



SESSION DESCRIPTION

C2 Inclusive and participatory disaster risk management in cities

- Increasing resilience by unlocking the resources of the non-organized/self-organized responders

Round Table Discussion

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Time: 09:00-10:30

Rooms: S34-35

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OBJECTIVE

Traditionally disasters and shocks of different kinds are handled by the emergency services. When the most severe threat is taken care of, it is up to the community to deal with the aftermath. The resilience to threats of tomorrow is increasingly going to depend on the resilience of the local communities.

When different crises and shocks occur, citizens and self-organized groups gather. Via social media and other tools, allowing for fast sharing of information, the first respondents are often “the general public” first at the scene. The self-organized citizens usually take on the tasks related to the consequences of the impacts e.g. organizing accommodation for displaced people, helping out with logistics etc.

Self-organized and volunteers generate great possibilities but also challenges for the crisis management team.

How can we better, in a more structured way use the willingness and preparedness among citizens?

How can we better identify, and use these volunteers and organized and non-organized responders to build a better and more resilient community?

The session firstly presented cases where self-organized citizens contribute to manage the crises and the aftermath. Thereafter, a round table discussion took place, allowing everyone to actively take part and share their knowledge and their ideas.

OUTCOMES

Participants left the session with:

- Increased awareness of the dilemmas and possibilities of self-organized citizens
- Insights on how to better plan for citizen involvement
- Insights and knowledge exchange on capacity building for more resilient communities



METHODOLOGY

- The facilitator introduced the aims and format of the session. **(5 minutes)**
- Four presentations introduced and outlined the topic for the round table discussion. **(30 minutes)**
- Facilitated round table discussion. **(40 minutes)**
- Round up and conclusions. **(15 minutes)**

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