

UNDRR ONEA & GETI NEWSLETTER

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10th Year Anniversary & Round Table Discussion on Delivering Capacity Development for Disaster Risk Reduction for the Future

Over 200 global attendees joined together in celebration of the UNDRR Office in Incheon's first ten years. They represented partners and alumni of the cadre of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation professionals for which the office was established to develop. Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction Ms. Mami Mizutori opened the session highlighting achievements of the UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia (ONEA) including the establishment of the Korean School Safety Programme in the Republic of Korea, working with Mongolia towards the achievement of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies, contributing to the review of the DPR Korea national disaster risk reduction strategy, and ongoing collaboration with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat to further disaster risk reduction experience sharing between China, Japan and the Republic of Korea and mutual support to developing countries. She also highlighted that the Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) efforts have so far reached 12,000 professionals, 4,000 of whom took part in online training delivered during this extraordinarily difficult year of 2020. Congratulatory messages from Vice Minister Hee Kyeum Kim of the Korean Ministry of the Interior and Safety and Mayor Park Namchoon of Incheon Metropolitan City, whose ongoing institutional support makes such efforts possible, were followed by interventions from the Government of Afghanistan, local governments from the Philippines and Uganda, the Korean education sector, Philippines private sector and the World Health Organization. Two round table discussions on the future of capacity development delivery shared insights from core partners including representatives from APDR, CADRI partnership, CCS Korea, EMERCOM of Russia, GIDM India, KAIST, Lund University, NDTI Korea, STAG & APSTAG, SUNY Korea, and UNPOG. Watch the discussion online.

For more information and event recording, visit: <https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-onea-geti-10th-year-anniversary-round-table-discussion-delivering-capacity-development>



Moving to the Decade of Action with the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Resilient Cities Network, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the World Bank Group and World Council on City Data (WCCD) joined hands and officially launched the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) on 28 October 2020. The launch took place during the Daring Cities conference convened by ICLEI, with 1,048 participants from 117 countries and territories attended. Building upon the 10-year experience of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and co-created by partners and networks of cities, MCR2030 will offer cities a clear, three-stage resilience roadmap to assessing, planning and implementing risk reduction and resilience building initiatives. The goal of MCR2030 is to ensure cities become inclusive, safe, resilient and Sustainable by 2030, contributing directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG11) and other global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. Supporting cities towards the Decade of Action, the MCR2030 will run from January 2021 to the end of 2030.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/launch-mcr2030>
and <https://mcr2030.undrr.org/>



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

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,” jointly organized by UNDRR GETI, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), spanned from 8 September to 6 October with five weekly sessions. Over 2,500 participants registered from close to 150 countries with almost equal gender participation. Almost half of the participants were from national and local governments, and close to 30% from intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and academia. According to the survey, 98% participants gained knowledge on South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC), disaster risk reduction and public health that that would be applicable to their work and almost 97% participants found the city perspective and good practices shared in the training useful and consider applying the lessons and solutions shared in their work.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/undrr-unossc-and-paho/who-support-capacity-development-resilient-cities-and-risk-informed>

Strengthening capacities of national associations of municipalities, local government executives, city officers, and stakeholders in Africa and Arab States

UNDRR GETI, in partnership with UNDRR Regional Offices for Arab States and Africa, UCLG and its African Local Government Academy (ALGA), organized a three-day online capacity building workshop on Urban Risk-Informed Planning and Making Cities Resilient to local government associations, cities and interested stakeholders, from 19-21 October 2020. Delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation to French and Arabic, the training reached 217 participants in 64 countries and territories, the majority of which come from Africa and Arab State regions. The workshop covered disaster risk reduction concepts and tools such as the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, and also introduced the newly launched 'Learning Modules on Localizing the Sendai Framework' jointly developed by UCLG Learning, UNDRR and UN-HABITAT, with focus on the key role of local governance for DRR and Resilience.

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

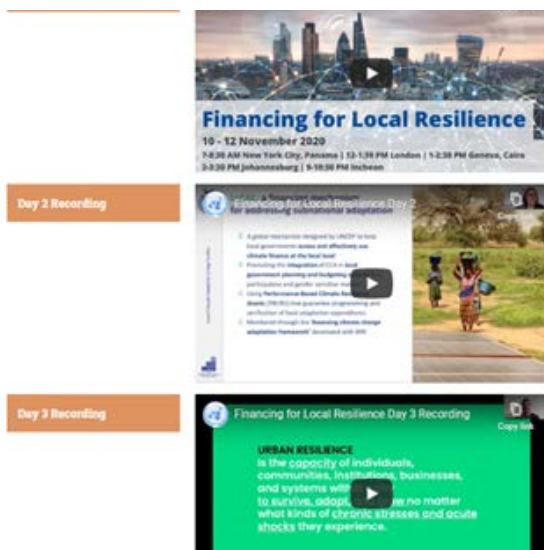
For more information about the Learning Module, visit <https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/new-resilience-learning-module-focuses-key-role-local-governance-drr-and-resilience>



Financing for Local Resilience Action

The Making Cities Resilient Report 2019 highlighted that having the capacity to finance disaster resilience is one of the lowest areas of progress for local governments. Aimed at beginning to address the gap, UNDRR GETI and the secretariat of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign organized a three-day webinar series on Financing for Local Resilience together with partners that attracted the participation of 397 local and global actors. Day 1 shared experience from the Cape Town (South Africa) Municipal Financing Mechanism and approaches for digital green financing from Global Policy House UK. Day 2 introduced the United Nations Capital Development Fund's Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) and Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation shared guidance checklists on the preparation of sustainable and resilient infrastructure projects. On day 3, the Resilient Cities Network ran a seminar on strengthening capacity for resilience financing on early project development and financing resilience. Recordings and presentations with links to tools online.

For more information, visit <https://www.undrr.org/event/financing-resilience>





Students and teachers from Ulleungdo Island are also experienced the School Safety Programme

UNDRR ONEA visited Ulleung Island, located at the edge of East Sea, and provided School Safety Programme for teachers and students from 10-20 October. Ulleung Island is the second largest island in Korea after Jeju island. This island is located 217 km away from Pohang City, which is almost four hours away by ship. This geographic limitation leaves Ulleung Island a very remote island with low accessibility where local residents and tourists hard to travel because seaways are often canceled under poor weather condition. UNDRR ONEA collaborated with Ulleung County Office of Education to support the programme that mutually initiated by the Ministry of Interior Safety and the Ministry of Education, "2020 Children's Disaster Safety Training", and 17 teachers and 21 students from 4 schools participated in the education and training during this event.

UNDRR GETI and the EC team up to enhance EC staff capacity for DRR

As part of the European Commission's series of webinars on Greening EU cooperation (Environment and Climate Change) targeting EC staff of both the EC's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), UNDRR GETI co-designed and co-delivered a webinar on Stepping up Disaster Risk Reduction action for Greening EU Cooperation. The webinar is a first step in building greater joint capacity of the teams to ensure risk-informed development and humanitarian action. The session covered disaster risk reduction fundamentals, the Sendai Framework in coherence with the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, DEVCO cooperation on DRR, the Humanitarian Development Nexus and DRR as part of preparedness, and DRR case studies on environment, health, climate change adaptation, finance, housing, and livelihoods. Further collaboration is envisaged.

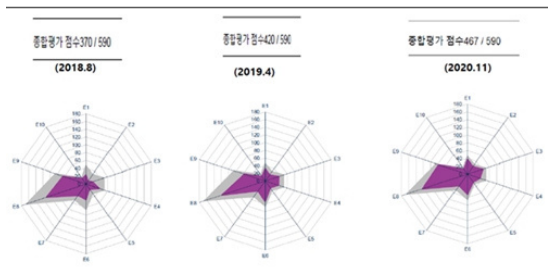


Video Conference on MCR2030 Strategy and Public Health Diagnosis Tool Introduction for Republic of Korea

On 4 November, UNDRR ONEA & GETI held Video conference on "MCR2030 Strategy and Public Health Diagnosis Tool Introduction" This event originally had been held at Kintex Ilsan with government officials participation every year in connection with K-Safety Expo. However, this year's event performed on online due to COVID-19 situation. During the video conference, Sanjaya Bhatia, the head of UNDRR ONEA-GETI, had a briefing on the new initiative MCR2030, and introduced its core strategy and main contents and Public Health Scorecard which its importance elevates as COVID-19 situation has been intensified. James Patava, the vice president of World Council on City Data(WCCD), also introduced 'ISO 37120 Series' which are the indicators for sustainable development cities. This event was co-hosted by UNDRR ONEA&GETI, the Ministry of Interior and Safety, and Incheon Metropolitan City and attracted 63 local government officials from 59 local governments.



Ulsan Metropolitan City was the first city to be diagnosed with scorecard for three consecutive years



Ulsan Metropolitan City and UNDRR ONEA co-hosted Scorecard Diagnosis Workshop which was held from 19-20 November with 31 participants from Ulsan Metropolitan City and Ulsan Development Institute. This workshop was very monumental because Ulsan Metropolitan City became the first city in Korea to receive MCR scorecard diagnosis for three consecutive years from 2018. The Scorecard is an urban resilience diagnosis tool with 10 essentials for cities to establish disaster risk reduction strategies, which can identify the strengths and weaknesses of cities and apply them in Disaster Risk Reduction strategies of local governments. The result showed that the weakness of Ulsan Metropolitan City have been supplemented every year, especially with significant progress in essential 8 and 9. UNDRR ONEA is planned to share the case of Ulsan Metropolitan City with many other cities around the world and support towards Ulsan to announce this good case at international conferences.

Incheon Disaster Safety Exhibition: presenting MCR2030 & UNDRR School Safety Programme



Disaster Safety Exhibition was held by Incheon Metropolitan city, cohosted with Incheon Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Korea Occupational Safety & Health Agency from 1-28 December. The event took place online (<http://incheondse.com>) considering the COVID-19 pandemic. The online exhibition provided visual materials on natural hazards and social hazards; action guidelines on disaster and safety accidents; disaster risk reduction policy of Incheon City; virtual experience hall; and the board game for a whole family. MCR2030 and UNDRR School Safety Programme were also presented during the exhibition which greatly influenced in raising civic awareness on disaster risk reduction. The event was a great opportunity for participants, especially Incheon City public officials and the public in understanding "Making Cities Resilience (MCR)". Incheon City is planning for a more diversified event that entails active civic participation for the betterment of city disaster resilience.

Training package orientations on integrating DRR and CCA in UN Cooperation Frameworks held

Overview of the Learning Package



- Each module has Presentation w/ Manuscript (W/ mirroring the PF)
- Two recorded un paced study are Common Country Cooperation Fra

Three virtual orientations on the training package to support the roll-out of the Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework were organized in November and December by UNDRR Partnerships Branch and UNDRR GETI for global and regional UN partners . Over 130 UN staff have been introduced to the training package composed of flexible modules covering the whole Cooperation Framework cycle or focused on risk-informed Common Country Analysis, climate and disaster risk-responsive Cooperation Framework design, and Leave No One Behind as well as workshop modules addressing multi-dimensional risk analysis, theories of change, and peer support groups. Key considerations for integration of disease outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics in Cooperation Frameworks are incorporated. During the orientations, a 'training taster' adapted from the core training module was also conducted The package will be soon available and a training of trainers organized early 2021 in consultation with UNDRR Regional Offices and regional UN DCO mechanisms.

Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training & Events:

Online Training:

[7 December 2020 - 12 March 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>

ACCESIBLE 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:

- **Making Cities Resilient 2030**
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities - Detailed and Preliminary – (new languages added)**
<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/public-health-system-resilience-scorecard>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Public Health System Resilience – Addendum (new languages added)**
<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/public-health-system-resilience-scorecard>
- **Ecosystem-Based Disaster Risk Reduction: Implementing Nature-based Solutions for Resilience**
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/ecosystem-based-disaster-risk-reduction-implementing-nature-based-solutions-0>
- **Resilience learning module I: Fundamentals of resilient governance & development**
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/resilience-learning-module-i-fundamentals-resilient-governance-development>
- **Human Cost of Disasters 2000-2019**
<https://www.undrr.org/publication/human-cost-disasters-2000-2019>

Resources for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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- **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



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