

# UNDRR ONEA & GETI NEWSLETTER

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## Scale-up of School Safety Programme in Mongolia

Following the introduction of the Korean School Safety Programme in Mongolia last May, on 28-29 October, the UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia together with the Korean NGO Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS) conducted a teacher training for 19 participants from the Ministry of Education and Science, Mongolian National University of Education (MNUE), and the Information and Training Centre for Nature and Environment as well as 42 university students at the Mongolian National University of Education. Through training, participants recognized the importance of school safety education, and learned how to use tools such as the video about Tilly Smith and the Riskland game to teach the concept of disaster risk reduction in easy and fun ways to students.

In addition, a new module with practical content developed as part of the Korean School Safety Programme in 2023 was successfully used for exchanges between Korean and Mongolian schools through a remote session. Fifth grade students from an elementary school affiliated with MNUE, who participated in the School Safety Programme exchange in Mongolia in May, remotely met with sixth grade students from Buin elementary school of Korea on 27 October to participate in joint knowledge sharing activities. Students from the two countries had time to look at the risk factors around them in different environments and share their experiences of identifying and practicing preventive measures.

Discussions between UNDRR, Mongolia's educational institutions, the National Emergency Management Agency, and Korean and Mongolian NGOs concluded that it is important to form local education leaders and build their capacity and establish a system for sustainable implementation of the School Safety Programme in the country. Cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Mongolia through the School Safety Programme was meaningful to make a foundation for sustainable school safety education by sharing experiences between the two countries.



For more information:

<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/news/climate-change-very-very-expensive>

## Urban disaster and climate resilience highlighted at the UCLG's World Congress in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Voices of cities were heard at the 'Future of Resilience: From Early Action to Reduced Vulnerabilities' session at the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Congress, in Daejeon, Republic of Korea on 13 October 2022. The session, organized by the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) global collaboration of local governments and partners, highlighted the experience of municipal leaders and officials from Cologne (Germany), Incheon (Rep. of Korea), Ramallah (State of Palestine), Tanauan City (Philippines), and Esteban Echevarria (Argentina), as well as MCR2030 partners including UNDRR, the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies and Tomorrow's Cities Hub. The session took place on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction and picked up the theme of early warning and early action (Sendai Framework Target G) as an investment and not a cost.

On the same day, MCR2030 core partners UNDRR and UCLG also organized an interactive training at the World Congress titled 'The Cost of Doing Nothing – Scenarios for Investing in Resilience'. The session highlighted the importance of local and regional governments taking a long-term and systematic approach to resilience. It engaged 15 representatives from local government and academia in a game called Futurities that demonstrated the impact of today's decisions on tomorrow's resilience.



## Training for Central Asian countries supported by KOICA

On 17-18 October, in partnership with Korea's National Disaster Management Institute (NDMI), and with funding support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), GETI delivered a virtual training on disaster risk reduction for government officials in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The training was part of a three-year programme aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity to reduce disaster risk for sustainable development in Central Asia. It was customized for officials working in the national disaster risk management system in the three countries and helped facilitate fruitful exchanges of experiences among participants. It also served to share disaster risk reduction experiences from the Republic of Korea and elsewhere, and provided participants with tools to strengthen disaster risk reduction planning and implementation in their respective countries.



For session recording:

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1173786283243735](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1173786283243735)

## Metro Manila local governments set out their roadmap to urban resilience

The Urban Governance Forum 2022, organised by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Philippines on 25 October, affirmed that mainstreaming the resilience framework in local governance is one of the priorities of the Philippines' government. More than 490 participants from Metro Manila attended this webinar under the theme "Setting the Roadmap to Urban Resilience." MCR2030 was presented to provide technical guidance on how MCR2030 can help localize global frameworks, what urban resilience is, and how LGUs can develop resilience plans using MCR2030 tools. The example from Makati City as the first Resilience Hub in the Philippines on how to localise MCR2030 through system thinking was also shared during this forum.





## Exploring risk-informed approaches with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)

On 20 October, UNDRR ONEA & GETI organized an orientation workshop for 30 staff members of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS). The workshop introduced key concepts and trends around disaster risk reduction and resilience and allowed to discuss opportunities for applying a disaster risk reduction lens across the areas of work of TCS. As a key regional organization supporting trilateral cooperation between China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, TCS engages in a number of thematic areas ranging from political affairs to socio-cultural and economic affairs, including disaster prevention and management. However, disaster risk also affects other sectors, such as economy, education, health, media, transport, agriculture, finance or technology, which are all part of the TCS programmatic portfolio. Through the discussions held during the workshop, TCS staff members were able to consider the importance of applying risk-informed approaches across these thematic areas. The workshop concluded with a field visit organized by Incheon City, which introduced the participants to the efforts of the Incheon Free Economic Zone to ensure a safe and sustainable living environment for Incheon residents.



For more information:

<https://www.undrr.org/event/training-urban-resilience-and-making-cities-resilient-philippines>

<https://www.preventionweb.net/news/urban-resilience-training-philippines-highlights-city-city-cooperation>

## MCR2030 Philippines continues to strengthen national-local collaboration on urban resilience

Following the national launch of MCR2030 Philippines in 2021, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of Civil Defense in the Philippines, with technical support from UNDRR, conducted a two-day training on "Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient 2030" on 19-20 October. The virtual training was organized as part of the commemoration of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) in the Philippines, which was attended by 191 participants from local government units (LGUs) and affiliated organizations across the country. The training session focused on sharing knowledge and toolkits that LGUs can use to enhance disaster and climate resilience strategic planning and access finance such as the project preparation facility of the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA). The training also emphasized the importance of city-to-city cooperation and experience sharing, showcasing the commitment of Makati City in exchanging know-how and experience with other cities as the first MCR2030 Resilience Hub in the Philippines. This training is a continuation of the MCR2030 partnership and collaboration with the Philippines Government. As of November 2022, 66 LGUs and 19 organizations based in the Philippines have joined MCR2030.



For more climate action stories:

<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/mcr-latest-news>

## From climate risk to resilience

A city leader on the frontline of efforts to reduce climate and disaster risk firmly believes that building resilience is 'absolutely doable and achievable' even in such a period of unprecedented uncertainty. Deputy Mayor of Wrocław, Poland, Mr. Jakub Mazur, said despite huge challenges – including the arrival of 250,000 refugees from neighbouring Ukraine – his city firmly believes in the value of its resilience agenda.

Wrocław was recently recognized as a Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) Resilience Hub for its leadership in disaster and climate risk reduction and its commitment to help other cities in their own ambitions. Mr. Mazur was speaking at a webinar to mark the launch of the MCR2030 mini-feature series entitled *From Climate Risk to Resilience* profiling the climate action of Resilience Hubs.



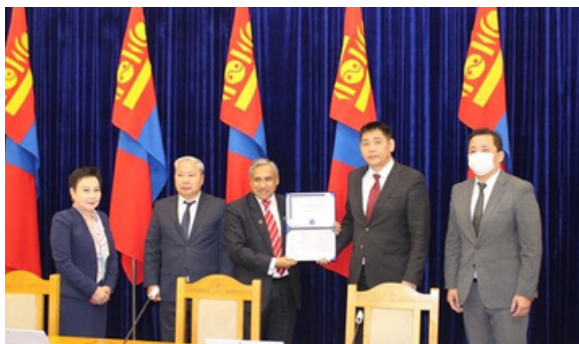
For more information:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/disaster-planning-key-wonderful-future>

## Baguio and Ormoc cities pave the way to multi-stakeholder engagement in making cities resilience

UNDRR GETI welcomed 18 representatives from two Philippines cities, Ormoc and Baguio, to an in-person training on Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea. The training took place between 25-28 October with primary objectives to enhance cities' knowledge and capacities on disaster risk reduction; provide approaches and tools to further support resilience building; facilitate discussion and forward planning on subsequent capacity building for the two cities and opportunities to connect with other MCR2030 partners. Represented by officials from various city departments, the two cities completed the preliminary assessment using the online version of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and affirmed cross-stakeholders' understanding of cities' strengths and opportunities to further address disaster and climate resilience management in line with the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient.

Throughout the training, participants witnessed real-life examples from Incheon Metropolitan City, the first MCR2030 Resilience Hub in Asia-Pacific, from SMART city operation to solid waste management. The training also showcased the dedication and commitment of Makati City, the second MCR2030 Resilient Hub in the region, whose officials co-facilitated the training and led their peer cities by example. The training also inspired Indian representatives from GIFT City, Vadodara, and the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management who observed the training and plan to further roll out MCR2030 in their cities.



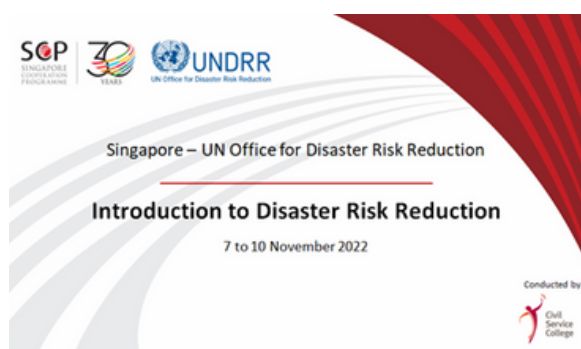
For more information:

<https://www.undrr.org/news/mongolia-moves-one-local-resilience>

## Ulaanbaatar and Mongolia's 21 Provinces join the MCR2030

A technical workshop held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 31 October and 1 November provided an opportunity for Mongolia's capital city and all its 21 provinces to join the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) initiative. The workshop was organized by UNDRR ONEA together with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Local Emergency Management Agencies and in collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator Office in Mongolia to introduce national and local government officials to MCR2030 objectives and tools and to help local governments sign up to the initiative. The workshop was attended by 145 representatives from national and local governments and entities responsible for disaster risk reduction and emergency response, development, health, livestock and agriculture and other key sectors involved in local disaster resilience efforts in Mongolia. An official launch ceremony was held at the Parliament House in Ulaanbaatar on 1 November, in presence of the Head of Mongolia's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Head of the Administration Department of Ulaanbaatar Capital City, the Advisor of the Deputy Prime Minister, the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDRR, with the 21 provinces attending remotely. Joining MCR2030 constitutes an important step for Mongolia, a country that was a champion of the MCR Campaign from 2010-2020 and that made significant advances in national-local DRR coordination and planning. The country's capital and provinces will now be able to share their experience with other MCR2030 cities, and benefit from MCR2030's wide network of partners and resources.





## Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) & UNDRR: Introduction to disaster risk reduction course

This online course, delivered jointly by GETI and the Civil Service College (CSC) of Singapore on 7-10 November, examined key principles of disaster risk reduction and the hardwiring of resilience into human behavior, policy and implementation. Over four days, lecturers from GETI and CSC trained over 60 participants representing five continents and 42 countries from Samoa to Mexico. Drawing on lessons from the COVID-19 global pandemic that demonstrated the ‘new normal’ of interconnected risk, participants learned about the Sendai Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement, and applications into their country’s existing policy and plans, including disaster risk reduction strategies. The course, which was sponsored by the Singapore Cooperation Programme, also shared Singapore’s experiences in disaster risk reduction and its whole-of-government approach to integrated risk management and resilience-building.



For more information and recording:  
<https://www.undrr.org/event/MCR2030-CCFLA-UNDRR>

## New Training on “Converting ideas into bankable projects: Introduction to project preparation”

Under the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) partnership, UNDRR GETI together with the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance launched the new training course on “Converting ideas into bankable projects: Introduction to project preparation.” This one-hour training session focused on providing foundational knowledge on what project preparation is, along with key considerations for each project stage. Participants were introduced to various case studies and sign-posted to tools and project preparation facilities particularly from the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliances and its members. The training concluded with a short quiz affirming key learning takeaways. Attended by 482 participants from 105 countries/territories, the training was delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation into five languages including Arabic, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.



## Madagascar – strengthening disaster risk reduction across all sectors of society

Building on a previous training focused on integrating disaster risk reduction into sectoral work, which was held virtually in March 2022, GETI supported an in-person disaster risk reduction retreat in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on 15-17 November. The retreat had active participation from a wide range of actors including UN agencies, government, civil society and the private sector, and covered topics such as trends and concepts in disaster risk reduction, best practices in resilience-building, disaster risk reduction in humanitarian response, and actions by the private sector to reduce disaster risk. The last day of the retreat was dedicated to the role of the private sector in disaster risk reduction, during which one of the participants observed: “*Managing risks is also about learning how to become more human.*” Both trainings were delivered as part of UNDRR’s ongoing cooperation with the UN in Madagascar to enhance capacities to incorporate risk and resilience programming into the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, and thus ensure that sustainable development efforts are risk-informed.

## Deep Dive in Scaling up Sub-National Sustainable Finance Through Thematic Labelled Bonds

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For more information:

<https://www.climatebonds.net/training/UNDRR&MCR2030-DeepDive-Dec2022>

## MCR2030 cities and partners trained on thematic labelled bond issuance for local governments

Following the successful in-person session of the new training course on "Deep Dive in Scaling Up Sub-National Sustainable Finance Through Thematic Labelled Bonds" in Incheon in September, three more online sessions were held between October and December. The course was open to local government representatives participating in MCR2030 and in the stage of seeking alternative financial resources for implementation. The training course was an initiative of UNDRR in close partnership with the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) aiming to create overall understanding of the role of labelled bonds, key steps necessary for bond issuance, and crucial elements that attract investors and issuers to the green bond markets. Over 110 participants from MCR2030 cities in more than 20 countries/territories around the world benefited from these online sessions delivered in Portuguese, Spanish and English.



## Thailand's university network and local governments engaged in urban resilience with MCR2030 training

The first in-person training on Urban Disaster Risk Reduction and Making Cities Resilient in Thailand took place between 16-18 November in Bangkok, under the cooperation between UNDRR GETI and ROAP, UNDP Thailand, and the Thai Network for Disaster Resilience (TNDP) under the Thai Disaster Preparedness Foundation (TDPF). The training aimed to enhance the role of academia in proactively supporting local governments on disaster and climate resilience building. By the end of this training, Prik and Lam Phak Bia municipalities became the first two municipalities in Thailand that joined MCR2030 and started forming relationship with universities. University representatives also revealed various way forward plans, for example, to integrate urban resilience including the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient in their academic curriculum, to contextualize and translate the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities to Thai local context, and to support their host and neighboring municipalities in applying the City Scorecard. The training was attended by 32 university experts from 17 universities, three mayors, and 16 representatives from the Ministry of Interior's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, National Disaster Relief Training Center, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Nation TV and TNDP.

### Engaging persons with disabilities in local disaster resilience planning

Profiling the new Annex for the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

Tuesday 06 December 2022  
09.00 Panama & Washington DC/ 11.00 Sao Paulo/ 15.00 Geneva  
16.00 Cairo/ 17.00 Nairobi/ 21.00 Bangkok/ 23.00 Incheon

Language: English/ Spanish  
International Sign, CART

Venue: Zoom

Sign-up here:

Moderator:

Speakers:

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Assistant Commissioner  
Ministry of Urban  
Development Uganda

Mr. Carlos Kaiser  
Director GAD Inclusive  
Chile

Ms. Stephanie Jimenez Ariza  
Resilience Coordinator  
Mexico City

Mr. Zdravko Markovic  
Head of Civil Affairs  
City of Kragujevac, Serbia

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## New tool engages persons with disabilities on disaster resilience

A new tool that enables local governments to design, formulate, and implement disaster resilience strategies that are more inclusive of the perspectives and capacities of persons with disabilities has been released. The Annex for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities provides a potential avenue for local governments to strengthen the engagement with their citizens who live with some form of disability.

In a Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) webinar on 6 December to mark the release of the Annex, Martha Mugarura, Assistant Commissioner of the Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, of the Government of Uganda, highlighted how in every disaster, a disproportionate number of persons with disabilities suffer and die. 'Local disaster prevention measures are regularly designed and implemented without including persons with disabilities. Rarely are the unique perspectives and contributions of these communities engaged in local efforts to reduce disaster risk,' Ms. Mugarura said.

Find out more about the annex:

<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disability-inclusion-scorecard>





## Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient Workshop for SAARC Member Countries

UNDRR ONEA & GETI and the Interim Unit (IU) of the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Disaster Management Centre (SDMC) organized a workshop on Urban Resilience and Making Cities Resilient 2030 for SAARC member countries on 5-8 December. The workshop, held at the SDMC training facility in Gandhinagar, India, was attended by 26 representatives of local and national governments from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka working on disaster management and urban development. Participants were introduced to key concepts in disaster risk reduction, the ten Essentials and the MCR2030 initiative, as well as examples of funding mechanisms, and practiced using the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities to develop local disaster risk reduction action plans. The workshop provided an opportunity for countries and cities from the SAARC region to learn from each other's experience and exchange examples of resilience efforts implemented in the region, including through a field visit to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), which recently joined MCR2030. As part of the SAARC Charter Day Celebration on 8 December, participants shared their plans and commitments for making their cities and countries more resilient in the face of disasters.



## MCR2030 Hubs step up on climate

Having successive COPs hosted by MCR2030 Resilience Hubs (COP27: Sharm El-Sheikh and COP28 Dubai) provides a strategic opportunity for MCR2030 to influence policy priorities and keep scaled-up climate-sensitive urban development at the heart of the COP process.

Sharm El Sheikh was recognized as the MCR2030 Resilience Hub in November 2022 with its readiness to become inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, contributing directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 and other global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement, and the New Urban Agenda, following a preparatory process which included a city-to-city exchange with Incheon, Republic of Korea, where the city had the opportunity to learn from the experience of the first resilience hub in Asia Pacific.

With GETI support, Sharm El-Sheikh convened the MCR2030 Resilience Hub Forum to develop an ambitious MCR2030 COP28 engagement strategy and strengthen hub partnerships and 'constellations' on key themes of resilient urban development beyond Hub-specific action plans. COP28 is set to be the 'solutions COP' and MCR2030 is committed to being actively engaged.

**For updates on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, visit:**  
<https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr-where-we-work/incheon#CalendarofEvents>

## Useful Resources:

- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Food System Resilience Addendum**  
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/food-system-resilience-scorecard>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Cultural Heritage Addendum**  
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/cultural-heritage-scorecard>
- **Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities: Annex for Inclusion of Persons with Disability**  
<https://mcr2030.undrr.org/disability-inclusion-scorecard>
- **The Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Industrial and Commercial Buildings**  
<https://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/the-disaster-resilience-scorecard-for-industrial-and-commercial-buildings>