

## APUF7 URBAN INNOVATION EVENT [UI15]

### **Accelerating Local Action for Climate and Disaster Resilience**

15 October 2019 13:00-14:30 H, Function Room 11, SETIA SPICE Convention Centre

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#### **THE CONTEXT**

Steady progress has been made in the field of disaster risk reduction in the last three decades, as a result of which disaster-induced mortality has seen a decline globally. However, the success in reducing disaster mortality has not been even. Disaster impact, in terms of number of affected people and economic losses, continues to rise. Disaster risk remains disproportionately concentrated in low income households and communities. Disasters deepen such inequalities and disproportionately affect most at-risk populations, in particular, children, women, persons with disabilities, older persons, and those in vulnerable situations such as the poor and the marginalised.

More people live in urban areas than in rural areas today, and the proportion is expected to be over two-third by 2050. Urbanisation mirrors economic growth, but rapid and unplanned urbanisation and environmental degradation act as key risk drivers leading to a growing spate of disasters in cities. Climate change will further amplify risk and exacerbate disaster impact, and in several cases pose an existential threat to the communities, especially in urban coastal areas.

Given the increasing complexity and interaction of human, economic and political systems, it should come as no surprise that risk is becoming increasingly systemic and interconnected. Therefore, our approaches to managing risk require an understanding of the systemic nature of risk.

Given the challenges cited above, in addition to the increasing complexity and interaction of human, economic and political systems within ecological systems, it is clear there is a need to rethink the way disaster risks are managed. They further point to the need for assessing and addressing the nature and impact of disaster risk at the local level, since aggregated analysis masks the issues faced by the communities that remain in a state of continued vulnerability and exposure. People at risk need to be identified and strategies need to take their needs into account. This is relevant when considering that as most actions take place at the local level, where it is important to identify and understand risks. Risk cannot be compartmentalised - a systemic risk needs to be addressed through a systems approach.

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This takes on additional urgency when considering the impact of development processes on disaster risk. For instance, Asia requires infrastructure investments of USD 1.7 trillion per year, while infrastructure losses constitute a substantial portion of disaster-induced economic losses. Therefore, it makes sense to lock-in risk at the onset through investing in resilience building to avoid future potential losses.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION**

The session “Accelerating local action for climate and disaster resilience” will highlight these emerging challenges to urban resilience and will focus on addressing them through local disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience strategies. In particular, a roadmap on how to strengthen the capacities of local actors to embrace a risk-informed approach to local development will be shared for feedback at the session. This roadmap is being developed through a consultative process and aims to catalyse Target (e) of the Sendai Framework to “substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies”. The Target (e) is the only target that needs to be accomplished by the year 2020 as it sets the stage for achievement of other targets by 2030. The proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies forms a key indicator of this target and is aligned with SDG 11.

The session will build on the recently launched Global Assessment Report 2019, the 2019 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. Moreover, a status update on progress in achievement of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and relevant goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (in particular, SDGs 1, 11 and 13), at the local level, will be shared.

Feedback received from the participants and ensuing discussions will also inform how urban and local action will be addressed at the 2020 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, being co-organised by the Government of Australia and UNDRR.

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#### Provisional Programme (as of 8/10/2019)

<p><b>13:00 – 13:10</b></p>	<p><b>MC</b> (Iria, UNDRR): Welcome participants, outline session structure, introduce Lori</p> <p><b>Welcome and Setting the Stage</b> (Ms. Loretta Hieber-Girardet/UNDRR)</p> <p><i>Key discussion points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of play – DRR and CCA in Asia Pacific</li> </ul> <p>UNDRR ROAP</p>
<p><b>13:10 –13:20</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Remarks</b> Mr. Nelson Legacion, Major of Naga City</p> <p><i>Key discussion points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Relevance of risk-sensitive land use planning for urban resilience: lessons learned from their experience in revising the CLUP and CPD.</i></li> <li>• <i>Incentives for local disaster risk reduction</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>13:20 –13:35</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b> (UNDRR)</p>

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	<p>1. Acceleration plan to support building resilience for climate and disaster risks at the local level: Outcomes of consultative workshop. <i>Accelerators and draft roadmap: 8 accelerators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Develop of a toolkit with guidance on implementing DRR and CCA for local authorities;</li> <li>ii. Communication strategy and advocacy messages;</li> <li>iii. Conduct a public expenditure analysis, legal analysis as enabling factors for local DRR implementation;</li> <li>iv. Develop mechanism for monitoring and tracking of development of local strategies;</li> <li>v. Foster greater collaboration on training, maximizing training opportunities, ensure greater participation and coordination (sharing calendar, tools and events information);</li> <li>vi. Facilitation of peer to peer exchanges, document and exchanging good practices;</li> <li>vii. Map out what is already happening with DRR and CCA efforts at the local level by convening regionally CCA/DRR communities to share experiences;</li> <li>viii. Data collection and analysis support</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:35 –13:45</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>DRR and CCA integrated approaches:</i></b> perspectives from the ground Philippines, Ms. Thelma T. Vecina, Executive Director, Local Government Academy (LGA)</li> </ul> <p><i>Key discussion points:</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Risk information and analytical tools for integrated approaches on DRR and CCA planning</li> <li>✓ Institutional capacity building for decentralized climate and local disaster risk governance</li> <li>✓ Financing climate and disaster resilience: experiences, incentives and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Capacity building for local resilience:</b> perspectives from international partner organizations. JICA, Professor Kimio Takeya, distinguished technical advisor to the President.</p> <p><i>Key discussion points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reflections/lessons learned from applying the 8-steps approach to local DRR planning</li> <li>✓ Challenges and solutions to downscale climate and disaster risk information</li> <li>✓ Experiences building the case for investments in DRR</li> <li>✓ Learning from supporting partnerships for DRR and promoting vertical and horizontal collaboration</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:45 –14:05</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Partner’s perspectives on the acceleration plan for local resilience building to disaster and climate change.</b></p>

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	<p>Moderator: Lori</p> <p><i>General guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does the proposed accelerators for building local resilience to climate and disaster risks just presented by UNDRR resonates with your own experience in planning and implementing DRR and CCA measures?</li> <li>2. In your opinion what opportunities can be harnessed to accelerate local action on building resilience to climate and disaster risks?</li> <li>3. What are the key conditions for this roadmap to be successful in helping you, at the local level, to take actions?</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Dhaka North Corporation, Mr. Tarik Bin Yousuf (confirmed)</b></p> <p><i>Specific potential discussion points/ questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lessons learned in developing, financing and implementing local DRR action plan (from the experiences DRR action plan for Dhaka North municipality</li> <li>✓ Investing in local disaster and climate resilience building: mobilizing donor's support; allocating local resources</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Tsinghua Innovation Center in Zhuhai, Mr. Nian She (confirmed)</b></p> <p><i>Specific potential discussion points/ questions</i></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Nature-based solutions as measures for integrated CCA and DRR (lessons learned from Sponge City/green infrastructures in Zhuhai)</li></ul> <p><b>3. Commonwealth Local Government Forum (tbc)</b></p> <p><i>Specific potential discussion points/ questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Local good governance and participation as enabler for local resilience building</li><li>✓ Local development planning and budgeting processes and capacities: challenges and entry points to mainstream DRR and CCA</li></ul> <p><b>4. Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (tbc)</b></p> <p><i>Specific potential discussion points/ questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ How do we ensure inclusivity and community engagement in local DRR and CCA planning, implementation and monitoring?</li><li>✓ Key roles and responsibilities of community associations in accelerating local action</li></ul>
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<p><b>14:05</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Registered interventions from the floor:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Laura M. Hammett. Climate Change Adaptation &amp; Urban Resilience Specialist UNDP CCA.</li> <li>2. Aslam Perwaiz. Deputy Executive Director, ADPC</li> <li>3. IFRC ( tbc)</li> <li>4. GIZ</li> <li>5. UCLG</li> </ol>
<p><b>14:25 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusion and Way Forward</b></p>

#### Guiding Questions for panellist

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**BIOs – Speakers and Presenters**