



14-18 March 2015
Sendai, Japan

Programme for Mayors and Local Government Leaders

The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDRR) will take place from 14 to 18 March in Sendai, Japan, where an agreement on a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction will be adopted. This framework will guide and support our collective efforts to build disaster-resilient nations, cities and communities. The World Conference is expected to be one of the largest-ever global gatherings of leaders and stakeholders committed to disaster risk reduction and resilience building.

Registration:

Local Government officials, who are part of the national delegation do not need separate registration to participate in the Conference.

Local Governments that intend to participate as part of the Local Authorities Major Group need to contact Mr. Mohamed Boussraoui (m.boussraoui@uclg.org) or Mr. Yunus Arikan (yunus.arikan@iclei.org) with a copy to Ms. Negar Solhjoo (solhjoo@un.org). The deadline for registration is 20 February.

Accommodation:

There is an official booking system organized by Sendai city, which is now open for registered participants only. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your rooms, you can use the following link:

https://mice.jtbgmt.com/2015sendai_hotel/

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Meeting Points:

The Making Cities Resilient Booth at the Sendai Mediatheque and the Local Governments Booth at the Sendai International Centre will be our meeting points.





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Below is a program overview suggested for Mayors and Local Governments. There are many more sessions and events than those indicated here. For the detailed agenda please visit the website at : <http://www.wcdrr.org/>

14th -18th March : Making Cities Resilient Booth

| Time | Location | Session Title | Session details | Session type | Session status |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|
| 9:00-18:00 | Sendai Mediatheque 5, 6 floor | Making Cities Resilient Booth | Making Cities Resilient Campaign addresses issues of local governance and urban risk. It advocates widespread commitment by local governments to build resilience to disasters and increased support by national governments to cities for the purpose of strengthening local capacities. | Booth/ Public Forum | Open to all |

14th -18th March : Sendai Museum

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| 9:00-18:00 | Sendai Museum 2 nd floor | Exhibition of Solutions for local Resilience | Making Cities Resilient Campaign of UNISDR with the support of Rebuild by Design along with other partners and cities will organize an interactive exhibition featuring solutions for city resilience. The exhibition aims to showcase practical solutions that cities worldwide could adapt and implement to reduce risks and address sustainability. | Exhibition | Open to accredited participants |
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13th March

| Venue | Room | Friday 13 March | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 09:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 | 13:00 | 14:00 | 15:00 | 16:00 | 17:00 | 18:00 | 19:00 |
| SIC | Exhibition hall 1 | | Prep Com III 10:00-13:00 | | | | | Prep Com III 15:00-18:00 | | | | |
| SIC | Exhibition hall 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SIC | Room 1&2 | | | | | | | MCR Event Local Authorities Roundtable 15:00-18:00 | | MCR Event Steering Committee Resilient Cities 18:00-19:00 | | |

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| 15:00-18:00 | Sendai International Center, Room 1&2 | Local Authorities Round table | This session would: discuss the implementation of post-2015 framework disaster risk reduction at local level and to agree and endorse the declaration of mayors. | Preparatory Meeting | Open to all registered Local Governments |
| 18:00-19:00 | Sendai International Center, Room 1&2 | Steering Committee Meeting of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign | This is a by invitation meeting for the Steering Committee member of the campaign to discuss on the roll-out of the post-2015 framework disaster risk reduction at local level. | Preparatory Meeting | By Invitation only |





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| | | | will build on lessons learned from Fukushima and in particular the recovery and rehabilitation work. | | |
| 15:00- 16:30 | Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall | Risk Identification and Assessment | The most valuable tools for providing the risk information are the hazard and risk assessments. But conducting risk assessments as a basis for disaster risk reduction policies and investments is still a rare practice all around the world. This session presents the gap in disaster risk identification and assessment needs. | Working Session | Open to all |
| 15:00-18:00 | Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1 | Mobilizing Women's Leadership in DRR | The roundtable will explore how the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction can be utilized to expand and strengthen opportunities, and make full use of the leadership of women in disaster risk reduction. The session will look at social, institutional, economic capacity and public awareness aspects. | High Level Partnership Dialogue | Attendance open to all accredited participants |
| 17:00-18:30 | Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall | Early Warning | The session will examine in particular experiences in early warning. The integration of geospatial technology as part of risk communication has been a key to success to early warning systems and risk information application by governments, businesses and individuals. | Working Session | |
| 19:00-20:00 | | Reception hosted by Government of Japan | | Reception | Only by Invitation |





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15th March

| Venue | Room | Sunday 15 March | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 09:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 | 13:00 | 14:00 | 15:00 | 16:00 | 17:00 | 18:00 | 19:00 | 20:00+ |
| SIC | Exhibition hall 1 | | | | | | Working Session Resilient Cultural Heritage 14:00-15:30 | | | | | | Reception hosted by Sendai City Hotel Metropolitan Sendai (By invitation only) 19:00-21:00 |
| Tohoku University | A 205 | MCR Event Essentials and indicators for measuring local resilience 9:00-12:00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tohoku University | C 105 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SIC | Main hall | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SIC | Hagi Hall | | | | Working Session Integrated Water Resource Management 12:00-13:30 | | | Working Session Ecosystems Management & Resilience 16:00-17:30 | | | | | |

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| 9:00-12:00 | Tohoku University Room A 205 | Essentials and indicators for measuring local resilience | This session will discuss the New “Ten Essentials” for Making Cities Resilient along with indicators that will support in monitoring and developing actions plans for the implementation of post 2015 framework for DRR | Making Cities Resilient Event | Open to all Local Governments |
| 12:00-13:30 | Sendai International | Integrated Water Resource Management | The session will reflect on water cooperation at global, regional and | Working Session | Attendance open to all |





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| | Center, Hagi Hall | | community level and with key partners like the private sector. The aim is to promote the Integrated Water Resources Management into concrete action at the local level in particular | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1 | Resilient Cultural Heritage | This session aims at increasing the recognition about a relationship between resilient cultural heritage and resilient communities, as a mean to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. | Working Session | Attendance open to all |
| 16:00-17:30 | Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall | Ecosystems Management & Resilience | This session considers how partnerships between science, business, government and communities can enable better identification of risks and introduce solutions that restore and protect ecosystems that are the roots of resilience. | Working Session | Attendance open to all |
| to be confirmed | Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, (to be confirmed) | Reception hosted by Sendai City | | Reception | By invitation only |





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16th March

| Venue | Room | Monday 16 March | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 | 13:00 | 14:00 | 15:00 | 16:00 | 17:00 | 18:00 | 19:00 | 20:00+ |
| SIC | Exhibition hall 1 | | | Working Session Communities Addressing Local Risks 12:00-13:30 | | | | | | | | MCR Event Private Sector & Local Governments Reception (Kokusai Hotel Sendai) 19:30 - 21:00 (By invitation only) |
| Tohoku University | A 205 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tohoku University | C 105 | | | | MCR Event Capacity Development for implementing Cities Resilience Action Plans 13:00-16:00 | | | | | | | |
| SIC | Main hall | Working Session Business & Private Sector: Investing in Resilient Infrastructure 10:00-11:30 | | | | | | | Risk Award Ceremony 18:00-19:00 | | | |
| SIC | Hagi Hall | | | | | | Working Session Land-Use Planning for DRR 16:00-17:30 | | | | | |

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| 10:00-11:30 | Sendai International Center, Main Hall | Business and Private Sector: Investing in resilient Infrastructure | The session will discuss the gaps in addressing disaster risk reduction, with suggestions on enhancing the role of private sector for reducing disaster risks. | Working Session | Attendance open to all |
| 12:00-13:30 | Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 1 | Communities Addressing Local Risks | The session will look at the human face or people-centered approach of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. The session will introduce proposals and commitments to ensure | Working Session | Attendance open to all |





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| | | | that communities and citizens are fully aware, informed and educated | | |
| 13:00-16:00 | Tohoku University Room C 105 | Capacity Development for implementing Cities Resilience Action Plans | This session will launch the “E-LEARNING TRAINING COURSE on “Urban Risk Reduction aimed at developing and implementing cities resilience action plans | Making Cities Resilient Event | Open to all Local Governments |
| 16:00-17:30 | Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall | Land Use planning for DRR | The session will present good practices and challenges surrounding the incorporation of risk reduction in existing land-use planning and management practices. It will also make practical recommendations to ensure that local governments have access to the information, tools and capacities necessary to implement risk-sensitive land-use planning. | Working Session | Attendance open to all |
| 18:00-19:00 | Sendai International Center, Main Hall | Risk Award Ceremony | The 2015 RISK Award will go to a proposal that focuses on disaster risk reduction. It may be a technical proposal, a plan optimizing a legal framework, e.g. affecting building codes, or social work. | Ceremony | Attendance only for accredited participants |
| 19:30 - 21:00 | Kokusai Hotel Sendai | Private Sector & Local Governments Reception | This is a special reception hosted by the city of Sendai and Kokusai <i>Kogyo</i> to mark the launch of “Resilient Cities E-Xchange” developed by UNISDR, Government of Netherlands and Japan Innovation Network. | Making Cities Resilient Event | By invitation only |





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| | | | that will support and call for accelerated implementation of the new framework at local level. | | |
| 13:00-16:00 | Tohoku University A 205 | Accelerating Urban Resilience-- Resilient Cities e-xchange | To ensure that a comprehensive array of tools, information, services, knowledge and support is available to cities – either through bilateral or through private sector, the concept of a Resilient Cities e-xchange’ has been developed. This session will discuss on the dynamics and role of the platform. | Making Cities Resilient Event | Open to all Local Governments |
| 16:00-17:30 | Sendai International Center, Hagi Hall | From Crisis Response to Building Resilience | The session will highlight innovative practices in preparedness that have emerged from country experiences over the past decade and will demonstrate how whole of society preparedness measures can help reduce the mortality during emergency crises in support of the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. | Working Session | Attendance open to all |
| 18:30-20:30 | Sendai International Center, Main Hall | Sasakawa Award Ceremony | The purpose of the theme "Shaping the Future" is to bring out cases of individuals or organizations that have shown convincing examples of leadership to guide our actions in ways that will make us more safe, healthy, wealthy and resilient now and in the years to come | Ceremony | Open to registered participants |





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| 10:00-12:00 | Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 2 | Adoption of a Post-2015 Framework for DRR | | | Open to all |
| 12:00-13:00 | Sendai International Center, Exhibition Hall 2 | Closing | | Ceremony | Open to all |

