



Public Day

F2F Event 2016 on Urban Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Resilience

Tackling the Urban Resilience Challenge

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Hotel Kreuz, Bern, Switzerland

More than 50% of the world's population live in cities with 828 million people living in slums, and urbanization is expected to further increase particularly in Africa and Asia. Where cities are ill-prepared to anticipate or absorb, regulate and prevent the various adverse effects of their rapid growth, rapid urbanization can result in considerable disaster risks that threaten population and sustainable development. This in addition to the risks stemming from a changing environment and climate change.

Effective disaster risk reduction and resilience building therefore will become increasingly important, and building urban resilience that is inclusive in terms of population and sectors as well as the capacity of cities to conduct transformational change will be key determinants to both urban resilience and sustainable development in future cities.

International frameworks and agreements such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (that is to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), and the New Urban Agenda of Habitat III as well as numerous initiatives worldwide are aimed at addressing the urban resilience challenge.

Taking forward the outcomes and key messages from the F2F 2016 workshop with regards to how to approach urban disaster risk reduction from an NGO perspective, the Public Day of the F2F Event 2016 will elaborate on how to effectively ensure disaster risk reduction and resilience building in rapidly growing cities by looking at:

- How to get better coherence and synergies across international frameworks and mandates (UN, SDG, SFDRR, Habitat III, etc.) that deal with specific aspects of an interconnected problem of strengthening urban resilience,
- How to get better compliance and accountability of national and municipality authorities for implementing existing safe building and land-use codes, plans and regulations,
- How to secure capacities and financing as required by cities to build resilient infrastructure and prevent new risks,
- And how to ensure that frameworks and mechanisms better support the institutionalization of inclusive local risk governance that involves different stakeholders and institutions contributing to building urban resilience.



Programme

- 09.00-09.30 Arrival of participants and welcome coffee/tea
- 09.30-10.00 Report back from F2F workshop and key messages by Nicole Stolz, Caritas Switzerland
- 10.00-10.45 Keynote speech on 'Towards a urban resilience agenda - The Sendai Framework and The New Urban Agenda' by Robert Glasser, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR
- 10.45-12.15 Panel discussion on 'How to achieve inclusive urban resilience' with participation of:
- Alain Geiger, Urban Development Focal Point/Program Manager, Infrastructure Financing Division, Economic Development Cooperation Directorate, State Secretariat for Economics (SECO)
 - Arno Wicki, Deputy Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid and Head of Multilateral Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
 - Christophe Belperron, Senior Advisor DRR and Resilience, Save the Children
 - Joel Bolnick, Managing Director, Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
 - John Twigg, Senior Research Fellow, Risk and Resilience Programme, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
 - Mathias Spaliviero, Senior Human Settlements Officer/Focal Point for Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Resilience, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat
- The Public Event will be moderated by Marcus Oxley, Executive Director of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR).
- 12.15-14.00 Lunch-Apéro

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Speakers

Nicole Stolz is Head of Department of Advisory Services at Caritas Switzerland. She joined the organization in 2003 and has since worked as Programme coordinator and Delegate for Tajikistan, where she focused on reconstruction, natural resource management and DRR.

Robert Glasser is Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). From 2008 to 2015, he was the Secretary General of CARE International, from 2003 to 2007 the Chief Executive of CARE Australia, and before Assistant Director General at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Formerly, he was the Chair of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response, a member of the Advisory Panel of the Climate Vulnerability Monitor 2012, a member of the Principals Steering Group of the UN Transformative Agenda for Humanitarian Action, and a member of the Project Steering Group for the World Economic Forum project on The Future Role of Civil Society.

Alain Geiger is Urban Development Focal Point and Program Manager of the Infrastructure Financing Division within the Economic Development Cooperation Directorate at the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). Prior to his current function, he held various positions – also within Swiss NGOs - in the fields of development cooperation, organizational development and humanitarian aid.

Arno Wicki is Deputy Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid and Head of Multilateral Division at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). His responsibilities include among others the Swiss Government's contributions to and relations with the humanitarian organizations of the United Nations and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In addition, he is in charge of Swiss efforts in the area of disaster resilience.

Christophe Belperron is Senior Technical Advisor on risk and resilience for Save the Children UK aiming at piloting the integration of resilience as a mainstreaming thematic for the entire movement. He provides technical support to various projects in Asia and Africa on DRR, CCA and resilience both in rural and urban context. Christophe Belperron has 20 years of experience in the humanitarian sector working across a wide range of domains covering social inclusion, livelihood development and resilience.

Joel Bolnick is Managing Director of the Slum Dwellers International (SDI) Secretariat in Cape Town. Founder of People's Dialogue, South African NGO supporting the Federation of the Urban Poor. Manager of Urban Poor Fund International, SDI's global finance facility. Board member of Dialogue on Shelter (Zimbabwe), Actogether (Uganda), SDI Kenya (Kenya). Manager of uTshani Fund – SA Federation's local finance facility. Manager of Inqolobane Trust, SDI's investment arm.



John Twigg is Senior Research Fellow in the Risk and Resilience Programme at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Previously he was a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering at UCL and a Co-Director of UCL's Centre for Urban Sustainability and Resilience. He has worked in DRR for over 20 years, as an academic, a consultant and in the NGO sector. He has researched and published on a range of subjects, including community resilience, policy and institutional aspects of disaster management, and disability and disasters.

Mathias Spaliviero is Senior Human Settlements Officer and Focal Point for Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Resilience at the Regional Office for Africa of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). He has been promoting the formulation of national urban policies and spatial development frameworks in a number of African countries, is managing 10 active country programmes, and leading the establishment of the Technical Centre for Disaster Risk Management, Sustainability and Urban Resilience (DiMSUR) in Maputo, Mozambique, for which he has led the development of the City Resilience Action Planning (CityRAP) Tool.

Marcus Oxley is Executive Director of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), a major international alliance of civil society organisations committed to working together to put the voices and concerns of vulnerable people at the heart of global DRR policy and practice. For the last 30 years he has been a manager and leader of civil society organisations, working in partnership with national governments, local authorities and other stakeholders to design and implement policies, standards and practices for DRR in various countries.