



SESSION DESCRIPTION

F1 MCUR: Harnessing global capital and expertise in support of local resilience

Panel discussion

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Rooms: S25-26

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OBJECTIVE

The ICLEI Resilient Cities 2015 Congress was critically important in preparation for two forthcoming milestone events on the international calendar that will impact cities including the September adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals¹, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July, and the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris in December. This followed the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction where the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was adopted giving strong role for local governments in delivering disaster risk reduction solutions. The framework promotes the empowerment of local authorities to reduce disaster risk, including through resources, incentives and decision-making responsibilities, and supports cooperation and mutual learning among local governments for disaster risk reduction.

The Medellín Collaboration on Urban Resilience workshop sought to further influence the international agenda for cities and advocate for cities' role in sustainable development and to raise awareness of the principles and tools intended to strengthen urban resilience.

OUTCOMES

Participants left the workshop session with:

- Increased awareness of the resilience tools and methodologies available to cities;
- Knowledge of the cities interested in accessing tools and products available through the MCUR and its partners;
- Better awareness of the new partnership between the MCUR and Cities Alliance.

METHODOLOGY

Following the Opening Remarks, the 90-minute workshop was divided into two parts. The first part provided an overview of the Medellín collaboration and the objectives and progress of the MCUR including key outputs, namely tools and methodologies members are developing and piloting to build resilience in cities. Part two included one/two case studies from cities that are piloting resilience building tools and action plans. This was followed by a panel discussion with presenters and the

¹ Sustainable Development Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



audience. The session concluded with a presentation of the new partnership between the MCUR and the Cities Alliance.

Opening remarks & welcome (5 min)

Part 1: MCUR overview of tools and progress (25 min)

Part 2: One/two city case studies (TBD) (25 min)

(one case study of the World Bank, either city or World Bank to present)

Panel discussion – Led by Facilitator (20 min)

Presentation by Cities Alliance and MCUR to discuss new partnership (10 min)

Wrap-up & Closing (5 min)

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