

## Invitation

### LEARNING EVENT: Resilience

21 March 2016, 9:00 – 16:45

**Location: Helvetas office Bern, Maulbeerstrasse 10**

**Frame:** For several years now, strengthening resilience to disasters and other risks is high on the agenda of the development and humanitarian community. It is acknowledged that in the face of uncertainty, fragility, resource overuse and economic constraints, a holistic perspective is necessary. Applying a resilience lens to our work provides that needed perspective and enables to better anticipate, prepare for, manage and recover from shocks and stresses and makes sure that development gains are preserved.

**Learning event:** How to apply that lens and how to work with the concept of resilience will be at the centre of the learning event. In cooperation with Partners for Resilience, a practitioners network from the Netherlands, the learning event will address the following: 1) introduce participants to the concept of resilience and embed the concept in common work on DRR and humanitarian aid 2) share selected approaches to frame resilience and 3) support participants in applying a resilience lens to their projects.

**Objective:** Participants have an enhanced understanding of what constitutes resilience at the community level and have applied a resilience-lens to their own working context

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#### **Preparation:**

To make the most out of this learning event and engage in meaningful discussions, we would like you to reflect on the following questions as a preparation

- Please think about contexts/situations in which you were already confronted with resilience: Which were these contexts and what is your understanding of resilience based on this exposure? Which chances and challenges do you see in taking a resilience perspective in your work?
- How relevant has the concept of resilience been for your individual work (projects, programs, thematic responsibilities) and for your organization?
- If you have a specific question at hand of how to better integrate a resilience perspective into a planned project or programme, please bring it along to the Learning Event. The more concrete the discussions the better!

**Thank you!**

## Programme Outline

Time	Content	Responsible
9.10 – 9.30	Welcome and overview of Learning Event	Jana Junghardt
	<b>Part 1: Conceptual overview of resilience</b>	
9.30 – 10.15	Introduction to the Resilience concept and link with DRR	Bruno Haghebaert
	<b>Part 2: Resilience frameworks and case studies</b>	
10.15 – 10.45	Partners for Resilience (PfR) work in Nicaragua	Maya Schaerer
10.45 – 11.00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11.00– 11.15	GNDR's Frontline methodology	Jana Junghardt
11.15 – 11.40	Swiss NGO DRR Platform experience in Haiti	Patricia Gorin
11.40 – 12.00	Zurich Insurance Flood Resilience Alliance	Michael Szoenyi
12.00– 12.30	Plenary discussion: Your own reflections on Resilience	Bruno Haghebaert (facilitation)
12.30 -13.30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
	<b>Part 3: Putting resilience in practice</b>	
13.30 -14.30	What tools can be used to apply a resilience approach in programming?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zurich Insurance Measuring Tool</li> <li>- PfR checklist and screening tool</li> <li>- Oxfam Resilience Companion</li> </ul>	Bruno Haghebaert/ Michael Szoenyi  Group discussion
14.30 – 14.40	Introduction to group work	Bruno Haghebaert
14.40 – 15.30	How to apply resilience in practice (1) :  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cross-sectoral work</li> <li>- Working in partnership</li> </ul>	Group work
15.30 – 15.45	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
15.45- 16.15	How to apply resilience in practice (2):  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working across scales</li> <li>- Learning culture</li> </ul>	Group work
16.15- 16:45	Plenary feedback and conclusion	Bruno Haghebaert/ Jana Junghardt

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**Further reading**

**GNDR** (2015): Frontline brochure: [http://gndr.org/images/newsite/PDFs/Frontline\\_FINAL\\_EN.pdf](http://gndr.org/images/newsite/PDFs/Frontline_FINAL_EN.pdf)

**ODI Resilience Navigator**: [http://bwa-presentation.co.uk/odi\\_reviews/index.php](http://bwa-presentation.co.uk/odi_reviews/index.php)

**Partners for Resilience Vision** (2013): <http://www.partnersforresilience.nl/about-us/documents/pfr-resilience-vision.pdf>

**Partners for Resilience** (2015): Nicaragua Case Study (Climate-Proof Disaster Risk Reduction Programme)

**Swiss NGO DRR Platform** (2015): Case Studies from Haiti.

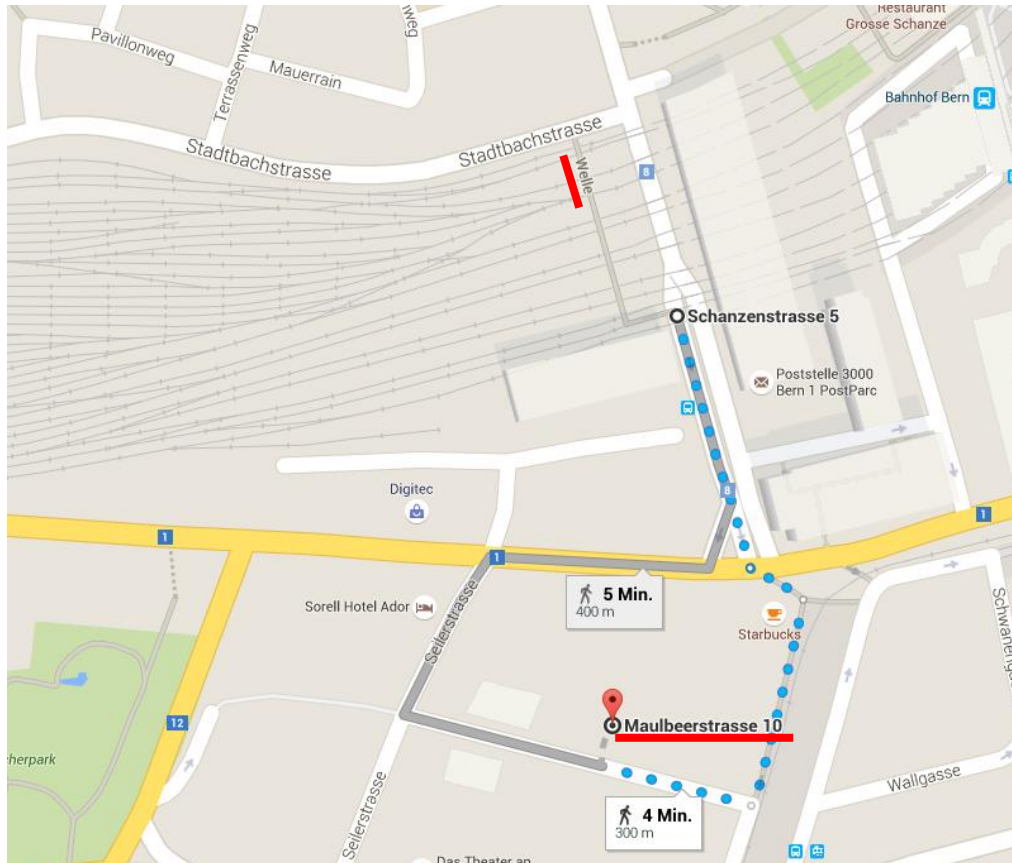
**Zurich Insurance**(2015): Measuring flood resilience – our approach

## Directions

### How to get to the location of the Learning event?

**Maulbeerstrasse 10, Helvetas office, 3011 Bern.**

Arriving by train in Bern, please take the escalator/stairs from the platform up to the crossover “Welle”. There you turn towards Schanzenstrasse and walk to Maulbeerstrasse 10, via Hirschengraben, in approximately 5 minutes.



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