



SESSION DESCRIPTION

B3 Fostering global multi-stakeholder partnerships for strengthened urban resilience

Facilitated Discussion

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OBJECTIVE

This session explored how strong global partnerships and local initiatives are essential to implement approaches to implementation sustainable and inclusive urban development. There is an urgent need to foster clarity and common purpose around what are the global agendas relevant for cities. The global development framework consists of different global agreements, the most important of which are the: 2030 Agenda; the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction; the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development; the Paris Climate Change Agreement; the World Humanitarian Summit; and the New Urban Agenda.

To varying degrees, these agendas provide frameworks for action relevant to sub-national governments, to cities and regions and, critically, both as areas of concern and as important development actors. In the field of sustainable urban development, the number of global agreements with high importance is partly perceived as an extra burden overwhelming national and sub-national decision-makers.

The session focused on two of the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programmes (JWP), which address these global agreements through projects, knowledge products and engagement.

- (1) The JWP on Resilient Cities which aims to build resilience in long-term urban planning and guide investment in strategies that place informality and the working urban poor at the center of city-wide solutions and affiliate projects on climate action planning and the CURB tool (C40), finance and the Transformative Actions Program (ICLEI), Urban Community Resilience Assessments (WRI), and the business case for adaptation (C40).
- (2) The JWP on Cities in the Global Agendas, including the knowledge products and partnerships intended to increase coherence of effort towards the implementation and follow up and review of the Global Sustainability Agendas, specifically the 2030 Agenda and New Urban Agenda, in and with cities.

OUTCOMES

Participants gained a better understanding and explored topics of:

- The results of the Cities Alliance JWPs on Resilient Cities and Global Agendas
- Joint global and local work in urban resilience, advancing global agendas at the local level through an integrated implementation and follow up and review
- Resilience work in informal settlements and among vulnerable groups



METHODOLOGY

- Welcome and Introduction. **(5 minutes)**
- Interactive activity on urban resilience and adaptation in Global Agendas. **(5 minutes)**
- Global Agendas Presentations by David Dodman and Alexa Kurth. **(20 minutes)**
- Quick exchange between participants on Global Agendas. **(10 minutes)**
- Video presentation of the JWP on Resilient Cities projects. **(15 minutes)**
- Facilitated discussion and audience inputs/Q&A. **(30 minutes)**
- Closing Remarks. **(5 minutes)**

Guiding questions:

1. What are the key areas for knowledge exchange and learning necessary for improved urban resilience?
2. How does building partnerships facilitate more effective implementation of urban resilience efforts?
3. How does your approach/tool/project also address issues of equity and inclusion?
4. How is your project structured to be inclusive and engage multiple stakeholders on urban resilience?

CONTRIBUTORS

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Video	<i>Representatives of the Joint Work Programme on Resilient Cities (video intervention)</i>

Further recommended reading

Local and Regional Governments in the Follow-up and Review of Global Sustainability Agendas:
http://www.citiesalliance.org/sites/citiesalliance.org/files/adelphi_Cities-Alliance_Report_Local%20and%20Regional%20Governments_Follow-up_and_Review_FINAL.pdf
