

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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How resilient is your city? City resilience profiling tool

Workshop

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OBJECTIVE

We are in a moment of change. Change regarding ethics, social models, as well as new political, spatial and territorial patterns. One of the most challenging changes we face is related to growing urban areas and the future of their inhabitants. Cities can bring positive change and we believe resilience should be one of the key vectors to achieve it.

The main goal of UN-Habitat's resilience work is to support local governments and relevant stakeholders to transform urban areas into safer and better places to live, and improve their capacity to absorb and rebound quickly from all potential shocks or stresses, leading them towards sustainability.

UN-Habitat's understanding of a resilient city is one that is able to absorb, adapt, and recover from the shocks and stresses that are likely to happen, transforming itself in a positive way toward sustainability.

This session at the Resilient Cities Congress aimed at building knowledge on global development frameworks and alignment with resilience pathways in urban setting. The training increased understanding of local challenges, the City Resilience Profiling Tool and the opportunities such tools open for cites in the future.

OUTCOMES

Through this training, participants gained a broad understanding of urban resilience concepts, examples of challenges and good practice, with a specific focus in resilience and climate action, and of holistic approaches to resilience building. The session was hands-on and participants were invited to contextualize the learning and initiate the path and roadmap towards building resilience in their city.

Participants left the workshop session with:

- A basic City Resilience Snapshot Profile
- Increased knowledge of holistic resilience tools and practices and challenges for local governments in different regions
- A clear vision of the link between urban resilience and transformation and sustainable change, as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda.

METHODOLOGY

- Introduction and welcome remarks by the facilitator. (5 minutes)
- Global Agendas and Local Challenges to Building Resilience. (20 minutes)
- Technical introduction to the City Resilience Profiling Tool. (10 minutes)
- Climate Action and resilience lens. (25 minutes)
- City Resilience Profiling Programme Barcelona / Maputo / Asuncion / Port Vila. (25 minutes)
- Wrap up and closing remarks. (5 minutes)

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Further recommended reading

City Resilience Profiling Tool www.unhabitat.org/urbanresilience