

Resilient Cities April Update

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Photo: @Dario Alpern

Resilient Cities 2014 Reality Check Workshop will present the case of Santiago de Chile

Climate adaptation is becoming a major concern in cities and urban areas around the world including Santiago de Chile - Chile's capital and largest city.

For the last few years, the metropolitan region government has been increasing its effort in identifying the main climate change threats to the city and on planning how to effectively respond to them. This has led to the creation of the ClimateAdaptationSantiago (CAS) project, the AdaptChile training program and [the Adaptation Plan for the Maipo Basin \(MAPA\)](#).

In the **Reality Check Workshop on Friday, 30 May at the Resilient Cities 2014 congress** city representatives will showcase initiatives and discuss the opportunities and challenges of the science-policy dialogue and policy-implementation interface . [Read more>>](#)



Photo: @Eric Schaechter-UFZ.

The Resilient Cities photo of the month announced

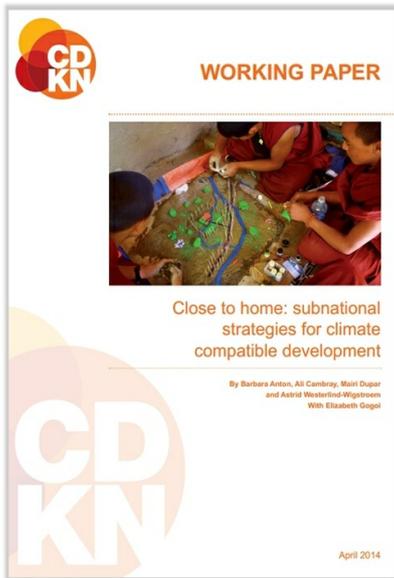
This month the winner of the Resilient Cities Photo Contest is **Eric Schaechter** with his photo featuring a retailer in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, recovering from the flood earlier this month.

Dar es Salaam experiences increased rainfall caused by climate change. The rainy season there lasts about two months, frequently causing flooding. During this season a lot of city residents who live in the lowlands are still exposed to danger, despite the municipality's efforts to improve its resilience and adaptation. In order to avoid relocation, they are finding creative solutions to adjust their lives and livelihoods to the realities of extreme weather conditions.

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Thank you Eric for taking part in the Contest! You have won the Resilient Cities book and your photo will be included in the final selection for the chance to win a free pass to the Resilient Cities congress.

By announcing the April photo winner, we end the Resilient Cities Photo Contest 2014. Thank you again to everyone who participated. The final Contest winner will be announced on [the Resilient Cities 2014 website](#) and [Twitter](#) in the second week of May 2014. See all winner photos of the Contest [here](#).



CDKN and ICLEI publish a paper on climate compatible development

The [Climate and Development Knowledge Network \(CDKN\)](#) and [ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability](#) present a new publication: **"Close to home: Subnational strategies for climate compatible development"** by Barbara Anton, Ali Cambay, Mairi Dupar, Astrid Westerlind-Wigstroem and Elizabeth Gogoi. The paper outlines successful strategies for climate resilience and low carbon development pursued by communities and leaders in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Download the full publication [here](#).

The paper will be presented in a special session **at the Resilient Cities 2014 congress on Thursday, May 29 2014**.



Join the dialogue on urban resilience and adaptation in Europe at the Open European Day 2014

Preparations for the Open European Day unfold with the support of a number of international organizations, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the event. The [German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety](#), the [European Investment Bank](#), the [European Commission – DG Research & Innovation](#), the [Mayors Adapt Initiative](#), the [URBES Project](#), and [Eurocities](#) will be contributing to the rich event program, which this year focuses on vulnerability and risk assessment; economics of adaptation; and multilevel-governance approaches.

Organized by [ICLEI Europe](#) and [European Environment Agency](#), Open European Day will offer a lively city-to-city exchange on climate change adaptation. London (UK), Copenhagen (Denmark), Almada (Portugal), Lodz (Poland), Burgas (Bulgaria), Milan (Italy) and Bologna (Italy) have already confirmed their attendance. Join them on **28 May 2014 in Bonn at the Gustav-Stresemann-Institut!**

Participation is free of charge.

Find out more about the event [here](#) and join us on Twitter: [@ICLEI_Europe](#), [#CitiesAdapt2014](#).



Plantagon and ICLEI invite to discuss urban agriculture in a strategy meeting

With population levels skyrocketing in cities, local governments are exploring new opportunities to ensure sustainable urban-regional food supply and production. What policy and legislation frameworks are required to enable this? How can cities and businesses collaborate? How can we create integrated policies on resilience, environment, ecology, health, social needs and urban planning while securing food for citizens?

Register here

On 28 May 2014, preceding the Resilient Cities 2014 congress, [Plantagon](#) and ICLEI will be starting a discussion during **the Cityfood: Urban Agriculture Strategy Meeting**, which will take place in Bonn, Germany. This event will bring together a strategic group of key actors and focus on drivers and enabling framework conditions for city-business cooperation.

Click [here](#) to read more about the event or contact cityfood@iclei.org.



Only a month to go! Plan for the Resilient Cities 2014 congress!

- Take a look at the latest [program overview](#)
- Get tips on booking accommodation and planning your travel itinerary [here](#)
- Keep an eye on [the Resilient Cities blog](#) to find out more about cases that will be presented at the congress

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