

## 5th Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience & Adaptation

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# Resilient Cities March Update

27 March 2014



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**Photo by Jelenko Dragisic,  
Story Bridge, Brisbane, Australia**

*At the time of flooding in 2011, Jelenko Dragisic was the CEO of Volunteering Queensland. The co-ordinated volunteering effort saw the largest spontaneous volunteer registration in the nation's history.*

*Jelenko Dragisic also designed and ran Australian's largest resilience building program which was a collaboration between governments, corporate and community sectors. Today, he works as a resilience advisor, and runs the website [resiliencereporter.com](http://resiliencereporter.com)*

## March: Resilient Cities photo of the month

*This picture of the Story Bridge in Brisbane, Australia, by Jelenko Dragisic has been selected as the photo of the month!*

Jelenko's photo shows us the resilience of the city of Brisbane in Australia. Brisbane experienced a strong flood in January 2011. The summer of 2011 was locally known as the "summer of sorrow"! A series of disasters, mostly flooding and cyclones hit the country and had severe impacts. Now, three years later, Brisbane is recovered and the bridge framing the city perfectly captures and symbolizes a resilient and prospering city.

Thank you Jelenko for your photo! You have won the Resilient Cities book and will be entered into the final round for the chance to win a free pass to the Resilient Cities congress.

## Last call

**[Resilient Cities Photo Contest](#)**

Capture urban resilience and adaptation  
**Win a free pass to Resilient Cities 2014**  
*Last deadline: 25 April*

[Submit your photo](#)



## Program Overview Update

Find the updated program overview on our webpage, including information on:

- High-level speakers
- Cities representing their work
- Sessions on various key themes
- Co-patrons supporting the congress

Find the updated program overview [here](#).



## Resilient Cities 2014 Co-Patrons

We are pleased to announce Helen Clark, Christiana Figueres and James Nxumalo as Resilient Cities 2014 Co-Patrons:

After serving as Co-Patron for Resilient Cities in 2013, Helen Clark has once again granted her patronage to Resilient Cities 2014. Since 2009, she has been the first female head of the United Nations Development Programme, one of our endorsing partners.

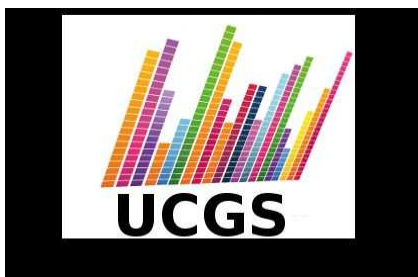


Furthermore, Mayor James Nxumalo will also return as a Co-Patron. He is the Mayor of eThekweni Municipality/Durban, South Africa, which is an ICLEI member city. Additionally, Mayor Nxumalo is the ICLEI Vice President and supports the organization's adaptation work by being the holder of the ICLEI Resilient City agenda portfolio.



Finally, we are privileged to be welcoming Christiana Figueres for the first time as a Co-Patron of Resilient Cities 2014. Christiana Figueres has been the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change since 2010, which is also one of our [endorsing partners](#).

We thank our Co-Patrons for their valuable support!



## Highlights from the Urban Climate Change Governance Survey (UCGS)

Highlights from the UCGS are now available

With input from hundreds of cities across all five continents, the UCGS is the most up-to-date picture of municipal action on climate change. Designed to go beneath the surface, the UCGS provides an overview of what cities are doing, what is standing in their way, and what tactics they are using to get the job done.

The full report will be launched this spring as part of the 2014 [Resilient Cities 2014 conference](#) in Bonn, Germany.

[Read more...](#)



## Join CDKN at the World Urban Forum and Resilient Cities

...for dynamic events tackling climate change challenges

CDKN is organizing a special networking event "Tackling Climate Change and Poverty in Cities: Lessons from CDKN" on Thursday, 10 April 2014, at the World Urban Forum in Medellin. The event will emphasize the link between climate change, poverty and development by highlighting initiatives in Latin America, Asia and Africa. [Read more...](#)

Additionally, CDKN is convening a special session at [Resilient Cities 2014](#) on Thursday, 29 May 2014, discussing the CDKN-ICLEI paper: 'Close to home: subnational strategies for climate compatible development'.



## Resilient Cities 2014 Live Blog

Follow our live blog for program highlights, running commentary, photos, interviews, podcasts and much more...

Our new [Resilient Cities Blog](#) is now online and features news and top stories. Including retrospectives on Resilient Cities 2013, the blog looks forward to Resilient Cities 2014 from 29-31 May 2014 where it will be updated live!

## Resilient Cities 2014 Pre-events

### Key enablers for sustainable urban food production

28 May 2014, GSI Bonn

Continuing the discussion on resilient urban food systems, this event will look at how to ensure successful implementation by connecting local governments with innovative organizations and leading companies in the field. The meeting will be on enabling policy frameworks, financing mechanisms and food quality assurance.

Organized in cooperation with Plantagon International and ICLEI.

Find out [more](#)

### Open European Day

28 May 2014, GSI Bonn

Open European Day offers a lively city to city exchange on climate change adaptation. The event focuses on the key topics of vulnerability and risk assessments, the economics of adaptation, and multilevel-governance cooperation and approaches.

**Participation is free:**

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