

The Resilient Cities congress 2016

Resilient Cities 2016 is the seventh in a series of annual events organized by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability that serve as the global annual platform for knowledge exchange, robust debate, innovative thinking and strategy development on urban resilience and climate change adaptation.

The Resilient Cities congress 2016 will also be the premier reporting platform for reviewing local progress on the resilience targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11.

The event this year will have a particular focus on:

1. Inclusive and resilient urban development
2. Financing urban resilience
3. Implementing Global Frameworks

Who will attend Resilient Cities 2016?

Resilient Cities will be the rare opportunity to bring together participants from over 40 countries, coming from a wide array of backgrounds: UN experts, local leaders, NGOs and urban planners, informal workers and representatives of multilateral financial institutions, banks, insurance companies.

Representatives and civil servants from the cities of Paris, Bangkok, Dakar, Monrovia, Vancouver, Can Tho (Vietnam) and Honiara (Solomon Islands) are also among the prospective speakers.

Who is organizing Resilient Cities 2016?

Resilient Cities is the global forum on urban resilience and adaptation convened annually in Bonn, Germany by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and the City of Bonn.

WHEN: 6 - 8 July 2016

WHERE: Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, Germany

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Media opportunities

Resilient Cities 2016 will be the go-to place for journalists looking for concrete stories of urban resilience and climate change adaptation.

We will help you arrange interviews with ICLEI spokespeople, local government leaders and global experts; meet the informal workers and practitioners who will provide the human side of the story; arrange photo and video opportunities; provide unbranded photos and video footage, accessible on our Flickr and YouTube handles; and provide technical expertise about urban resilience.

The TAP Platform (tap-potential.org/projects) is also a valuable repository of local and regional climate adaptation projects and stories. We can guide you through the 120+ projects to complement your coverage of RC2016.

Those unable to attend can follow the event through our channels:



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Inclusive and resilient urban development

Social protection is integral to resilient urban development and has thus far been underrepresented and underreported in resilience discussions.

Inclusive resilience means working with the urban poor, who often live in slums, and integrating the informal sector into the official urban economy.

Key sessions under this theme will be organized with Cities Alliance.

The **subplenary** opening the Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Forum will be on **6 July at 16.45**.

Other sessions under this theme will take place on **7 July**, addressing: resilient urban development strategies; slum upgrading achieving resilient cities for all in Africa; inclusive and resilient governance.

Financing urban resilience

Lack or limited access to financial resources is often what prevents urban resilience projects from being implemented, replicated and scaled up as rapidly as the world needs.

The focus of discussions under this theme will be how to realize local governments' adaptation plans and initiatives by leveraging funding from international, national, regional and local sources. Risk transfer mechanisms, climate insurance and ways to steer private investment for urban resilience will be discussed.

Key sessions under this theme will be hosted by Global Infrastructure Basel and take place on 7 July, addressing: public-private-community partnerships for climate compatible development; economics of climate adaptation; attracting finance through sustainable and resilient project design.

The **subplenary** closing the Financing Resilience Forum will take place on **7 July, at 16:45**

Tracking progress on Global Frameworks

The congress will provide a global platform for the **first annual review of local progress on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11**: "Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" and of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Resilient Cities 2016 will also reflect on outcomes of COP21 in December 2015 and gather key experts to discuss common issues and align positions as a pre-event on Resilient Cities to Habitat III ahead of the Habitat III Conference.

Reality check workshops

Two **Reality check workshops** will take place during the Congress: one on Can Tho and Da Nang (Vietnam) to discuss the emerging climate risk related issues in these coastal cities; the other on Bangkok and Pak Kret (Thailand), to share experiences and lessons learned from the 2011 flood management.

A **special keynote on the topic of Forced Migration** will also take place, exploring how cities are incorporating forced migration related initiatives in their urban climate adaptation and resilience planning and reviewing how an unprecedented inflow of people affects urban management, urban planning, shelter and housing, infrastructure adjustment and social policy implementation.

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Facts and Figures

Between 1994 and 2013, an average of 218 million people were affected by natural disasters every year, according to the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED). Over this period, 6,873 disasters were recorded, claiming a total of 1.35 million lives, an average of almost 68,000 deaths per year.

Natural disasters have affected over 15 million people in urban centers in at least 25 countries in 2010.

In OECD countries 1 in 1,500 people are affected by climate disaster, in developing countries 1 in 19 people are- a 79-fold difference.

Half of the global population lives within 60 km of the sea, and three quarters of all large cities are located on the coast. According to the OECD, a 50-cm sea level rise due to climate change combined with socio-economic development patterns could lead to a tripling of the population exposed to coastal flooding by 2070 and a tenfold increase in asset exposure, from USD 3 trillion to USD 35 trillion.

According to the latest UN-Habitat data (2013), the number of people living in slums worldwide has reached approximately a quarter of the world's urban population. In the developing world, one out of three urban inhabitants lives in an informal settlement. These communities are the most vulnerable of all.

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