

How Resilient is your city?

City Resilience Profiling Tool

Introduction of the topic

We are in a moment of change. Cities around the world are grappling with profound changes regarding ethics, social models, as well as new political, spatial and territorial patterns. One of the most challenging dynamics cities face today is the combination of accelerating urban growth and intensifying impacts related to climate change.

Coastal cities, and in particular cities located on islands, will experience these impacts all the more acutely and immediately due to greater vulnerability to rising sea levels, coastal erosion, intensified weather patterns. In addition, island cities face complex economic, social, and political challenges such as workforce retention, aging populations, reliance on key imports, and balancing the benefits and impacts of tourism.

We believe cities are well-equipped to combat these challenges and bring positive change and that resilience should be one of the key vectors in such pursuit.

The main goal of UN-Habitat's resilience work is to support local governments and relevant stakeholders to transform urban areas into safer and better places to live, and improve an urban area's capacity to absorb and rebound quickly from all potential shocks or stresses, leading it towards sustainability.

Objectives of the session

Building knowledge about the role of UN-Habitat regarding urban settings and an urbanising world.

Learning about global resilience frameworks and alignment their application in urban settings.
General introduction of our Urban Resilience Programme.

Overview of URP's resilience work with Port Vila, Vanuatu

Workshop regarding resilience in island contexts and how to build resilience in your city.

In-depth understanding of the City Resilience Profiling Tool and the opportunities it provides for cities in the future.

Expected Audience (trainees)

Policy and decisions makers in public and private institutions, as well as municipalities.

Technicians, urban planners and designers, students.

Specialists press and media

Expected Outcomes

90% attendees with a robust and grounded interest in resilience

80% attendees that are technicians interested in knowing more about resilience and our work

30% attendees proposing "food for thoughts" and concrete products to the Urban Resilience HUB

60% attendees that are decision makers willing to join the Programme and the tool with their cities

Format

3 hours' session: 1,5 hours' presentation + 1'5 hour's workshop

Schedule:

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Urban Resilience Programme Presentation (20 min)
Technical introduction to the City Resilience Profiling Tool (10 min)
– *Questions about key concepts to attendees (45 min)*
Explanation Tool: Data SETs (30 min)
Explanation Tool: Assessing SETs (30 min) – Port Vila example -
– *Snapshots of attendees' cities (45 min)*

Monitoring and Follow-up Mechanisms

Mailing list to share with everybody the presentation and invite cities to join the City Resilience Profiling Programme.
Further exchange of information regarding the key questions done in the workshop to the attendees.
Urban Resilience HUB invitation.
Cities' and islands' snapshots to be shared in the Hub with their approval.

Leading Organization

UN-Habitat
In collaboration with Barcelona City Council.

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