resilient!</p>
<p>Session Objectives and Focus</p>	<p>To increase the commitment for action and sharing of experience by Making Cities Campaign Cities and Champions;</p> <p>To define priorities from local government and cities to inform the post-2015 Hyogo framework for Action;</p> <p>To define next steps and elements for a Mayors Statement/Action Plan as outcome of the Global Platform.</p>
<p>Guiding questions for the lunch dialogue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can Local Governments become stronger leaders in resilience and disaster risk reduction, nationally and internationally? <i>Share experience, reflect on impact</i> ▪ What is the one priority or action that could improve local capacities and have a quick impact to reduce disaster risk? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Share thoughts and experience on role and responsibilities at local level; partnerships with other actors locally including citizens, academia and private business community; concerted efforts with national and global frameworks and policies.</i> ▪ How to best prepare cities and local government participation in the new HFA (<i>is there an appetite for a Preparatory Resilient Cities Summit in 2014? In that case for what, where and who could sponsor</i>)? ▪ Next steps, and commitments
<p>Discussion agenda and structure (times are indicative)</p>	<p>13.00-13.15 Arrival and serving from light lunch buffet (CCV Espace Incontro)</p> <p>13.15 Introduction by UNISDR, purpose and Making Cities Resilient context (Helena Molin-Valdés)</p> <p>13.20 Welcoming remarks role of cities in the global sustainable development agenda (Joan Clos, ED UN-Habitat)</p>

	<p>13.25 Campaign Champion Mayors and Role Model Cities to present their ideas and experience (see key questions)</p> <p>13.40 Tour de Table and open dialogue</p> <p>14.00 Arrival of Ms. Margareta Wahlström, SRSG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ceremony to designate new Campaign Champion Mayors and presentation of their vision and plans: Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pezhman, Mayor of Mashhad (Iran); and Ms. Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina (Mauritania) ▪ Signing up of new cities to the Campaign ▪ Group photo <p>14.30 Finalize the lunch; wrap up on next steps, key messages for the Post-2015 HFA and the Mayors Outcome Statement (Action Plan)</p> <p>14.50 Closing remarks by David Cadman, President, ICLEI</p>
List of expected outcomes	<p>- Elements for the Mayors Outcome Statement (Action Plan) for the closing session of the 4th Global Platform</p> <p>- Identification of main strategies to include cities with clear roles and responsibilities in the “HFA 2”.</p>
Relevance of the initiative	<p>Cities proven interest of taking the lead towards resilience identified in previous Global Platforms, Regional Platforms and keys community practitioners of disaster risk reduction.</p>
Subject’s link to post 2015	<p>Cities to become an active partner in the new framework (HFA2)</p>
Expected number of participants and speakers	<p>45-60 participants</p>
Technical Equipment Required	<p>Video projector, screen, computer, microphones etc</p>
Background documents	<p>Mayors Statement on Resilient Cities on the 3rd Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2011 http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/assets/documents/Mayors-statement-GP2011-EN.pdf</p> <p>Mayors Statement Bonn, Germany 14 May 2012 http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/assets/documents/Bonn-Mayors-Statement.pdf</p> <p>Venice Declaration on Building Resilience at the Local Level towards Protected Cultural Heritage and Climate Change Adaptation Strategies http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/assets/documents/Venice-Declaration-2012.pdf</p> <p>Declaratoria de Quezalguaque, Central America, 15 February 2013 http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/assets/documents/Declaracion_Quezalguaque_Nicaragua.pdf</p> <p>Aqaba, Jordan Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction in Cities 21 March 2013</p>

	<p>http://www.preventionweb.net/files/31093_agabadeclarationenglishfinaldraft.pdf</p> <p>Yogyakarta Declaration, Mayors and Local Governments. 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR. http://www.preventionweb.net/files/23540_2933205mayor1.pdf</p> <p>Summary of the online dialogue for the post-2015 HFA “Critical issues and priorities needed to address urban risks and local governance for disaster resilience” http://www.preventionweb.net/posthfa/dialogue/</p>
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