

CONCEPT NOTE & LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS

Session title	Making cities resilient: the urban challenge
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Section	Description
Methodology / Type of session*	<p>The session has a total length of one hour (1h), taking place on Wednesday 3 November 2021 from 9:00 - 10:00. Given the short time allocated for this session and the wide scope of content, this session seeks to be informative, descriptive, and highly creative.</p> <p>Since other events are taking place at the same time (parallel sessions 5 and 6) an audience size of 100 participants is anticipated (logistically). However, the virtual format of this platform may increase the number of participants.</p>

The targeted audience is public officials, local and national authorities and technical experts in different fields that are interested in advocating, promoting, planning and implementing climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience-building actions at local level within the framework of sustainable development.

Preliminary program

- **A 3-minutes introductory remarks**
The moderator will introduce the session objectives, methodology and key speaker
- **A 10-minutes Keynote framing resilience at the center of future debates on sustainable urban development.**

In our increasingly urban, connected and globalized reality, we observe that the nature and scale of risk have changed. Human, economic, and political systems are in a growing, and increasingly complex, interaction with natural systems. One of these systems can have cascading effects that are manifested in other systems. As the IPCC reports clearly pointed out, the impacts of climate change translate into disaster risk and, if society as a whole does not act now, the frequency and severity of disasters will increase.

Reversing the negative dynamics that we have today with nature requires a review of the relationships between DRR, CA and urban development. Here, local governments, as the first line of approach to risks of all kinds, play a fundamental role. Cities hold the potential to achieve sustainable urban development, as the OECD estimates that 65% of the 169 targets behind the 17 SDGs will not be reached without engagement of local and regional governments.

The keynote is intended to share experiences that illustrate the key role that local action and vertical integration play in: 1) accelerating policies and actions for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience building in cities and territories; and 2) promoting integration between climate adaptation (CA), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building within urban development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A 12-minutes showcase of video contest on experience of resilience.</u> This showcase will display the topic via a true story (from the region) to help illustrate how disaster and climate resilience issues are at the center of the sustainable urban development agenda, via the perspective of daily experiences and practices of residents, communities, youth, and other actors. The showcase will include a 2 min description of the contest by moderator followed two videos that won the contest (6 min) This will be followed by a 4 min speech by a guest jury that, based on the video content, will highlight the urgency of building urban resilience to respond to the urgent needs of acting on CA and DRR at local level. - <u>A 30-minute Round Table Discussion with 3 perspectives on how-to place resilience-building at the center of city-level actions and the sustainable urban development agenda :</u> Moderator presents each participant (2 min) and invites them to start with a short introductory statement (4 min each) addressing one of the three questions guiding this session related to: local governments actions, youth practices, and effective innovation and communication with communities. The statements section will be followed by a 10 min Q&A session with the public. And in the end, the moderator will give 2 min each panelist to close their initial statements. - <u>A 5-minutes Closing remarks</u> The session moderator will invite participants and relevant stakeholders to promote the revision of the NUA to place building resilience, CA and DRR at the center of local action and to include resilience-building as the most urgent urban challenge.
Goal(s)*	<p>The overall goals of this side event are threefold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinforce the need to integrate knowledge and action on climate adaptation (CA), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building in urban development.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the revision of the NUA to place CA and DRR at the center of local action and resilience-building as the most urgent urban challenge. Raise awareness about the role of innovation and communication in achieving more effective risk and climate change education to build more resilient communities.
Measurable outcome(s)*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Video contest submissions to be shared in media outlets Report of the session. Preliminary document promoting the revision of the NUA to place building resilience, CA and DRR at the center of local action
General description*	<p>Only five years ago, the New Urban Agenda (NUA) committed to promote a more sustainable model for urban development by redressing the way cities and human settlements are planned, designed, and developed. While many actions have been taken to advance this goal, no actions were enough to deal with the transformation brought by the COVID-19. Indeed, the pandemic paralyzed the world but also raised urgent questions about our unsustainable relationship with the environment. This has been recently reinforced by the IPCC report that not only presents our current climate reality but also states that without rapid and large-scale actions our reality will get worse.</p> <p>The challenges of managing the pandemic and the impacts of climate change have made three issues evident: [1] the need to understand the systemic nature of risk, [2] the importance of a relationship efficient and effective between different levels of government, and [3] the urgency of stepping up CA and DRR actions to build more resilient and sustainable urban futures.</p> <p>While the shared vision for more sustainable urban futures proposed by the NUA has not changed, to achieve this vision today we need to better understand systemic risk and the ways in which DRR, CA, and resilience contribute to a well-planned and managed urbanization.</p> <p>The Side Event E6 represents an opportunity to discuss progress since the adoption of the NUA and to share different perspectives on policy and practice that contribute to the review of the NUA. The result of this session and further dialogues with key actors would be synthesized in a preliminary document aimed to be presented at the general assembly and for the urban world forum in 2022.</p>

	All in all, addressing risk from a comprehensive and systemic approach constitutes a unique opportunity to integrate CA and DRR to reduce urban environments' vulnerability. This new approach will strengthen the capacity of our cities and ensure more resilient and sustainable urban futures.
Questions that the session will seek to answer*	<p>(1) <i>How can climate adaptation (CA), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building contribute to reviewing the commitments with sustainable development adopted in the NUA?</i></p> <p>(2) <i>What mechanisms, policies, practices, and experiences from the private sector contribute to step up climate adaptation and resilience- building in local contexts?</i></p> <p>(3) <i>What is the role of communication in risk and climate change on resilience building for a more sustainable urban development?</i></p>
Speakers*	<p>Session Moderators: Opening and closing remarks ICLEI South America, (Speaker TBC)</p> <p>Key Speaker: Arq. Carlos Enrique Armendáriz Negreros. Viceministerio de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Guatemala. Presenting <i>Plan Regional para la Implementación de la Nueva Agenda Urbana en Centroamérica y República Dominicana (PRINAU-SICA)</i></p> <p>Showcase moderator: Oshrit Reism, UNDRR ROAMC Video contest jury representative: Helena Monteiro, UNDRR ROECA</p> <p>Round Table: Moderator: Johanna Granados, UNDRR ROAMC Panelist 1: Mercociudades, (Speaker TBC) Panelist 2: Elisa Trujillo, ARISE MX Panelist 3: Emiliano Rodriguez Nuesch, Pacífico</p>
Mini-bio of panelists	To be sent before the 25th of October.

Focal point for report of the session*	Natalia Villamizar – UNDRR, Liz Lacerda, ICLEI (To report on the results of the session: objectives achieved, material produced, attendance, etc.)
Logistics requirements*	Simultaneous translation (English, Spanish, Portuguese).
Script*	See below .

PROPOSED SCRIPT

TIME	DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE	RESPONSABLE
09:00-09:03	<u>Introductory remarks</u> The moderator will introduce the session objectives, methodology and key speaker (3 min)	<u>Session moderator:</u> ICLEI South America, (Speaker TBC)
09:03-09:13	<u>Keynote framing resilience at the center of future debates on sustainable urban development:</u> 10 minutes keynote on experiences that illustrate the key role that local action and vertical integration play in: 1) accelerating policies and actions for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience building in cities and territories; and 2) promoting integration between climate adaptation (CA), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building within urban development.	<u>Key Speaker:</u> Arq. Carlos Enrique Armendáriz Negreros. Viceministerio de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Guatemala. Presenting <i>Plan Regional para la Implementación de la Nueva Agenda Urbana en Centroamérica y República Dominicana (PRINAU-SICA)</i>
09:13-09:15	<u>Showcase of video contest on experience of resilience.</u> 3 min description of the contest	<u>Showcase moderator:</u> Oshrit Reis, UNDRR ROAMC
09:15-09:21	Showcase of two 3 min videos- winners of the contest (6 min total)	<u>Showcase moderator:</u> Oshrit Reis, UNDRR ROAMC
09:21-09:25	4 minutes speech by a guest jury that, based on the video content, will highlight the urgency of building urban resilience to respond to the urgent needs of acting on CA and DRR at local level.	<u>Video contest jury representative:</u> Helena Monteiro, UNDRR ROECA
09:25-09:27	<u>Round Table Discussion.</u> Moderator presents the panelist (2 min)	<u>Round Table Moderator:</u> Johanna Granados, UNDRR ROAMC

09:27-09:31	Short introductory statement (4 min) by panelist 1 addressing guiding question (1) <i>How can climate adaptation (CA), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building contribute to reviewing the commitments with sustainable development adopted in the NUA?</i>	Panelist 1: Mercociudades, (Speaker TBC)
09:31-09:35	Short introductory statement (4 min) by panelist 1 addressing guiding question (2) <i>What mechanisms, policies, practices, and experiences from the private sector contribute to step up climate adaptation and resilience- building in local contexts?</i>	Panelist 2: Elisa Trujillo, ARISE MX
09:35-09:39	Short introductory statement (4 min) by panelist 1 addressing guiding question (3) <i>What is the role of communication in risk and climate change on resilience building for a more sustainable urban development?</i>	Panelist 3: Emiliano Rodriguez Nuesch, Pacífico
09:39-09:49	10 minutes Q&A session with the public.	Round Table Moderator: Johanna Granados, UNDRR ROAMC
09:49-09:51	2 minutes closing statements by each panelist	Panelist 1: Mercociudades, (Speaker TBC)
09:51-09:53	2 minutes closing statements by each panelist	Panelist 2: Elisa Trujillo, ARISE MX
09:53-09:55	2 minutes closing statements by each panelist	Panelist 3: Emiliano Rodriguez Nuesch, Pacífico
09:55-10:00	<u>Session closing remarks</u> 5 minutes closing remarks inviting participants and relevant stakeholders to promote the revision of the NUA to place building resilience, CA and DRR at the center of local action and to include resilience-building as the most urgent urban challenge.	Session moderator: ICLEI South America, (Speaker TBC)