

Workshop on Making Cities Resilient: Towards developing local disaster risk reduction strategy

**29-30 October 2019
Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Event Background and Introduction

Background

The Government of Dubai has committed to making Dubai disaster resilient. On 2-3 September, the initial capacity building workshop was held in Dubai with multi-sectoral department participation. During this workshop, Dubai government officials were oriented with disaster risk reduction (DRR) concept including key terminologies, the linkage of DRR and climate change and sustainable development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Making Cities Resilient campaign and the 10 Essentials for making cities resilient. Moreover, the participants practiced using Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities in assessing the current progress in disaster resilience building in Dubai. This exercise continued post-workshop with the aim of using the Scorecard results as inputs to the development of DRR strategies.

Workshop Objectives

Follow-on with this commitment, the second workshop is planned to be held in Dubai with an aim to guide the development of an evidence based local DRR strategy that reflects the current local needs and gaps and is aligned with the global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Paris Agreement, New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. The workshop will also be an opportunity to review the state of play of Dubai in DRR, climate change adaptation and urban development and review the result of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities assessment for DRR strategic planning.

Expected Outcome

It is expected that the trained cadres of local government officials will be equipped with knowledge and skills in DRR strategic planning for the Government of Dubai to have DRR strategy in place for implementation before 2020.

Targeted Audience

25-30 Dubai city officials responsible for urban development and budget planning, disaster risk management, environment, transport, health, education, as well as key stakeholders from relevant Civil Society Organizations, private sector and academia.

Organizers

- Government of Dubai
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) & Global Education and Training Institute (GETI)

Facilitators

- Mr. Mohammed Fadi Jannan, Deputy Chief of Regional Office for Arab States, UNDRR
- Dr. Mutarika Pruksapong, Programme Officer, UNDRR Global Education and Training Institute (GETI)

Workshop Language:

English

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Provisional Agenda

Time	Program
Day 1: 29 October 2019	
07:30 – 08:15	Arrival and Registration
08:15 – 08:30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks: Dubai Police • Opening Remarks: Ms. Kirsi Madi, Director United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - UNDRR
08:30 – 08:45	Introduction of Facilitators and Participants Overview of the Workshop & Recap from the past workshop
08:45 – 09:00	Introduction to the local disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategy <i>Presentation</i> by UNDRR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the local DRR strategy? • Key critical components and content of the local DRR strategy including the 10 key elements of DRR strategy as guided by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction • Guided process in developing local DRR strategy • Case examples from other cities
09:00 – 09:30	The State of Play: Dubai's landscape on disaster and climate risk management <i>Presentation by Dubai and UAE representatives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Dubai's risk? Revisit the disaster and climate risk assessment and information • Recap the existing national policies and legislation relevant to Dubai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UAE and the Sustainable Development Agenda¹ • Existing policy in Dubai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate adaptation plan for the Emirate of Dubai <p>Discussion to draw the overall landscape and background inputs for DRR strategic planning</p>
09:30 – 10:30	Review of the Scorecard Assessment Results <i>Recap by UNDRR</i> on the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, the 10 Essentials for Making Cities Resilient and the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities (10 min) <i>Presentation by Dubai representative</i> on the results of the preliminary and detailed scorecard assessments (20 min) Discussion on the findings from the Scorecard Assessment results, identifying gaps and priority areas
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee/Tea Break
10:50 – 13:40	Identifying key DRR priorities and action areas <i>Group work:</i> discuss the vision, mission and objectives of Dubai City Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>Group presentation and consolidation of results</i>
13:40 – 14:00	Q & A and closing of day one

Day 2: 30 October 2019	
08:00 – 08:15	Recap of day one
08:15 – 10:15	Developing DRR strategic action plan <i>Group work:</i> developing DRR strategic action plan based on the identified priorities, Smart Indicators, monitoring and evaluation, and accountability
10:15 – 11:00	Developing DRR strategic action plan (cont.) <i>Group presentation</i> <i>Feedback discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
11:30 – 12:30	Implementation Plan <i>Discussion on the implementation modality of the DRR action plan</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Strategic Approach to Capacity Development for DRR <i>Discussion on capacity gaps and potential solutions</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Open Discussions, Wrap Up, Next Steps & Closing

Remarks:

Required workshop materials

- Computer, projector, screen, laser pointer/clicker
- Flip chart papers for each working group with markers (black, blue, red)
- Post-it notes (size around 6 in x 4 in) in assorted colors and markers

Participants should have at least one computer per group for group work.