



## Dublin City Council

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### Re: UNISDR Resilient Cities Campaign 2010/2011.

Dear Ms Hama,

I am pleased to make application on behalf of Dublin City Council to participate in the UNISDR Campaign 2010/2011 as a "Participant City".

As a partner in the EU Interreg IVB FloodResilientCity project Dublin is already embarked on work which parallels a number of the thematics on the campaign ten-point checklist "Essentials for Making Cities Resilient" and has previous experience as part of the EU Procapites project (for making capital cities more resilient).

Initially our commitment is indicated against a number of the checklist items although by the completion of the FloodResilientCity project (2013) I am confident we will tick all boxes:

1. Put in place organization and coordination to understand and reduce disaster risk, based on participation of citizen groups and civil society. Build local alliances. Ensure that all departments understand their role to disaster risk reduction and preparedness.
3. Maintain up-to-date data on hazards and vulnerabilities, prepare risk assessments and use these as the basis for urban development plans and decisions. Ensure that this information and the plans for your city's resilience are readily available to the public and fully discussed with them.
6. Apply and enforce realistic, risk-compliant building regulations and land use planning principles. Identify safe land for low-income citizens and develop upgrading of informal settlements, wherever feasible.
8. Protect ecosystems and natural buffers to mitigate floods, storm surges and other hazards to which your city may be vulnerable. Adapt to climate change by building on good risk reduction practices.
9. Install early warning systems and emergency management capacities in your city and hold regular public preparedness drills.



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Your primary contact will be through Mr. Tom Leahy Executive Manager (Engineering) and Mr. Tony Maguire FRC Project Manager.

Yours sincerely,

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