



SESSION DESCRIPTION

J1 Resilient infrastructure for urban informality

Panel discussion

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Time: 13:30-15:00

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OBJECTIVE

Nearly two-thirds of the global workforce is considered part of the 'informal' economy. Around 93 percent of employment in the informal sector is in emerging and developing countries; with 85.6% of employment in Africa being informal, 68.2 percent in Asia and the Pacific, 68.6 percent in the Arab States, 40 per cent in the Americas, and just over 25 percent in Europe and Central Asia. The prevalence of informality, in forms broader than just employment, has multiple adverse effects on people, especially women and children, in cities around the world. Informality is therefore an important consideration when it comes to sustainability and urban planning. Innovative, resource efficient, accessible and low cost solutions are required for people to meet their basic needs. Informality presents a number of challenges, but also a number of opportunities.

This session showcases a number of innovative solutions to meeting basic needs in some of the worlds developing and emerging cities using resilient and adaptive infrastructure. The session explores solutions from the data collection stage through to the post-implementation stage of projects, through the knowledge and experience of local government officials. Energy is unpacked into energy services to highlight the innovative solutions that have been developed through a number of models, including public-private partnerships, to meet cooking, heating, cooling, lighting and appliance requirements of households in informal areas of cities.

The session uses interactive activities to allow the space for participants to learn from, network and have detailed discussions with city officials that have on-the-ground experience in these projects.

OUTCOMES

Participants will gain a better understanding of:

- Participants are exposed to innovative solutions for data collection;
- Participants share knowledge and experiences and network with others during the session;
- Participants gain an understanding of the context of informality in different regions;
- Participants gain knowledge on different models that can be used for planning in the context of informality.



METHODOLOGY

- Time break down of the session (90 minutes total).
- The facilitator will open the session with a short introduction of himself and each speaker. **(10 minutes)**
- Each speaker will be given time to describe their work, showing maps or other illustrations as needed. **(5 x 10 minutes)**
- The remainder of the session will be organized around the guiding questions, with each panelist given time to respond to individual questions, and to respond to comments made by other panelists. **(20 minutes)**
- The facilitator will conclude with closing remarks. **(10 minutes)**

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