

WUF12

Building Climate Resilience for Urban Communities - Localization of Resilience Assessment for sustainable, affordable, and inclusive development

Thursday the 7th of Nov. 2024 - 13:00 - 14:30 pm
Multipurpose Room No.12

Event summary

Aimed at enhancing climate resilience in communities through a comprehensive and participatory approach for global partnerships, this event will share experiences from cities joining the Zurich Foundation Urban Climate Resilience Program (UCRP) that is currently taking place in nine countries around the world: Australia, Colombia, Ecuador, Italy, Malaysia, Spain, Turkey, the UK, and the US. The program focuses on mapping communities' climate resilience vulnerabilities to floods, heat waves and wildfires, and working directly with local authorities to help them tackle multi-dimensional challenges, in collaborations between key stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

In doing so, climate adaptation challenges will be identified, and resilience solutions will be co-created to influence the ways cities' urban systems can be adapted to climate extreme weather events. The project's main aim is to analyze how selected communities operate during an extreme event, identify main gaps, and help develop the right interventions to fill those gaps. The Foundation's four-step, tailored approach is:

1. Identify communities in need and engage with them,
2. Gather information to conduct an in-depth analysis of each community's climate-related issues,
3. Plan, develop, and deliver customized solutions which enable communities to build resilience,
4. Capture learning and scale the project in collaboration with the public and private sector.

Sharing experience from cities in Europe, Africa, Australia, Northern America and the Middle East, the significance of local representatives and leaders' role (formal/informal) as key stakeholders in urban transformation and climate resilience efforts will be emphasized. The session will share challenges faced, lessons learned and strategies applied for enhancing the capacity and involvement of local representatives in mapping community climate vulnerabilities, and promoting sustainable urbanization. We also aim to showcase real stories on how resilience assessment and co-development of climate adaptation solutions can support the empowerment of local leaders in fostering inclusive, resilient, and sustainable communities, and harness their potential as catalysts for positive change at the local level.

Aligned with the Twelfth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) is "It All Starts at Home", this session's relevance is articulated around sharing lessons on the effective localization of resilience assessment and solutions, as means transforming the global goals into reality at the local level. Building upon the Foundation's ongoing climate change work with the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance in rural environments, the UCRP expands this knowledge into urban spaces, while showcasing the power of meaningful collaboration

between the Foundation, local teams from Zurich Insurance, city authorities and local communities associated with wide range of charitable organizations across the world including C40, ICLEI, R-Cities, Plan International and IFRC.

Addressing one of the main shortcomings of the existing climate adaptation efforts around Key Stakeholders engagement such as: the inadequate stakeholder involvement, exclusion of marginal groups, inadequate attention to local context, inadequate attention to long term impact, the UCRP provides an ecosystem for multi-stakeholder climate adaptation with proven methodology and proof-points that underlie the impact of this session as part of WUF12 (UNEP 2022 Adaptation Report).

Key objectives

Falling under the 'Cities and the Climate Crisis' Dialogue, the session will aim to achieve the following objectives in addressing the key question: "How can localization drive effective climate action to secure sustainable, safe, resilient and environmentally just cities and communities for all?"

1. Learning lessons on how to identify communities in need in Urban Settings, and the challenges faced in engaging with them.
2. Define limitations and key actions required to gather information and conduct in-depth analysis of urban communities' climate vulnerabilities.
3. Guidance to plan, develop, and deliver customized solutions which enable communities to build resilience through open dialogues on vulnerabilities, equality, and the ethical dimensions of disaster management.
4. Capture best practices on knowledge exchange, global partnerships, and upscaling in collaboration with the public and private sectors.

Key Partners

Main Organizer/First Organization: ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, **Country:** Germany, **URL:** <https://iclei.org/>

Co-Organizer/Second Organization: Resilient Cities Network Stichting (R-Cities), **Country:** Netherlands, **URL:** <https://resilientcitiesnetwork.org/>

Co-Organizer/Third Organization: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), **Country:** Switzerland, **URL:** <http://www.ifrc.org/>

Panelists

Moderator: Dr. Nuha Eltinay, Senior Urban Resilience and Climate Adaptation Expert, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

1. Speaker: Ms. Isabel Parra, Senior Manager, R-Cities
2. Speaker: Mr. Jeff Woods, Regional Urban Advisor for Africa, IFRC
3. Speaker: Ms. Nisreen Dauod, Manager of Sustainable Development and Amman Resilience Unit, Greater Amman Municipality
4. Speaker: Ms. Ana Merenciano González, Urban Climate Resilience Program Lead (Madrid), Spanish Red Cross.

5. Speaker: Sarah Duff, Principal, Climate Adaptation and Resilience Expert, EBRD
6. Speaker: Alison Leighton, CEO, City of Melbourne


Run-Of-Show




(each speaker will be addressing two key objectives, allocating 5 min for each intervention)



Time	Key Points	Speaker	Key Questions /Interventions
13:00-13:05 (5min)	Opening: Session Title and Objectives Introduction of Speakers	Nuha Eltinay	
13:05 - 13:35 (30min)	First Round of Questions Each speaker (5 min)	Sarah Duff Isabel Parra Jeff Woods Nisreen Dauod Ana González Alison Leighton	<p>Objective 1/Nisreen: Challenges of locating the communities within Urban settings - Understanding the situation of refugees/Informalities - Balanced International support between refugees and host communities</p> <p>Objective 1/Ana: Networking with communities that helped the project implementation-Municipality social entities - Awareness raising - Community Associations social services /comparison with other sites</p> <p>Objectives 2/Isabel: Governance challenges and various experiences across the RCN cities</p> <p>Objective 2/Jeff: Urban Heat Program - Tanzania</p>
13:35 - 13:40 (5 min)	Reflections/Engagement from the room	Nuha Eltinay	
13:40 - 14:10 (30min)	Second Round of Questions Each speaker (5 min)	Sarah Duff Isabel Parra Jeff Woods Nisreen Dauod Ana González Alison Leighton	<p>Objective 3/Jeff: Regional Overview</p> <p>Objective 3/Ana: Energy Efficiency and Climate Mapping (natural resources) - Develop methodology for data collection</p>

			<p>(shared with the council and local communities) - Upscaling the program in Spain (differences and similarities across cities/ Valencia, Madrid)</p> <p>Objective 3/Isabel: Boston and Huston experience and ownership of solutions</p> <p>Objective 4/Nisreen: Amman Resilience Strategy (Refugee Crisis) Infrastructure Development and building social cohesion - Collaboration with the International Rescue Committee</p>
14:10 - 14:25 (15min)	Q and A		
14:25 - 14:30 (5min)	Conclusions and closing remarks	Nuha Eltinay	

Speakers (Bio/Photos)

Name	Bio	Photo
Sarah Duff		

Isabel Parra		 A portrait of Isabel Parra, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark-colored collared shirt.
Jeff Woods	<p>With 13 years of experience in the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, Jeff is a dynamic leader in the humanitarian field, especially in urban and informal settlements programming, and capacity building. Known for his innovative, strategic, and empathetic approach, he has developed sustainable development frameworks and impactful programs on early warning, climate change adaptation, and urban disaster risk management. His charismatic leadership and commitment to community resilience have been vital in developing National Societies' capacities and driving climate adaptation, anticipatory action, and urban resilience initiatives across Africa and Asia.</p>	 A portrait of Jeff Woods, a man with short grey hair and a goatee. He is wearing a dark jacket over a patterned scarf. The background shows an outdoor setting with a paved area and buildings.
Nisreen Dauod		 A portrait of Nisreen Dauod, a woman wearing a dark blue hijab and a dark sweater. She is smiling and standing outdoors in front of some greenery and a building.

<p>Ana González</p>	<p>Ana María Merenciano González was born in the city of Valencia, Spain. She studied Geography and Environmental Management, specializing later in Ecosystem Restoration and Project Management. Ana has worked in the development of environmental education projects in several entities, and as an environmental technician in the Spanish Red Cross in the last years. She is currently managing the implementation of the Urban Climate Resilience Program (URCP) project in the city of Madrid.</p>	
<p>Alison Leighton</p>	<p>Alison is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Melbourne and is responsible for delivering key initiatives funded under the city's \$838 million budget - with a focus on city-shaping infrastructure, a world class events calendar and making the city safer and cleaner. Alison prioritises a 'culture-first' approach, working with her whole team to ensure the City of Melbourne attracts and retains dedicated employees who bring their expertise in delivering numerous services and programs for the people of Melbourne.</p> <p>Joining the City of Melbourne in April 2020 in a General Manager role, she was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer six months later. As Deputy CEO, Alison led the portfolios of Strategy and Planning; Property, Infrastructure and Design; People, Culture and Leadership; and Aboriginal Melbourne.</p> <p>Prior to joining the City of Melbourne, Alison was the CEO at Baw Baw Shire Council and the Chief Operating Officer at Mornington Peninsula Shire. Alison has more than 17 years of leadership experience in infrastructure, planning, operations and public sector business transformation. She is a qualified engineer, an alumnus of Harvard Business School, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Masters in Business Administration. In 2017 Alison was proud to be recognised in the inaugural Top 50 Public Sector Women initiative.</p>	

WUF12 Logistics (Guidance)

Hybrid Modality

All events (exemption Urban Cinema) will be available for hybrid modality and virtual participants through the WUF12 app only.

- Participants can join the events via the App on their mobile or the webapp on computer browser.
- Event organizers who have a virtual speaker they need to:
 - Be in the room 30 minutes before their event start time i.e. at the end of the previous session
 - Inform the technical support team in the room that they have a virtual speaker
 - Provide the speaker's name and email address
 - Ask their speakers to join the link 15 minutes before start time for testing
 - Once speakers join as participants they will be promoted to speakers where they can unmute, open their camera, and also share screen
 - The event organizer will be responsible for moderating their session and the active engagement of their virtual panelists and participants
 - Event organizers need to assign a moderator for Q&A and presentations at the technical desks
 - Onsite technical support will be available in each room.

WUF12 App

The application will officially be launched on Monday, 21 October 2024 and made available on all iOS and Android platforms. To gain access to the WUF12 app you must sign up for GEMS and register for WUF12. It is important for organizers to encourage their participants and panelists to register <https://events.unhabitat.org>.

On-site Accreditation

To avoid delays and long queues, participants are advised to arrive early to pick up their registration badges. Access into the WUF12 venue will commence on 4 November, and on-site accreditation will be operational at the venue as below schedule:

- 1 – 3 November: 09:00 - 18:00
- 4 – 5 November: 07:00 - 18:00
- 6 – 8 November: 08:00 - 17:00