



SESSION DESCRIPTION

B3 Towards the Implementation of the Sendai Framework and the New 10 Essentials for Making Cities Resilient

Panel discussion

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OBJECTIVE

This session will explore how the newly adopted Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and the New Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient can be implemented in urban areas, learning from current experiences in integrating DRR into Urban Planning including innovative examples as well as barriers and challenges to such practices.

At a time, when the majority of the world's population live in urban areas, urban risk reduction and resilience is key to achieving the goal of the newly adopted Sendai Framework for DRR: "[t]he substantial reduction of disaster risks and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries" (UN 2015, 6). Two other documents and initiatives further acknowledge the importance of DRR and Resilience Building in Urban Areas: The Sendai Declaration of Local and Subnational Governments that "ensure enhanced resilience to disasters in the urban world," and the New Ten Essentials of the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign. How these documents, both adopted and launched at the WCDRR in Sendai, in March 2015, can be implemented by local governments and by urban planning professionals and what are some of the current challenges in integrating DRR in urban areas, particularly to urban planning practices, will be discussed in this panel session in order to facilitate implementation of Urban DRR and Resilience Building.

The Panel Session will start with a brief overview of the Sendai Framework for DRR, the Sendai Declaration of Local and Subnational Governments and the New 10 Essentials of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. The Session will then follow with presentations related to experiences in integrating DRR into Urban Planning Practices in two MCR Campaign cities: The City of Karlstad, Sweden and the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. It will be followed by a presentation on an urban green growth study in Asian Cities (Bangkok, Bandung, Johor Bahru, Hai Phong and Cebu) by the OECD, and it will conclude with discussions about how these experiences can help shape the implementation of the aforementioned agreements and initiatives.



OUTCOMES

Participants will gain a better understanding of:

- The Sendai Framework for DRR and the New 10 Essentials of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and how they relate to DRR and resilience building urban areas;
- City level experiences in Integrating DRR into Urban Planning Practices; innovative practices as well as barriers and challenges in implementation
- How such practices can help form the implementation of the New Frameworks and the Essentials for Making Cities Resilient

METHODOLOGY

- The moderator will open the session with a short introduction of herself and each speaker. **(5 minutes)**
- The moderator will deliver a short presentation on the two documents adopted at the WCDRR: the Sendai Framework for DRR and the Sendai Declaration of Local and Subnational Governments **(5 minutes)**
- The First Panelist will discuss about the implementation of these two documents through the New 10 Essentials of the Making Cities Campaign. **(10 minutes)**
- The session will follow by 3 presentations on city level experiences in integrating disaster risk reduction and resilience building into Urban Planning **(3x10 minutes)**
- The moderator will then facilitate a discussion among panel members using the guiding questions below to identify the lessons learned from current experiences and how they can help the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR and the New 10 Essentials. **(20 minutes)**
- The moderator will receive two invited inputs from the floor on guiding questions **(10 minutes)**
- The moderator will manage questions and answers from the audience. **(10 minutes)**
- The facilitator will conclude with closing remarks. **(5 minutes)**

Guiding questions:

1. What are the challenges that you face in implementing disaster risk reduction projects in urban areas and what are the approaches that you take to overcome these challenges?
2. In which ways, have hazard and risk information changed decision-making process for urban development in your city? What methods do you use or are you familiar with integrating disaster risk reduction into urban planning and development practices?
3. Who are some of the partners that you collaborate with in this process? How is public participation advocated?
4. How do you envision the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR and the New 10 Essentials in your city?
5. What are some of the recommendations that you may give for cities going forward for risk reduction and resilience building?



CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitator *Ebru A. Gencer, Executive Director, Center for Urban Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (CUDRR+R), New York, USA; Vice-Chair, UNISDR Urban Planning Advisory Group (UPAG).*

Dr. Gencer will guide the panel presentations and discussions. She will also make a brief presentation about the two adopted documents of the WCDRR; the Sendai Framework for DRR & the Sendai Declaration of Local and Subnational Governments.

Panelist *Jerry Valesquez, Chief of Advocacy and Outreach, UNISDR, Geneva, Switzerland*

Mr. Valesquez will discuss what the Sendai Framework for DRR means for future urban risk reduction and resilience building, and its implementation through the Making Cities Resilient Campaign (MCR) and the New 10 Essentials for Making Cities Resilient.

Panelist *Anna Sjodin, Flood Risk Manager, City of Karlstad, Sweden; Member, UPAG*

Ms. Sjodin will speak about how the City of Karlstad, a role model city of the MCR Campaign has been working with flood risk management, the importance of integrating this work into the city planning and its connection with the 10 Essentials.

Panelist *Emin Y. Mentese, Directorate of Earthquake and Ground Analysis, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Istanbul, Turkey*

Mr. Mentese will present current approaches in urban planning in Istanbul and the role of DRR in this process. He will also provide a general evaluation based on "Ten Essentials" aiming to create an understanding about the current position of Istanbul at reaching to a resilient city.

Panelist *Tadashi Matsumoto, Senior Policy Analyst, Sustainable Urban Development, OECD, Paris*

Mr. Matsumoto will discuss how urban growth impacts disaster risks presenting an urban green growth study in Asian Cities (Bangkok, Bandung, Johor Bahru, Hai Phong and Cebu), and the results of this study for the need for integrated and multi-objective approach to DRR.

Floor Interventions:

*Steve Gawler, Director of International Programs, ICLEI Oceania
Cassidy Johnson, Senior Lecturer, University College London, UK; Chair, UPAG*

Further recommended reading

Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030:

http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/Sendai_Framework_for_Disaster_Risk_Reduction_2015-2030.pdf

The Sendai Declaration of Local and Subnational Governments:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/4599474/Local%20Govts%20Declaration/FINAL_DECLARATION_ENGLISH.pdf

