

## Arab Region Expert Meeting on Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Riveira Hotel- Elissar Hall, Beirut, Lebanon

15 - 16 March 2016

**Meeting Objective:** Review the local-urban indicators for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Arab Region.



### Background:

Following the adoption of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction last year, and building on the outcomes and achievements of the Global Campaign on Making Cities Resilient, UNISDR initiated work with experts, local and national government representatives to develop a set of new local urban indicators that build on the Ten Essentials of the Making Cities Resilient campaign and aligned with Sendai Framework for DRR. The local urban indicators were further developed using learning's and best practices that came out of the Local Government Self-Assessment tool (LGSAT) and the Disaster Resilience Scorecard.

The purpose of local-urban indicators is to assist cities in identifying specific gaps which then could strategically be addressed with specific actions. For that, local governments would need to establish credible disaster risk reduction action plans or strategies. These strategies need to be, across different timescales, with targets, indicators and time frames, aimed at preventing the creation of risk, the reduction of existing risk and the strengthening of economic, social, health and environmental resilience.

Apart from assisting cities in attaining the targets set out by the Sendai Framework, the objective of the local urban indicators is to:

- (1) Assist local authorities and other stakeholders in assessing their current and future needs and capacities,
- (2) Bring together stakeholders to define strategies and common goals,
- (3) Gain a holistic understanding of city's status including their interrelationships; and
- (4) Identify policies and interventions that would improve the city's resilience, there by generating solutions that touch multiple aspects of the city

### **The Meeting:**

To support the development of the Local Indicators package, UNISDR Regional Office for Arab states is hosting a 2 day workshop 15-16 March 2016 in Beirut to bring together key experts working with local governments in the region to discuss and review the Arabic version of the local-urban indicators and provide feedback to the means of implementation of the Sendai Framework before the piloting of the indicators in Aqaba, Jordan end of March. The proposed expert meeting will have around 20 participants including experts from local governments who have been very engaged with the Cities Campaign in past years and have reported on the LG Self-Assessment Tool.

The meeting will further summarize the refined structure of the urban-local indicators and generate feedback on:

- The structure, format and wording of questions in the Arabic version of the Local Urban Indicators are a) clear and b) consistent.
- The benefits and challenges associated with completing the tool
- The collection of data sets: How and What?
- How best (indicators) can include 'stresses' that a city may face?
- Can the indicators support cities in addressing the seven targets of the Sendai Framework
- To gather feedback and observations of the proposed structure of the tool (three Layers of detailed questions) and the challenges it presents
- Feedback if these indicators are able to identify specific gaps that need to be addressed based on the risk factors

## Draft Agenda

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### Day 1 : Tuesday 15 March, 2016

- 09:00 – 09:20**      **Introduction and background information**  
Ms. Luna Abu Swaireh, Head, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States
- 09:20 – 10:00**      **National Indicators of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Arab region and linkages for the local level.**  
Dr.Fadi Hamdan, DRM Center, Lebanon
- 10:00 – 10:30**      **Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework**  
Mr.Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Feedback from pilot of the draft Local-Urban Indicators in Aqaba**  
Eng.Khaled AboAisheh, Director of Planning, ASEZA, Jordan
- 11:15 – 13:00**      **Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework (Enabling Essentials 1-3)**  
Mr.Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 17:00**      **Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework (Operational Essentials 4-6)**  
Mr.Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States

### Day 2 : Wednesday March 16, 2016

- 09:00 – 10:30**      **Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework (Operational Essentials 6-8)**  
Mr.Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Tea / Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 12:30**      **Local-Urban Indicators for the Implementation of Sendai Framework (Build back better Essentials 9-10)**  
Mr.Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States
- 12:30 – 13:00**      **Analysis of disaster loss databases, risk assessments and resilience action plans for local governments in the Arab region**  
*Dr.Soud Quran, DRR expert, Jordan*
- 13:00– 14:00**      **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 16:30**      **Road Map to Rollout Sendai Framework and the Urban-Local Indicators in the Arab region at the Local Level.**  
Ms. Luna Abu Swaireh, Head, UNISDR-Regional Office for Arab States