



*Training Workshop on*  
**Urban Risk Reduction and Resilience:  
Capacity Development for  
Making Cities Resilient to Disasters**

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## Urban Risk Reduction and Resilience: Capacity Development for Making Cities Resilient to Disasters

*“Disaster risk is increasing with every passing day. Poverty, rapid urbanisation, climate change – these and other factors are leaving people and communities ever more exposed.”<sup>1</sup>*

### Event Background and Introduction

Over the past 20 years disasters have affected 4.4 billion people, caused USD 2 trillion of damage and killed 1.3 million people. Natural disasters affected people living in developing countries and the most vulnerable communities within those countries. Over 95 percent of people killed by natural disasters are from developing countries.<sup>2</sup>

Current and future challenges of mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in development planning demand new approaches, mechanisms, sets of skills and competencies that need to be identified and strengthened in order to form the basis of increasing public demand and political commitment to local actions and budget allocations. Lack of appropriate knowledge on the subject, lack of government commitment and the absence of mainstreaming in current organizational and government strategy are key existing challenges.

Urban risk is continually increasing. It has been estimated that, more than 50 per cent of the world's population is living in urban areas. Urbanization is taking place at an unprecedented rate. In the next 20 years, the world's population is predicted to increase by an additional two billion. By 2030 more than 60% of the world's population is expected to live in cities, with record concentrations in large urban conglomerations and megacities in the developing world. Vulnerability of cities to disasters is on the rise especially as poor people settle in high-risk urban areas. Unfortunately, planning and development of cities has given little consideration to the consequences of hazards such as earthquakes, hydro-meteorological risks and others. The implication of this reality is the need for countries to focus their collective energies to create a safer world for urban dwellers and develop a series of innovative approaches to meet this challenge.

<sup>1</sup> Remarks at launch of Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (GAR), 15 May 2013

<sup>2</sup> Extreme Weather and Natural Disasters, 2012



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In this regard, building resilience and adapting to climate change is crucial for cities. Efforts to build resilience in cities can benefit from integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with existing efforts in disaster risk reduction and other similar planning processes.

This capacity building training workshop, while promoting the importance of effective climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, will provide:

- i) an opportunity for cities and local governments to enhance capacities in climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction with a focus on countries/ cities Resilience Action Plans development and implementation.
- ii) a platform to exchange in-depth learning from experts in the related area and to share good practices among participants
- iii) a venue for city-to-city cooperation in building resilience in cities by integrating disaster risk principles into local DRR and CCA planes, programmes and initiatives

### **Date**

17-20 April 2018

### **Venue**

Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management, Koba-Gandhinagar Highway, Raisan Village, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 382007, India

### **Organizers**

- National Disaster Management Authority, India
- Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management
- UNISDR Global Education and Training Institute (UNISDR GETI)  
(<http://www.unisdr.org/incheon>)

### **Targeted Audience**

High-level authorities and experts from Local governments, academic and DRR training institutions, City Associations, and other local actors within the country

### **Workshop Language:**

English



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## Workshop Objectives and Expected Outcomes

### Objectives:

Overall, the training course will provide an opportunity to:

- Increase political commitment and social demand for disaster resilient development, adapted for climate change, aiming for sustainable development.
- Increase engagement of local actors in the field of development and planning with the DRR and CCA agenda and enhance planners and decision makers' ability and commitment to promote DRR and CCA through relevant systems, policies and processes.
- Learn about the Making Cities Resilient Global Campaign and how its tools, materials and approaches may be used to build local resilience to disasters.
- Building capacities of experts and officials at local level with a focus on City Resilience Action Plans development and implementation based on MCR Campaign 10 Essentials to make their cities resilient to disasters.

### Expected Outcomes

- Trained cadres of local government and city officials
- Draft Local Government Resilience Assessment Reports
- Draft Local Government Resilience DRR Action Plans

Draft strategy paper on how to further finalize, ensure endorsement and effectively implement the DRR Action Plans.