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Safe and Smart City: Incheon is recognized as a Role Model City

UNDRR has designated Incheon Metropolitan City as a Role Model of a Safe and Smart City of the Making Cities Resilient campaign. An honour only a few cities have achieved, Incheon joins the ranks of 49 cities around the world, which is a testament to the city's leadership on disaster risk reduction, both locally and globally. "This appointment is an encouragement to work harder to fulfill our role and our commitment as a Role Model City," stated Mr Park Nam-choon, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City. Indeed, the city has decided to establish a disaster risk reduction team to further strengthen its resilience and live up to its status as a Role Model City. Among other recognized measures, in order to protect its people and prosperity the city has taken steps to reduce its climate and disaster risks. Specifically, it has incorporated a new land use policy into urban planning and has promoted the use of green infrastructure as part of the efforts to conserve natural buffers.

Read more: <https://www.undrr.org/news/safe-and-smart-city-incheon-recognized-role-model-city>



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Making Cities Resilient 2030 - Partnership for the Decade of Action

Since its inception in 2010, the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign has successfully raised awareness on disaster risk reduction and resilience for over 4,300 cities around the world. As the MCR Campaign ends in 2020, the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) is proposed to continue the focus on urban risk reduction and resilience by enhancing actions to support cities on the pathway to resilience with a focus on advocacy as well as support for implementation. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) together with the world's leading organizations and networks working with local governments including the United Cities of Local Governments (UCLG), ICLEI, the World Bank, UN-Habitat, the World Council on City Data, the Global Resilient Cities Network (Rockefeller Foundation) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have declared support to a partnership for making cities resilient by 2030 at the World Urban Forum 10, Abu Dhabi, where the initial proposal for MCR2030 was unveiled. Partners committed to providing support to cities through their tools and knowledge products, their regional offices and networks and associations, and improved coordination with national governments and leaders of local governments. More partners are needed to realize the ambitious of the MCR2030. The MCR2030 will soon be seeking interest from other partners to join this global partnership to make cities resilient.

Read more about:

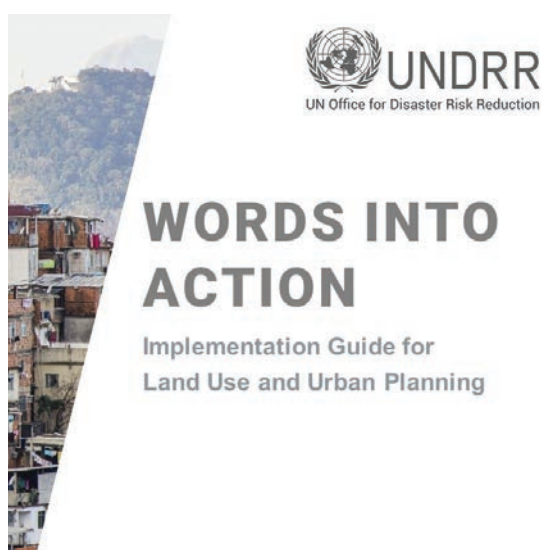
- the initial design of MCR2030 at <https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/home/article/making-cities-resilient-2030-mcr2030-initial-proposal>
- the MCR2030 networking events at the World Urban Forum 10, Abu Dhabi at <https://www.undrr.org/news/mcr2030-unveiled-world-urban-forum>
- the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions at https://wuf.unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/WUF10_final_declared_actions.pdf





Cities from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Americas and Arab States Regions Sharing Experience in Building a Culture of Resilience Towards Sustainable Development at the WUF10

Even though the context may be different in each locality, many issues faced by local governments around the world are similar. Representatives from Kisumu (Kenya), Nablus (State of Palestine), Dakar (Senegal), Teresina (Brazil) and India came together and shared fruitful insights on creating a culture of resilience in their respective cities at the World Urban Forum 10 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on 10 February 2020. Among the issues discussed were the importance of raising awareness and creating a common language and understanding among local government and citizen on risk reduction and resilience; creating a community of resilience within the cities with active engagement of officials, political leaders, citizen and non-governmental stakeholders, so that the culture of resilience can be retained even when political leadership changes; establishing a good enabling environment, linkage between national and local levels, a supportive legislative system from the national government; use of evidence-based information and data for strategic planning and decision making; planning with a long-term vision including potential uncertainties beyond the usual; continuous learning on new knowledge and city-to-city collaboration. The panel also demonstrated women's leadership in disaster risk reduction and resilience, where four of the six panelists and the moderator were female. The event was co-organized by UNDRR, UN-HABITAT and the Global Resilient Cities Network (GRCN) and moderated by the United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC).



Launch of Words into Action guidelines: Implementation guide for land use and urban planning

"Failures in land use and urban planning can seriously undermine a city's capacity to cope with extreme weather events, earthquakes, technological, biological and environmental hazards," said Sanjaya Bhatia, UNDRR head of capacity building, speaking to an audience of city representatives and city managers from around the world at the World Urban Forum 10, Abu Dhabi. This Words into Action guideline intends to provide guidance for the urban planning profession and those involved in city development on how to incorporate disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience into urban planning decisions and investments to support city governments' resilience objectives and strategies. The guide provides varied actors with up-to-date references in order to mainstream DRR and resilience building in their respective activities and roles, including policy formulation, plan-making, setting by-laws and regulations, public service delivery, infrastructure development, community mobilization, teaching, training and capacity building.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/urban-planning-key-resilience>

<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/67430>



Central American and the Caribbean Peer Learning workshop on Urban Resilience

UCLG in partnership with Costa Rica's local government association, UN-Habitat and UNDRR GETI organized a three-day peer learning event in San Jose (Costa Rica) on Urban Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction. Over 25 participants from Central America and the Caribbean gathered at the peer learning that was an opportunity to learn about the successful public-private partnership between Santa Ana municipality and the company Solaris in assessing the risk of possible landslides and jointly providing information to the community. San Jose municipality also shared their experience in assessing and managing urban floods. UCLG is developing a learning module for local governments and their associations to enhance the exchange of experiences and practices in DRR.



One UN in Panama for Disaster Risk Reduction

Twelve members of the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Panama participated 11 March 2020 in their first disaster risk reduction mainstreaming workshop as part of their UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework process which guides programming, planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of collective UN support for achieving the 2030 Agenda in countries. The "Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development" aimed to ensure that the UNCT understands and incorporates disaster risk reduction in the Cooperation Framework theory of change - including and ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to prevention of risk, disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The UNDRR GETI supported workshop was co-designed and facilitated by the UNDRR Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean with the participation of the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, FAO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNOPS. As an immediate follow-up, GETI provided a remote orientation to UNCT Panama on the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development on 18 March.



Towards Making Bhuj City Resilient

Twenty-two city officials from the city of Bhuj, Gujarat, India attended the workshop on "Reviewing Draft Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy of Bhuj City" under the chairmanship of Resident Additional Collector (RAC) of Kutch-Bhuj. Officials from fifteen different departments joined the review workshop and provided their inputs to revise the DRR strategy of Bhuj city. Participants emphasized on two aspects in the DRR strategy: 1. awareness generation of citizens on risks and preparedness, and 2. strengthening inter-agency coordination for crisis management. The hands-on workshop was supported by UNDRR GETI and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), India, under the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and led by the Collectorate of Kutch-Bhuj. Based on the discussion, the Bhuj's DRR strategy is being revised and will be launched thereafter by the office of the Collectorate of Kutch-Bhuj.



Rajkot City Affirms the Commitment to Becoming a SMART and SAFE City

The Rajkot Municipal Corporation launched the Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy of the Rajkot City in February 2020, reflecting a strong commitment to ensure Rajkot is not only SMART, but also a SAFE city. The strategy resulted from a several-month-long but highly engaged process under the leadership of the City Mayor and the Municipal Commissioner, with technical support from All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) and UNDRR GETI. The launched DRR strategy reflects the needs of the city towards becoming resilience, based on the analysis of the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, a series of one-to-one consultations with 33 key officials, NGOs, and CSR companies, and based on the risk informed planning approach. Among many activities, an awareness campaign to enhance public understanding on risk reduction and resilience was identified for the upcoming fiscal year 2020-21.



Increasing Chengdu's capacities for climate change adaptation and resilience.

UNDRR ONEA has partnered with ICLEI East Asia Secretariat to reach out to Chinese cities through a series of workshops. "Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan, was selected as one of China's National Safety Development Demonstration Cities in 2019, for which, all departments within the Municipality are required to make a contribution to the city's overall evaluation of disaster risks, covering all sectors and areas", said Wei Xu, Deputy Director of Relief Department, Chengdu Bureau of Emergency Management. More importantly, according to ICLEI, through this joint effort, the city identified all the potential issues existing in and lasting for the past decade. 50 officials from the departments of ecology and environment, emergency management, housing, meteorology, transport, finance, public security, and water resources within the Chengdu Municipal Government, as well as representatives from district bureaus participated, and jointly conducted a preliminary assessment of the city's current status in resilience development.

Read more: <http://eastasia.iclei.org/new/latest/522.html>



165 Instructors from Citizens' Coalition for Safety Trained as School Safety Programme Experts

From January to February 2020, UNDRR ONEA & GETI collaborated with the Citizen's Coalition for Safety (CCS) to provide seven training sessions of the Korean School Safety Programme for 165 instructors from ten different provinces of Korea, including Busan, Gwangju, Ulsan, and Gangwon. In 2020, UNDRR ONEA & GETI and CCS agreed to continuously expand the Korean School Safety Programme nationwide, when having trained 265 CCS instructors from all over the country will mark the first milestone of the agreement. Training is planned in Q2 for those who are yet to be trained, and the trained instructors plan to conducting programme in 103 of the elementary schools nationwide that participate in the "2020 Disaster Safety Training for Children," to spread the programme by working with schools in the front line.



Trained Trainers in Action in Incheon

4-6 February 2020, the Korean School Safety Programme was held at The Safety Experience Center where 140 Cho-dong Elementary School (Namdong-gu, Incheon) students attended the classroom-type facility at the experiential safety education and training facility. The center was established in December 2019 to raise students' safety awareness and capacity for disaster response. The center has its own programmes that train students on safety rules for disaster prevention, and students can learn about the proper response to various disasters by experiencing a variety of disaster situations. On this day, along with the center's program, students were also introduced to the Korean School Safety Programme: Towards a culture of prevention. The programme was led by a teacher trained trainer who had attended the UNDRR Training of Trainer (ToT) course, showing a good example of the smooth dissemination of the programme into schools in Korea through trained trainers. The teacher shared a high level of satisfaction with the programme because students had an opportunity to get disaster related information and knowledge through game play resulting in students' voluntary and enthusiastic participation.

Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Webinar:

07 April 2020 (Tue) - 06:00 Pacific Time (US and Canada); 22:00 Korea Time (GMT+9)

Cities and resilience of public health systems

For more information: <https://www.preventionweb.net/events/view/71049>

Useful Resources:

- **Public Health System Resilience Scorecard - An Addendum to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities**

"The Public Health Addendum to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities" strengthens and integrates coverage of the many aspects of public health that are relevant to disaster planning, mitigation and response. These include, but are not limited to: sanitation, disease prevention, nutrition, care for those who are already sick or disabled as a disaster happens, those who are injured or become sick as a result of the disaster, mental health issues, health logistics, and so on. The Addendum is structured around the same Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient, the 10-point check list of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, used by the original Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities; and it adopts the same format for its questions and scoring. It is designed to be used in parallel with the original Scorecard, perhaps by a separate sub-team of the main city resilience team. It will require inputs from public health professionals in the relevant disciplines to complete it".

<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/public-health-system-resilience-scorecard>

- **The Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) – initial proposal:**

The MCR Campaign is due to end in 2020. Cities development partners and a variety of stakeholders unanimously requested that the efforts to support local governments in strengthening disaster and climate resilience must continue. Following a series of consultations held between 2018-2019, it is clear that cities are seeking capacity development guidance in various technical areas ranging from awareness and strategic planning, to effective implementation of the risk-informed urban development plans. This includes, for example, the capacity to finance for resilience; engagement of multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder groups such as communities, vulnerable population, private sector; the use of nature-based solutions for resilience; the reduction of climate risks through appropriate actions, and others. These inputs have informed the initial design of the successor of the MCR Campaign – tentatively known as the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030). Click to see more details:

<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/home/article/making-cities-resilient-2030-mcr2030-initial-proposal>

- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities**

The Scorecard provides a set of assessments that allow local governments to assess their disaster resilience, structuring around UNDRR's Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient. It also helps to monitor and review progress and challenges in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: 2015-2030 and supports the baseline analysis for preparation of the disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies. The Scorecards are now available in 14 languages including: English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish, Bengali, Burmese, Italian, Korean, Mongolian, Polish, Portuguese and Turkish.

<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/disaster-resilience-scorecard-for-cities>

- **The Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Industrial and Commercial Buildings (the Building Scorecard)**

Adapted from the original Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, the Building Scorecard enables the establishment of a baseline for the resilience of buildings and campuses to natural or man-made disasters, so allowing improvements to be identified and prioritized. It also allows progress to be tracked as improvements are made, as the effects of climate change become apparent, as the urban environment changes, or as the ownership and/or operation of the building changes. It is intended for use by the owners, managers and operators of commercial, industrial and multi-residential buildings or campuses, both government- and privately-owned.

<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/the-disaster-resilience-scorecard-for-industrial-and-commercial-buildings>

- **Tales of resilient cities**

Stories of twenty municipalities around the world that have joined the 'Making Cities Sustainable and Resilient' initiative and successfully developed and initiated the implementation of their own disaster risk reduction action plan.

<https://www.preventionweb.net/collections/20resilient-cities>

- **Words into Action guidelines: Implementation guide for land use and urban planning**

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<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/67430>

- **Words into Action guidelines: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response**

This Words into Action guideline aims at promoting smooth operations between existing guidance and initiatives to provide direction for risk-informed disaster preparedness for response, which is required to achieve the goal of the Sendai Framework. It targets actors working to strengthen risk-informed disaster preparedness within and across sectors and at all administrative levels in a country.

<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/53347>

- **Words into Action guidelines - Design and conduct of simulation exercises – SIMEX**

This companion guide on design and conduct of simulation exercises is part of the Words into Action Guideline series on practical implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Priority 4 component on enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response. It consists of three main sections: General Information on Simulation Exercise, or SIMEX; the Process; Existing Guidelines. It targets emergency managers, relevant government officials and many other actors responsible for disaster preparedness planning and drills.

<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/53348>

- **Words into Action guidelines: Engaging children and youth in disaster risk reduction and resilience building**

The guide offers specific advice on implementing a feasible, people-centered approach to supporting and engaging children in disaster risk reduction and resilience-building. It provides high-level knowledge on the topic, as well as links to multiple sources that can provide more in-depth information.

<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/67704>

Resources for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

PreventionWeb

- **COLLECTION: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic**
<https://www.preventionweb.net/collections/coronavirus19>
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WHO (World Health Organization)

- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak**
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public**
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) training: Online training**
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>
- **Strategic preparedness and response plan for the new coronavirus (WHO, 2020)**
https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/covid-19-sprp-unct-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=81ff43d8_4

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in **7 STEPS**

- 01** Wash your hands frequently
- 02** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03** Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04** Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05** Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06** If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07** Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION