

**Disaster Risk Reduction: Building cities resilience
to achieve Sustainable Development Goals
K-SAFETY EXPO 2017**

...“the priority for the international community must be prevention ... prevention of natural disasters and a certain number of other forms and other threats that undermine the well-being of the population of our planet.”¹

“...sustainable and inclusive development is in itself a major factor of prevention ... prevention of natural disasters and other aspects in which the resilience of societies is so important today.”²

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Event Background and Introduction

Cities are hubs for ideas, commerce, culture, science, productivity, social development and much more. At their best, cities have enabled people to advance socially and economically. Yet now that half of the world's population live in cities, making sustainable and resilient cities - amidst a changing climate, rapidly depleting resources, and unplanned urbanization - is one of our greatest challenges and opportunities.

The engagement of cities and local authorities has been at the forefront of discussion in many of the global forums including the Third UN World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in March 2015 when 187 UN member states adopted the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 – the global blueprint for disaster risk reduction (DRR), and the Florence High-Level Forum on Implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the Local Level in June 2016. Cities are key to tackling local risks and it is highly encouraged for cities to build resilience through sustainable and inclusive development – development that addresses the root causes of existing risks and prevents the creation of new ones.

There is a unique opportunity at the Korea International Safety & Security Expo (KINTEX) 2017 to highlight this critical role of cities and showcase the UNISDR's facilitated global campaign on Making Cities Resilient. It is hoped that the forum will foster the interest and active engagement of Korean cities and pave ways towards partnership and collaboration in making Korean cities resilient in the coming years.

The forum will

- provide an overview about the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and its linkage to Sustainable Development Goals: from the global framework to local implementation
- Introduce the Making Cities Resilient Global Campaign and share useful tools for cities in self-assessing their resilience including the New Ten Essentials, Quick Risk Estimation tool and Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities
- Showcase good practice and lessons learnt from the role model cities in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign
- Exchange experience and build connections towards city-to-city collaboration in resilience building

¹ UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland, 19 January 2016

² UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, UN Headquarters, 17 July 2017

Development is building risk

During the ten-year timeframe 2005-2015 disasters exacted a heavy global toll: the well-being and safety of persons, communities and countries as a whole have been affected. Over 700 thousand people lost their lives, over 1.4 million were injured and approximately 23 million were made homeless as a result of disasters. Overall, more than 1.5 billion people were affected by disasters in various ways, with women, children and people in vulnerable situations disproportionately affected. The total economic loss was more than \$1.3 trillion.³

A framework for reducing risk, and preventing the creation of new risk

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction is the global blueprint for managing disaster risk adopted by UN Member States in March 2015, in Sendai, Japan, at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. It sets clear targets for a substantial reduction in global disaster losses from man-made and natural hazards through to 2030, and links with other global accords such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on climate change. The framework provides practical guidance on actions and roles at national and local levels.

Making Cities Resilient: ‘My city is getting ready!’ global campaign for urban risk reduction

The global campaign has engaged over 3,600 cities to know more, invest wisely and build more safely. Cities that sign up share experience and know-how, and work to implement the New Ten Essentials for Disaster Resilient Cities. The campaign provides useful tools for cities to self-assess their resilience and plan forward for disaster risk reduction in alignment with the target of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. 168 Korean cities⁴ and townships are currently participating.

Expected Outcomes:

- City officials learn about the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in connection with sustainable development
- City officials are equipped with various tools in making cities resilient and implementing Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the local level
- Connections and partnerships fostered for Making Cities Resilient Campaign

Date & Time

Thursday 16 November 2017, 13.00-16.30 hrs

Venue

K-SAFETY EXPO 2017
KINTEX Conference Hall – *Room 204*
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Organizers

- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Office in Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR ONEA-GETI) (<http://www.unisdr.org/incheon>)
- Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS)
- Incheon Metropolitan City

Targeted Audience

Korean city officials, Making Cities Resilient participants

Workshop Language:

Korean and English, with simultaneous interpretation.

³ The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, United Nations, 2015

⁴ As of 10 October 2017

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16 Nov 2017	Tentative Agenda
12.00–13.00	Registration (Lunch box provided)
13.00–13.15	Opening Session: Welcome & Opening Remarks: <i>Representative from Ministry of Interior and Safety (MOIS)</i>
13.15–13.25	Group Photo Session
13.25–13.45	Keynote: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: from the Global Framework to implementation and sustainable development at the local level - Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia, Head, UNISDR ONEA-GETI
13.45–13.55	Presentation of Certificates of Making Cities Resilient Campaign - Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia, Head, UNISDR ONEA-GETI
13.55–14.25	Session 1: Making City Resilient Campaign and the Ten Essentials - Ms. Ana Thorlund and Ms. Mutarika Pruksapong, Programme Officers, UNISDR ONEA-GETI Q&A
14.25–14.35	Coffee Break
14.35–15.05	Session 2: Useful Tools – Quick Risk Estimation and Disaster Resilience Scorecards for Cities - Ms. Ana Thorlund and Ms. Mutarika Pruksapong, Programme Officers, UNISDR ONEA-GETI Q&A
15.05–16.05	Session 3: Learning from the experience of Role Model Cities of Making Cities Resilient Campaign - Mr. Ian Fell, Local Disaster Coordinator, Disaster Management Unit, Cairns Regional Council, Australia - Ms. Violeta Seva, Senior Advisor of the Mayor of Makati, Philippines Q&A
16.05–16.20	Special Session: Launching of A Handbook for Local Government Leaders [2017 Edition], Korean Version - Mr. Henry Sung Dai Kim, Deputy Director, MOIS
16.20–16.30	Closing Session Closing Remarks: UNISDR