

Special Congress Edition

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Congress program available online

Our program booklet, filled with exciting new sessions and diverse topics, is now available on our website to download. For more detailed information on the content of individual sessions, including speakers and formats, check out our Session Description booklet.

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Congress Highlights: Themes to follow at Resilient Cities 2015

- **Financing resilience:** A Finance Forum exploring how cities, practitioners, and financial institutions are reinventing their approaches to increase the flow of resources for urban resilience is organized on the 2nd day. [Read more.](#)
- **Resilient urban food systems:** An Urban Food Forum, on new approaches to city/city-region food systems featuring several cities from the global south is organized on the 3rd day. [Read more.](#)
- **Disaster risk reduction:** Learn from cities' experiences on integrating DRR into urban planning (Sessions: B3, D2, E1, H3)
- **Urban research:** Gain insights on how to bridge research, practice and policy making (Sessions: A5, B1, G1)
- **Resilient Infrastructure:** Learn from cities'



investments in and planning approaches to climate resilient infrastructures (Sessions: A3, C2, D1, E3, F2)

- **Standardizing city data:** Explore the value of standardized global city indicators and the application of the new ISO 37120 standard on sustainable cities (A1, F3)

Check out our new congress elements!

- Two **trainings** organized by ICLEI Canada: “Cities Master Class” (D1) and “A compendium of adaptation options” (H2);
- A **Knowledge Café Workshop** featuring the city of Ekurhuleni, South Africa (A5);
- A **“Fail Forward”** session governed by the Chatham House Rule (D4); and
- An interactive **“talk show”** panel discussion featuring urban researchers, practitioners and policy makers (G1)
- And some emerging discussions on Public Health (E4) and Communicating Resilience (A4, D3)

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Keynote speakers

We are pleased to announce our keynote speakers:

Cynthia Rosenzweig

Senior Research Scientist and Head of the Climate Impacts Group at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and Co-Director of the Urban Climate Change Research Network at Columbia University in New York presenting:

Cities as first responders to climate change: A first look at the Second Assessment Report (ARC3-2) of the Urban Climate Change Research Network

Matthew Lynch

Vice President of the Global Partnerships & Initiatives at the World Council on City Data in Toronto, Canada presenting:

Standardized indicators for resilient



Cities at the congress

Resilient Cities will feature representatives from more than 50 cities, including:

- Medellin, Colombia
- Porto-Novo, Benin
- Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Nacala-Porto, Mozambique
- Trujillo, Peru
- Reykjavik, Iceland
- Walvis Bay, Namibia
- Essen, Germany
- Seoul Metropolitan Government
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Quito, Ecuador
- Melaka, Malaysia
- Almada, Portugal
- Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei
- Fort Lauderdale, USA

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Featured sessions

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) uses its wide experience in working with cities in the global North and South to explore the prerequisites (financial, technical and practical) to integrate climate change into long term planning.

How to mobilize planning tools to develop resilient cities (B4)

On the first day of the congress, this session will draw from the experiences of three diverse cities (Da Nang, Vietnam, Rouen, France, and Porto-Novo, Benin) in integrating climate change adaptation into urban planning and policies. The session will highlight the utilization of analytical and financial instruments to develop climate change strategies at the city level.

What can local financing bring to funding mechanisms for adaptation? (D5)

On the second day, AFD will demonstrate the relevance and role of local and national financial institutions' dedicated funds, as direct or indirect providers to finance municipalities' climate-resilient investments. The session will be based on the experiences of different local financial

institutions from Latin America.



Side events and meetings

In addition to our exciting 3-day program, there are some interesting side events organized for participants, including:

- “*Cities as laboratories against the background of climate and digital change*” lecture by Professor Michael Batty on Sunday, June 7th
- A networking event organized by the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN) on June 9th

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10 days left to the congress!

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