

Building Disaster Resilient Cities - A UN/international partners view on effective disaster risk reduction in urban areas

Description of event:

The impact of disasters related to natural hazards continues to rise, predominantly due to uncontrolled urbanization and poverty, setting back development efforts. The event offers a forum for sharing experiences between representatives of UN agencies, experts and decision-makers. The objectives of this dialogue are to share views on good practices in the implementation of existing policies on urban risk management.

Name of organization:

UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)

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The UN/ISDR is the focal point in the UN System to promote links and synergies between, and the coordination of, disaster reduction activities in the socio-economic, humanitarian and development fields, as well as to support policy integration. The ISDR aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development, with the goal of reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards and related technological and environmental disasters.

Partner organizations:

UNDP, UNESCO, Cordaid – Netherlands, The African Union, International Federation of Red Cross, la Red, Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI), National Society for Earthquake technology (Nepal), Center for Disaster Preparedness (Philippines)

Confirmed speakers:

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Mr. Salvano Briceno, UN-International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR)
Mr. Friedemann Wensel, Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI), Germany
Ms. Zenaida Delica, Center for Disaster Preparedness, Philippines
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