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Responding, Re-opening and Recovery Towards Resilience of Cities Webinar with UCLG & ICLEI

The urban experience of COVID-19 is “a trigger for us to re-examine the meaning of local resilience,” said Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction at the webinar on Responding, Re-opening and Recovery Towards Resilience of Cities, initiated by the UNDRR ONEA & GETI, UCLG, ICLEI, and WHO as part of the UNDRR COVID-19 webinar series. The event drew 346 participants from 79 countries and territories and brought in rich experience of cities in Uganda, Lebanon and Sweden, especially how cities benefited from earlier engagement in resilience investments in this challenging COVID-19 response and recovery. The webinar recording is available online.

View event:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-who-webinar-lessons-covid-19-pandemic-series-covid-19-responding-re-opening-and>

and

<https://www.undrr.org/news/covid-19-trigger-re-examine-resilience>



Online Workshop on Urban Risk-Informed Planning and Making Cities Resilient for Santa Catarina, Brazil

32 participants from the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil, participated in the UNDRR GETI Online Workshop on Urban Risk-Informed Planning and Making Cities Resilient: Towards the development and implementation of local disaster risk reduction strategy, organized in partnership with Banco Regional de Desenvolvimento do Extremo Sul (BRDE). The course was delivered in Portuguese aiming to enhance the capacity of local government authorities in Brazil and BRDE staff on the use of various tools of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign for local DRR strategic planning. Guest speakers sharing experiences with the participants included representatives from Amadora (Portugal), Campinas (Brazil), ARISE Brazil, and the Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/online-workshop-urban-risk-informed-planning-and-making-cities-resilient-towards-development>



Making Cities Resilient Campaign Achievements Highlighted at Steering Committee Meeting

The Making Cities Resilient Campaign has achieved its goal in raising awareness on disaster risk reduction with over 4,300 cities globally. At the steering committee meeting on 21 July 2020, representatives from the role model cities of Greater Manchester (UK), Amadora (Portugal), Cairns (Australia) and Makati (Philippines), shared how the MCR Campaign has helped them begin the resilience journey and broaden conversations and engagement with politicians, functional organizations, communities, private sectors, and many stakeholders. Cities have benefited from sharing and learning across the city network in the Campaign. Institutional partners such as the Resilient Cities Network, ICLEI, and academia also shared how the 10 Essentials for Making Cities Resilient has paved the way for cities to develop a basic understanding on resilience. The tools and methodologies including the Disaster Resilience Scorecard have helped cities become ready to deal with increasing challenges and the benefits can be seen clearly in the way cities respond to COVID-19. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and Chair of the MCR Steering Committee and Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction (SRSG) and Head of UNDRR, expressed deep gratitude to all MCR steering committee members for the enduring support since the Campaign's inception in 2010. This marked the last meeting of the MCR Steering Committee before the MCR Campaign will come to close at the end of this year and will be succeeded by a new initiative, the "Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)."



P.R. China and DPR Korea Orientation on the Sendai Framework Monitor Tool

Since June, China has been battling severe flooding caused by unprecedented rainfall, especially in basin areas of the Yangtze and Huaihe rivers. These floods have caused tremendous economic damage, that the State Council of the People's Republic of China recently announced 100 billion yuan (\$14.53 billion) to post-flood recovery and reconstruction efforts. In order to orient officials' use of the Sendai Framework Monitor and strengthen data collection and reporting across ministries, UNDRR ONEA and China's Ministry of Emergency Management in collaboration with the UNCT in China organized a workshop with government officials from China and a number of UN staff members based in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Sendai Framework Monitor is an online platform launched by UNDRR in 2018 to help countries track the impact of disasters across a number of indicators and to monitor their progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/strengthening-and-learning-chinas-work-disaster-risk-reduction>



COVID-19 and the Sustainable Development Goals: Ensuring Resilience, Accelerating Progress

The webinar called attention to the multiple and complex challenges countries are facing in these times of COVID-19, while assessing the impact of the pandemic on the SDGs and the need for resilient and risk-informed responses. It highlighted national cases from countries that are recovering with integrated policy measures, such as the Green New Deal policy of the Republic of Korea presented by Mr. Moon Tae Hoon, Chairman, National Council for Sustainable Development, Republic of Korea. As countries enter the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs, panelists underscored the challenges and solutions for addressing climate risk and disaster recovery amid the pandemic through the perspectives offered from Ms. Mia Seppo, UN Resident Coordinator, Bangladesh and Mr. David Smith, co-author of the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report 2019 and professor at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. The webinar titled “Ensuring Resilience, Accelerating Progress – Examining the Impact of COVID-19 on the Sustainable Development Goals” was hosted by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) and UNDRR GETI and attended by 226 participants from 49 countries.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/ensuring-resilience-accelerating-progress-examining-impact-covid-19-sustainable-development>



New Korean School Safety Programme Videos Developed

UNDRR ONEA has developed supplemental videos for the Korean School Safety Programme, and started to provide them to schools and teachers as part of the tools for training their students. The videos will help teachers deliver the programme more accurately and consistently in an easier way, reducing any extra burden for teachers when replicating the training and maximizing the benefit to their students. The videos offers one for students and one for teachers. The video for students covers all the contents of Korean School Safety Programme including disaster risk reduction concepts, the story of Tilly Smith video, the Riskland Game, and Hazard Bingo, while the video for teachers highlights the learning objectives, teaching methodologies, instructor guides, and more. The new supplemental videos will be used as a key tool for training teachers and students in the future and are expected to contribute to scaling up the programme.



First Online Training of Teachers of the Korean School Safety Programme

On 9 September, UNDRR ONEA conducted the first Online Training for Teachers (TOT) in Incheon in collaboration with the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education. The training, which was provided previously as face-to-face training, has been newly adapted for the online environment to continue building capacity for teachers under the current challenging circumstances due to COVID-19. Ten teachers from nine elementary schools in Incheon attended the training, and were trained as trainers to replicate the training to their school students. UNDRR ONEA will continue to expand the online training on the School Safety Programme in the Republic of Korea with the expectation of creating a culture of disaster prevention in schools and continue to spread even during the pandemic such as COVID-19.



Gwangju Metropolitan City Begins Full-scale MCR Campaign Activities

Gwangju Metropolitan City of Korea has decided to actively promote Making Cities Resilient (MCR) campaign activities in full swing. From 29-30 June, UNDRR ONEA facilitated a consultation on the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities among 32 stakeholders of Gwangju Metropolitan City representing local government, the telecommunication sector, and public sectors including Korea Electric Power Corporation, Korean Railroad Corporation, education office, airport, and waterworks. "As we enter the post-Coronavirus era, all communities should constantly try to assess their preparedness for natural and social disaster and understand weaknesses to overcome," said Jeong Min-gon, head of the Civil Safety office. "This workshop will serve as an opportunity to take a step further for Gwangju to become a model city for safety." Gwangju Metropolitan City is pushing forward by continuously enforcing projects to promote public safety to achieve its goal to create a safest city.



Exploring Risk-Informed Governance Enabled by Frontier Technologies for DRR and Resilience Action

Over six weeks, 269 participants including Sendai Framework, SDG and ICT focal points from 60 countries and territories actively engaged in online discussions and weekly sessions to explore how technology can enhance risk-informed governance. UNDRR and UNPOG shared global policy frameworks and Korea's National Disaster and Safety Control Center, the Seychelles and Sudan shared their experience; NASA, ADRC and China shared how to leverage frontier technologies for DRR and resilience building; Experts and advisors on inclusion of vulnerable groups in DRR policy design and implementation shared approaches and Indonesia and Nepal their experience; APCICT, ITU, the UN Centre for Regional Development, the Pacific Disaster Center, and the Philippines shared how to develop and use data and digital government for DRR; WHO, Korea, UNDESA's Digital Government Branch and UNDRR shared experience and tools to strengthen governance and leverage tech in public health emergencies; and aspects of innovative partnerships were shared by Bangladesh on multi-stakeholder partnership, by the Global Policy House on public-private partnership and entrepreneurship, by RIKA on youth and citizen science, and GCF on climate financing. The workshop was supported and opened by the Ministry of the Interior and Safety and Incheon Metropolitan City of the Republic of Korea and co-organized by UN DESA's Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government United Nations Project Office on Governance and UNDRR GETI to pilot a forthcoming Toolkit on Risk-Informed Governance and Innovative Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience. Six online sessions ran Tuesdays, 18 August to 22 September. Presentations and videos are available online.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-undesa/dpidg/unpog-online-training-workshop-advancing-government-innovation-and>



Developing and Implementing Local DRR Strategies to Respond to COVID-19 and Better Prepare for the Future

UNDRR GETI, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) have jointly organized the Online Training on Making Cities Resilient: Developing and implementing local disaster risk reduction strategy to respond to COVID-19 and to better prepare for the future. Attracting over 2,400 applicants from 144 countries and territories around the world, the course aims to strengthen participants' understanding on making cities resilient and to provide a suite of tools to develop an evidence and needs-based local disaster risk reduction planning with multi-stakeholder engagement. The course also aims to introduce and familiarize participants to South-South and Triangular Cooperation and its importance in disaster risk reduction, public health, and climate change adaptation agenda especially at the time of COVID-19. The first session took place on 8 September 2020 and continues for 5 weeks.

Read more:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-unossc-paho-joint-online-training-making-cities-resilient-developing-and>

Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training & Events:

Webinar & Events:

6 October 2020 (Tue) - 7:30 am-9:00 am New York time | 8:30 pm-10:00 pm Incheon time

[UNDRR-UNOSSC-PAHO joint webinar] Cities experience and good practices on reopening and adjusting public health measures in response to COVID-19

For more information: <https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-unossc-paho-joint-webinar-cities-experience-and-good-practices-reopening-and-adjusting>

7 - 28 October 2020

Daring Cities 2020

For more information: <https://daringcities.org/>

28 October 2020 (Wed) - 13:00-14:30 Hrs. (GVA/Bonn Time)

07:00 Panama | 08:00 Toronto/Washington DC | 09:00 Brazil | 12:00 London | 13:00 Geneva/Bonn/Barcelona | 14:00 Cairo | 15:00 Nairobi | 19:00 Bangkok | 20:00 Singapore | 21:00 Incheon/Tokyo

Launch of MAKING CITIES RESILIENT 2030 (MCR2030) - as part of Daring Cities 2020

For more information: <https://www.undrr.org/event/launch-mcr2030>

Online Training:

19 - 21 October 2020

Online Capacity Building Workshop on Urban Risk-Informed Planning and Making Cities Resilient (in English, French and Arabic)

Organizers: UNDRR GETI, UNDRR ROAF, UNDRR ROAS & UCLG Africa

For more information: <https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-undrr-roaf-uclg-africa-online-training-online-capacity-building>

9 November 2020 - 12 February 2021

ACCESSIBLE E-learning Course: Making Cities Resilient: Developing local disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies (Winter edition, ACCESSIBLE course in English)

Organizers: UNDRR GETI & UNITAR

For more information: <https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-unitar-accessible-e-learning-course-making-cities-resilient-developing-local>

ACESIBLE de aprendizaje virtual : Desarrollando ciudades resilientes: Elaboración de estrategias locales de reducción del riesgo de desastres y de resiliencia (edición de invierno, ACCESIBLE en español)

Organizers: UNDRR GETI & UNITAR

Mas información: <https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-unitar-curso-acesible-de-aprendizaje-virtua-desarrollando-ciudades-resilientes>

For more information on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, please visit:

<https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr-where-we-work/incheon#CalendarofEvents>

Useful Resources:



- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities - Detailed and Preliminary**
Available in 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>



- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Public Health System Resilience – Addendum**
Available In English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Russian, Turkish
<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/public-health-system-resilience-scorecard>

Resources for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

UNDRR

- **Past UNDRR COVID-19 webinars - see each event for recordings and/or presentations:**
<https://www.undrr.org/drr-and-covid-19/webinars#pastevents>
- **UNDRR: DRR and COVID-19 resources**
<https://www.undrr.org/drr-and-covid-19>

PreventionWeb

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

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