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Resilience
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BARCELONA RESILIENCE WEEK —

11-16 November 2018
Barcelona, Spain

Towards sustainable and resilient cities

Barcelona Resilience Week

From the 11th to the 16th of November, Barcelona will be the centre of global discussions on resilience! Barcelona Resilience Week is a common space bringing together all partners and stakeholders working on resilience with a strong focus on how to advance awareness and knowledge to action.

Drawing on the parallel events taking place in Barcelona that same week (Smart City Expo World Congress, C40 Regional Meeting, among others) Barcelona Resilience Week will showcase a wide array of activities and initiatives from across the world that are making our cities more resilient and strengthening the development and humanitarian agendas.

Barcelona Resilience Week will gather key international actors, together with city representatives, governments, NGOs and innovators to share tried and tested approaches to addressing urban challenges and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Paris Agreement.



Resilience Dialogues

12
MONDAY

Climate Action and Resilience

From altered weather patterns to rising sea levels and more extreme meteorological events, the bearings of climate change impact on people's wellbeing and livelihoods in different ways. In a rapidly urbanizing world, promoting effective climate action in cities and recognizing that sustainable and resilient urban development cannot be achieved or sustained without mitigation and adaptation measures is essential. This dialogue will address key concerns, issues and approaches to push forward Climate Action for Resilience.

12
MONDAY

Upgrading Informality Towards Resilience

The number of urban residents at risk is increasing as rapid urbanization continues to result in sprawl and/or densely populated informal settlements in hazard-prone areas. When cities face sudden shocks (natural or human-made), unplanned urban areas are hit the hardest as they often suffer from underlying or pre-existing stresses and there is a shortage of knowledge about the area or how to respond. In cities with high informality, local capacity and resources may not be sufficient to prepare for and react to risk. This dialogue will explore approaches to understand informality from a resilience perspective.

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TUESDAY

Governance, Decentralization and Resilience

Analyzing decentralization in terms of local governments responsibilities, planning and financial capacity is key for building city resilience. Local governments have a unique role in promoting, ensuring and maintaining urban resilience as they are responsible for a number of key processes related to the functionality of the city. In many cases, local governments are the first line of response in crisis situations and must coordinate efforts among local and national actors. This dialogue will explore how local governments are working local, regional and national partners to build resilience.

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TUESDAY

Social Resilience

Building urban resilience takes multiple forms, but must inevitably seek to improve the lives of all people and maintain development gains when cities face shocks, stresses and challenges. The urban poor are exposed to greater risks than their wealthier counterparts and often lose a greater share of their assets or resources in the process. Vulnerable groups such as indigenous populations, women, the elderly and the disabled often lack the necessary safety nets to recover from shocks. This dialogue will focus on the measure necessary to ensure urban resilience measures reach and work for all city inhabitants.

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WEDNESDAY

Humanitarian Urban Crises

Resilience lies at the core of the humanitarian-development nexus, bridging two often disparate agendas. Ingraining resilience across the city and in the institutions that govern it reduces risks by increasing capacity. Addressing vulnerabilities in the city decreases fragility and mitigates impacts, hereby enhancing effective and forward-thinking response. This dialogue will explore the shared ground between resilience, humanitarian action and development.

Resilience Workshop

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MONDAY

New Resilience Challenges

This world needs new resilient ideas to cope with today's major issues. We know this yet inciting new and innovative action is difficult. While most organizations improve, few renew. This session will highlight the possibilities and opportunities offered by Design Thinking.

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SUNDAY — All day 🕒

📍 **SANT PAU ART NOUVEAU SITE**

- Making Resilient Cities Campaign Steering Committee Meeting (by invitation)

— Evening 🕒

📍 **SANT PAU ART NOUVEAU SITE**

- Welcome Cocktail with guided visit of Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

12

MONDAY — Morning 🕒

📍 **SANT PAU ART NOUVEAU SITE**

- Registration
- Opening Session
- Resilience Dialogues:
 - Climate Action and Resilience
 - Upgrading Informality Towards Resilience
- Networking Lunch

— Afternoon 🕒

📍 **SANT PAU ART NOUVEAU SITE**

- New Resilience Challenges

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TUESDAY — Morning 🕒

📍 **FIRA DE BARCELONA**

- Registration
- Resilience Dialogues:
 - Governance, Decentralization and Resilience
 - Social Resilience
- Networking Lunch

— Afternoon 🕒

📍 **FIRA DE BARCELONA**

- Masterclass:
 - Peer review tool on DRR at local level
- Resilient Cities Session at Smart City Expo World Congress

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WEDNESDAY — Morning 🕒

📍 **FIRA DE BARCELONA**

- Resilience Dialogues:
 - Humanitarian Urban Crises: Housing, Reconstruction, Migration and other challenges
- Conclusions
- Launch of the Guidelines for Decision Makers on Promoting Compliance to Resilient Construction, by AXA and UN-Habitat ([More](#))

— Afternoon 🕒

📍 **VARIOUS VENUES**

- Local Governments / Resilience Action

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THURSDAY — All day 🕒

📍 **VARIOUS VENUES**

- Workshops & Site Visits

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FRIDAY — All day 🕒

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