

2017 SEOUL MAYORS FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Session Description

Session Title	Adapting to the changing climate: increasing cities resilience
Time/Date	15:30 – 17:30, Friday 20 October 2017
Room	Park Ballroom 1, Conrad Hotel
Language	English, Korean
Contact	Ms. Ana Thorlund, Programme Officer, UNISDR ONEA-GETI / thorlund@un.org
Summary	<p>Local authorities play an instrumental role in preventing new, and reducing existing risk, as well as increasing resilience. Disasters trends in the 2005-2015 decade had a complex and devastating impact on people and economies in Asia. More than 150 million people were affected by floods while economic losses amounted to more than 250 billion US dollars.</p> <p>How can we reduce the impact of disasters and make disaster risk reduction and adaptation strategies in cities a greater priority for governments and the people they serve? Clearly, local governments are required to regularly assess and review existing strategies, actions and investments in line with the pace of social and economic development.</p> <p>Achieving the local actions set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda will depend to a significant extent on how well risk management is integrated into decision making. By investing in risk reduction, new hospitals, schools and critical infrastructure can be built to withstand natural hazards and climate related risk, so that they continue providing critical services in times of disaster, when they are most needed.</p> <p>The session aims to increase understanding of the local implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.</p>
Objectives	<p>Participants will have a better understanding on the linkages between disaster risk reduction, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on climate change.</p> <p>Furthermore, participants will learn about the latest tools to assess their city's disaster resilience and discuss ways to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related risks.</p>
Chair	Helena Molin Valdés, Head of Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat

<p>Session Format</p>	<p><u>Session Flow</u></p> <p>Welcome and introduction (5min) Helena Molin Valdés, Head of Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat</p> <p>Presentation (30min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities - Ana Cristina Thorlund, Programme Officer, UNISDR Office for North East Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA-GETI) • Local actions for climate and disaster resilient cities - Merlin Lao, Program Manager, ICLEI East Asia Secretariat <p>Panel Discussion (70min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Helena Molin Valdés, Head of Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat • Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mohammad Ali Najafi, Mayor of Tehran, Iran - Daniel A. Zarrilli, Senior Director, Climate Policy and Programs and Chief Resilience Officer, New York City Office of the Mayor, USA - Ivan Serebritsky, Deputy Chairman, Environmental Protection Department, Saint Petersburg, Russia - Xiuru Sun, Section Chief of Changchun Science and Technology Bureau, Changchun City, China - Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist in Project Preparation and Adaptation Planning at the Country Programming Division, Green Climate Fund <p>Q&A (15min)</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What efforts have been made by local governments to effectively increase resilience, reduces disaster risk and address challenges by climate change?
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