



Working Sessions

Concept Note Template

Event title	Cities on the Forefront of Achieving Inclusive Climate and Disaster Resilience
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Venue/ Room no.	Room 2
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<p>Background and Rationale (~ 500 words.)</p>	<p>More than half of the world’s population is now living in urban areas with close to a billion living in slum conditions. Urbanization will continue and predictions estimate that 70% of the global population will be urban by 2050.</p> <p>While cities can be centres of growth, innovation and prosperity, and have lifted millions out of poverty with economic opportunities, rapid urbanization can become the backdrop for increased inequality, informal and marginal settlements, and other scenarios that are detrimental to human life and wellbeing. This adversely increases vulnerability and expose urban dwellers to more risks.</p> <p>Extreme weather events taking heavy toll on lives and destroyed urban development were evident across the world in 2018 and 2019 - the record-</p>

	<p>high rainfalls inundating the Western Japan with more than 200 casualties; heat-waves across the northern hemisphere; extreme wildfires in Greece, Canada and California; and deadliest cyclone in Mozambique that left more than 100,000 displaced.</p> <p>Local governments and other local stakeholders must now take immediate and collaborative actions to ensure that cities are disaster and climate resilient and do so in a way that fully includes all members of society. Cities must take the local ownership and demonstrate political commitment, human and financial capacities, foresight and risk planning, policy integration across local multi-sectors, and inclusion of all stakeholders and different groups within urban populations be it women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, poor people, children and youth, migrants, Indigenous people, volunteers, and the community of practitioners.</p> <p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call on local governments to put in place disaster risk reduction strategy by 2020, with the aim for cities to actively reduce vulnerability and exposure to risks and strengthening resilience to disaster and climate events. It is a critical time for the local actors to demonstrate such achievement and inspire others to pursue the same.</p> <p>This working session provides an opportunity to showcase concrete ‘how to’ examples from local actors and stakeholders in achieving the vision for resilient and sustainable cities. The session will not only focus on what was done right and going well, but also what the challenges/failures were and identify ways to overcome them.</p> <p><u>Key questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key ingredients for successful urban risk reduction and climate adaptation (based on concrete examples)? • How did the cities overcome the challenge on financing for disaster and climate resilience? • What are the remaining challenges and critical recommendations to accelerate urban resilience building?
Session objectives	<i>What does this session aim to accomplish? (2 to 3 bullets)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify current bottlenecks as well as gaps and needs for action to step up city-level action for disaster and climate resilience • Showcase practical and concrete examples, lessons learned and good practices from various local stakeholders for urban risk reduction and climate resilient • Highlight solutions (tools, processes, good governance, and enabling environment) that support cities in addressing the issues of inclusion (both at risk populations and diverse stakeholders), local ownership, human resources, financial capacities, short-term and long-term risk management analysis and planning, policy integration, in building climate and disaster resilient cities
<p>Agenda and Structure</p>	<p>1 Moderator, 5 Speakers.</p> <p>15:00 – 15:05 Moderator introduces the session & conference app</p> <p>15:05 – 15:10 Moderator introduces the panel</p> <p>15:10 – 15:40 Opening remarks of the panel Sharing insights and practical/concrete examples from cities on what worked and did not work (5 min each)</p> <p>15:40 – 15:50 Summary of the audience questions and selection of the debate topic</p> <p>15:50 – 16:20 Facilitated debate</p> <p>16:20 – 16:25 Moderator’s summary</p> <p>16:25 – 16:30 Closing</p>
<p>Expected Outcomes</p>	<p><i>1. What key recommendations can be made to policy makers to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Real case examples and practical solutions (learning from both the success cases and failures) to building inclusive climate and disaster resilient cities, potentially including the integration of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction at the local level, vertical coordination, horizontal engagement of multi-stakeholders, population groups at potential risk within cities, inter-institutional collaboration with neighbor entities, enhancement of human and financial capacities for resilience.</i>

	<p>2. If applicable, how does this session contribute to the achievement of Sendai Target E?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase the example of cities in the development and implementation of integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies <p>3. What inputs can be provided to the HLPF and Climate Change Summit to inform their deliberations from a Disaster Risk Reduction perspective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the local government and city's progress in achieving the Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG11 and SDG13) in an integrated way.
<p>Special commitments / Announcements</p>	<p><i>Expected commitments in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework and announcements from panellists or participants</i></p>
<p>Proposed Moderator of the Session</p>	<p>(F) Maruxa Cardama, Secretary General of the Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)</p>
<p>Reference Documents</p>	<p><i>A list of the key reference documents that were consulted as background on the topic.</i></p> <p>ECOSOC, 2014. Some facts on urbanization. (ECOSOC Integration Segment 27-29 May 2014). http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/integration/pdf/fact_sheet.pdf</p> <p>UCLG and Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, 2018. Towards the Localization of The SDGs. Local and Regional Governments' Report to the 2018 HLPF 2nd Report. https://www.uclg.org/sites/default/files/towards_the_localization_of_the_sdgs.pdf</p> <p>UN, 2018. From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities Report of the Secretary-General, from the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2018. http://undocs.org/E/2018/61</p> <p>UN, 2018. World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision (Key facts) https://esa.un.org/unpd/wup/Publications/Files/WUP2018-KeyFacts.pdf</p> <p>UN-HABITAT, 2012. UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda: Sustainable Urbanization, Thematic Think Piece. http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Think%20Pieces/18_urbanization.pdf</p>

	<p>UN-HABITAT, 2016. SLUM ALMANAC 2015-2016: Tracking Improvement in the Lives of Slum Dwellers. https://unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02-old/Slum%20Almanac%202015-2016_EN.pdf)</p> <p>UNFCCC, 2018. Extreme Weather Continues in 2018 - a Continuing Call to Climate Action. https://unfccc.int/news/extreme-weather-continues-in-2018-a-continuing-call-to-climate-action</p> <p>UNISDR, 2017. Proceedings of the Global Platform 2017. https://www.unisdr.org/conferences/2017/globalplatform/en/news-media/latest-news/view/55600</p>
<p>Technical equipment requirements</p>	<p>Projector Computer with audio connection Wireless microphones Internet Connection (Wi-Fi) Conference App access</p>