



RESILIENT CITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: Key concepts, experiences and projections

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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A guiding principle of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) is the creation of resilient cities and human settlements. The Regional Action Plan for the implementation of NUA also seeks to promote urban resilience to the impacts of climate change and both natural and man-made disasters. At the XXVI Assembly of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) in June this year, a forum was held to reflect on the planning, governance and financing instruments needed to build resilient cities and implement the NUA in the region. Using the results of the MINURVI forum as a starting point, the proposed sessions will seek to identify, exchange and discuss examples of resilience policies, programs and practices as they relate to each of the six action areas defined by the Regional Action Plan.

This activity will take place on the first day of the 2017 Cities Conference and is developed as part of the project “Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management” commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by ECLAC with the support of GIZ in Angra Dos Reis (Brazil), Barranquilla (Colombia) and Chacabuco (Chile). The preliminary results of the project together with experiences derived from other international cases and contexts will guide the conversation. The event will convene public representatives and project consultants, other representatives of national and subnational governments, representatives of local government networks, representatives of MINURVI, resilience experts and academics, representatives of the private sector and international cooperation and other actors.

The wide variety of contexts and conditions presented by the Latin American and Caribbean region implies a diverse set of challenges, experiences and opportunities for resilience building. During the afternoon, MINURVI focal points representing the subregions of South America and the Caribbean will be invited to a panel discussion to identify subregional action to promote resilience and the challenges, vulnerabilities, needs, good practices and opportunities specific to each sub-region. A representative of the Caribbean Working Group will present the proposed contents of the Subregional Action Plan for implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Caribbean in order to guide discussion regarding next steps and commitments for promoting the implementation of this Plan in the subregion, as well as lessons learned and good practices relevant to future subregional planning and implementation processes.



The day will conclude with a dialogue supported by the *International Development Research Centre* (IDRC Canada) about how to reduce barriers and gaps to access financing in order to build resilient cities in LAC in the context of climate change.

Seminar objective

The seminar seeks to promote a dialogue between public and private urban actors on sustainable urban development and options for building urban resilience in the diverse Latin America and Caribbean contexts, identifying synergies with the Regional Action Plan and with other regional and global initiatives and agendas.



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- 8:30 – 9:00** Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome and introduction to the project:**
- José Javier Gómez, Division of Sustainable Development and Human Settlement, ECLAC
 - Deputy Chief of Mission, Peter Sauer, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chile
 - Ambassador Patricia Peña, Embassy of Canada in Chile
- 9:15 – 9:40** **Keynote presentation: The triple dividend of disaster risk management in the context of Latin American and Caribbean cities**
- Dr. Allan Lavell, FLACSO researcher and winner of the UNISDR Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction 2015
- 9:40 – 9:50** **Conceptual and methodological orientation: urban adaptation plans based on critical infrastructure**
- Katharina Schaaff, Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Management Unit, Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management, GIZ
- 9:50 – 10:00** **Resilience and the Regional Action Plan for implementation of the New Urban Agenda**
- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- 10:00 – 10:30** Coffee break



10:30 – 13:00 PANEL 1: Urban Resilience and the Regional Action Plan: National urban policies, Urban legal frameworks, Integrated urban and territorial planning and design, Financing urbanization, and Local implementation

Moderator: Enrique Guevara Ortiz, Director of the Institute for Research and Study on Alerts and Risks (IIDEAR)

Panellists:

- Nahuel Arenas, Deputy Chief of Regional Office of the Americas, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- Marcel Sant'Ana, Ministry of Cities, Brasil
- Carlos Acosta, City Development Manager, Municipality of Barranquilla, Colombia
- André Luís G A Pimenta, Executive Secretary of Planning and Strategic Management, Municipality of Angra Dos Reis, Brasil
- Graciela Ortúzar, Mayor of the Municipality of Lampa, Chacabuco Province, Chile
- Laura Herrera, Sub-Director, Early Alert System for Medellín and the Aburrá Valley (SIATA), Colombia

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 -15:45 PANEL 2: Subregional resilience action: Challenges, vulnerabilities, needs, good practices and opportunities

Welcome and introduction:

- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Presentation: **Subregional Action Plan for Implementation of the NUA in the Caribbean and the Caribbean Working Group**

- Dr. Asad Mohammed, Director of BlueSpace – Caribbean Network for Urban Land Management (CNULM)

Moderation: Federico Taboada, Regional Project Social-Ecological Transformation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Panellists:

- Samuel Carlos Rodiles Planas, President, Physical Planning Institution (IPF), Cuba. Caribbean subregional representative to MINURVI
- Dennis St. E Kellman, Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, MINURVI Barbados
- María Soledad Nuñez, Minister Executive Secretary, National Secretariat for Housing and Habitat. Paraguay. South American subregional representative to MINURVI



15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:30 **PANEL 3: Reducing financing barriers and access gaps for building Latin American and Caribbean cities resilient to climate change**

Moderation: Cristian Salas Parra, Technical Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, Management Unit, Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management, GIZ

Panellists:

- Graciela Ortúzar, Mayor of the Municipality of Lampa, Chacabuco Province, Chile
- Enrique Guevara Ortiz, Director of the Institute for Research and Study on Alerts and Risks (IIDEAR)
- Gabriel Quijandría, Regional Director – Northern Andes-Amazon, Conservation Strategy Fund
- Paula Fuentes Merino, Project coordinator, Climat Financing Group Latin America and the Caribbean (GFLAC)
- Alexandra Ortiz, Sustainable Development Manager, World Bank
- Hely Olivares, Principal Executive of Social Development, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- Veronica Adler, Housing and Urban Development Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Andrés Sanabria, Economist, Urban Program of the Regional Development Policy Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Closing remarks: Robert Hofstede, Climate Change Area, IDRC Canada
