

Cities around the world building resilience

A concept note

Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Time: 18:15-19:45

Address: Geozentrum of the University of Bonn, Meckenheimer Allee 176, 53115 Bonn

Room: Auditorium IV (2nd floor)

Language: English

Format: Round of presentations

Organized by: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability e.V.

About ICLEI

[ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#) is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 100+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability.

Overview and Objective

This 90 minute session is organized by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in the frame of the Public Lecture Series: [“International Civil Protection and Disaster Risk Reduction”](#) launched by the Department of Geography of the University of Bonn and the City of Bonn.

As natural and manmade shocks and stresses increasingly affect cities around the world, local governments are facing the necessity to plan for and react to a wide range of hazards. Resilience building in the local context is becoming an integral component of cities’ action plans. As a result of resilience building, cities are better prepared to protect and enhance people’s lives, foster an investible environment and drive positive change.

The session will introduce the audience to the work of ICLEI and specifically to its Resilient Development Pathway. During the session, best local resilience practices and lessons learned both from the Global South and North will be presented and analyzed. The discussion on building resilience in cities will be followed by the expert contribution from an ICLEI partner and Resilient Cities Congress Exhibitor, [KIT – Innovation Hub](#), on solutions for cities with the specific focus on resilient and adaptive infrastructure and the concept of prevention in construction. The round of presentations will be concluded by another partner

organization and active member of the Bonn Network for Disaster Risk Reduction – [DKKV](#), focusing on DKKV's contribution to the [Resilient Cities 2019 Congress](#) and providing an insight into the collaboration with the City of Bonn. The second part of the session will aim to provide a space for the Q&A from the audience and will be concluded by a small reception with refreshments.

Outcomes

Participants of this session will be able to gain knowledge on:

- ICLEI's approach to building a resilient city;
- Best practices and lessons learned in the field of local resilience;
- Solutions for cities with the focus on resilient and adaptive infrastructure;
- ICLEI Resilient Cities 2019 Congress.

Methodology

- Welcome, opening remarks and introduction: 5 minutes
- 3 Presentations by ICLEI: 40 minutes
- 1 Presentation by KIT: 15 minutes
- 1 Presentation by DKKV: 10 minutes
- Q&A session: 20 minutes
- Closing remarks: 5 minutes

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From theory to practice: Case studies from the Global South and North
- Presenter 4: Prof. Dr. Andreas Gerdes, Scientific Director, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) – KIT Innovation HUB – Prevention in Construction – A Helmholtz Innovation Lab
Sustainable Development of Infrastructure – Strategies for the Reduction of Life Cycle Costs
- Presenter 5: Dr. Benni Thiebes, Managing Director, German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV)
DKKV field trips for the Resilient Cities Congress 2019
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The event is free of charge. [Click here to register](#) and reserve your seat.