TOWARD URBAN RESILIENCE
CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR CHINESE CITIES

Date 11•12 December 2017

Venue Beijing, China

Co-organizers
- ICLEI East Asia
- UNISDR ONEA/GETI
- ADB (tbc)
- GIZ (tbc)
- Embassy of Switzerland in China

Participants High-level authorities and experts from national and local governments, senior researchers from prestigious think tanks, public institutions, NGOs etc.

Language English and Mandarin

Summary
As climate change gets more obvious, extreme weather conditions and disasters also become more often, like heat surge, floods, droughts, urban heats and hurricanes, all of which pose a big threat on citizens’ well beings and national stability. To better respond, cities are in urgent need to improve their ability in reacting, preventing, preparing, and adapting to these changes. In China, February 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) together with the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD) issued the notice of developing climate adaptive pilot cities. According to the notice, 28 cities across the country have been selected to formulate adaptation action plans including vulnerability and impact assessment, capacity building, international cooperation, etc. to achieve adaptation goals by 2020.
In this regard, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, as an international organization with extensive experience in urban resilience/climate change adaptation, is organizing this training workshop to assist Chinese cities in developing local adaptation action plans in cooperation with international and domestic partners.

Objectives

This training workshop will bring together high-level decision makers, experts, researchers, NGO representatives etc. to exchange knowledge and tools of building urban resilience to climate change. In particular, this training aims to:

• Increase political commitment for urban climate adaptation actions
• Build capacities of government officials at local level
• Facilitate city to city peer learning and international cooperation

Agenda (1.5 days)

DAY 1

9.00-9.30
REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

9.30-10.15
OPENING

Chair: Shu Zhu, Regional Director, ICLEI East Asia

Welcome Speech

• NDRC/NCSC Representative (5’) (tbc)
• MOHURD Representative (5’) (tbc)
• Shu Zhu, Regional Director, ICLEI East Asia (5’)

Key Note Speech

• Climate Adaptation National Strategy in China
  Huaqing Xu, Vice Director, NCSC (10’) (tbc)
• Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in China
  Yun Gao, Deputy Director General, Department of Science & Technology and Climate Change, China Meteorological Administration (10’) (tbc)

Group Photo
10.15-10.30  COFFEE BREAK

10.30-12.30  GLOBAL EXPERIENCES IN BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENT CITIES
Facilitator: Steve Gawler, Regional Director, ICLEI Oceania
Presentation
- Steve Gawler, Regional Director, ICLEI Oceania
- UNISDR ONEA-GETI (tbc)
- Other Organizations (tbc)

12.30-14.30  LUNCH BREAK

14.30-15.30  CITY TO CITY EXCHANGE
Facilitator: Shu Zhu, Regional Director, ICLEI East Asia
Urban Climate Adaptation Case Studies
- GIZ (10')
- Embassy of Switzerland in China, (10')
- Institute for Sustainable Communities (10')
Progress Reports on Local Climate Adaptation Work
- Guangyuan City (10') (tbc)
- Wuhan City (10') (tbc)
- Jinan City (10') (tbc)

15.30-15.45  COFFEE BREAK

15.45-16.45  CITY AND EXPERT DIALOGUE
Facilitator: Steve Gawler, Regional Director, ICLEI Oceania
Plenary Discussion (tbc)
- What are the challenges and opportunities for Chinese cities to implement climate adaptation?
- How international cooperation can effectively contribute to building urban resilience to climate change in regions with high climate vulnerability?

16.45-17.00  CLOSING REMARKS
# DAY 2

## REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

### BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE DISASTERS TRAINING

Facilitator: Ana Cristina Thorlund, Programme Officer, UNISDR ONEA GETI

**Step I** Applying the Making Cities Resilient Campaign Tools
**Assessment and Diagnosis/Using Cities Resilience Scorecard Tool**

- **Presentation** (20’) : *Making Cities Resilient Campaign and the Scorecard tool*
- **Working Group Discussion**: using cities resilience scorecard tool to assess risk management situation in own cities (20’)
- **Plenary Discussion**: presenting group work outcomes (20’)

**Step II** Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into Sectoral Programmes for Socio-Economic Development with Case Studies on 10 Essentials

- Presentation (30’)
- Plenary Discussion: sharing participants own experience on sectoral programmes (30’)

## COFFEE BREAK

**Step III** Developing and Implementing Safe and Resilient City Action Plan

- Presentation (20’)
- Work Group Discussion: developing draft safe and resilient city action plan (20’)
- Plenary Discussion: presenting group work outcomes (20’)

## LUNCH BREAK

**Step IV** City Action Plan Monitoring, Evaluation and Follow Up

- Presentation (20’)
- Work Group Discussion: developing draft safe and resilient city
Step V Developing Strategy for finalization and operationalization of the developed draft City Resilience Action Plan

- Presentation (20')
- Plenary Discussion: presenting group work outcomes (20')

CITY FEEDBACK DISCUSSION
Facilitator: Merlin Lao, Program Manager, ICLEI East Asia
Guiding Questions (tbc)
- What are the biggest advantages and challenges if these methodology and tools are implemented in your city?
- How ICLEI could improve for next step to organize adaptation capacity building program for your city?

CLOSING REMARKS

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