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8th Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience & Adaptation
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**Resilient
Cities 2017**



Resilient Cities March Update

31 March 2017

Registration is still open!

Around 200 participants have already registered for the Resilient Cities 2017 congress, among them several local government representatives from around the globe. See the growing list of cities expected at the congress [here](#).



Furthermore, representatives from partner and leading organizations have confirmed their attendance, such as Cities Alliance, Chalmers University of Technology, Cordaid, German Development Agency - GIZ, Global Environment Facility (GEF), FAO, GEM Foundation, Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB) Foundation, Health Care Without Harm, ICF, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Munich RE, Overseas Development Institute, Ramboll, RUA Foundation, UNCCD, UCCRN, UN Environment, UNFCCC, UN-Habitat, UNISDR, UNU, World Resources Institute (WRI) and many more...

Register now in order to connect, build new partnerships, exchange good practices, and learn about new strategies and developments in urban resilience in this important discussion back-to-back with the [Bonn Climate Change Conference](#)!

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Program Highlights

Resilient Cities 2017 updated program is [available online](#) with additional information on the Urban Food Forum co-organized with RUA Foundation and supported by FAO; and the Insurance Industry & Cities Summit co-organized with the UN Environment's Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) Initiative.



Highlights include:

- Special *"Cities-in-Focus"* sessions organized to allow a close look into specific, but transferable climate change adaptation and urban resilience strategies: 3 Reality Check Workshops featuring City of Copenhagen (Denmark), City of Accra (Ghana), and City of Quito (Ecuador); and two in-depth city sessions featuring City of Oslo (Norway), and "Nordic Built cities": Malmö, Copenhagen, and the Municipality of Runavik (Faroe Islands).
- Sessions organized with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the University College London and Health Care Without Harm discussing climate-related health risks (Sessions A3 and F2).
- A track of sessions bringing together local governments and civil society representatives from cities experiencing inflows of forcibly displaced persons with inputs from cities such as Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö, Pangasinan Provincial Government and Ramallah (Sessions D1, E3, H3).
- Panels and facilitated discussions organized by UN-Habitat, World Resources Institute and RECNET exploring challenges and opportunities for urban resilience in informal settlements and marginalized neighborhoods (Sessions G2, H2, I4).
- A session organized by UNCCD to raise awareness on the synergies between climate change resilience and adaptation and the challenges of land degradation, promoting a debate on how municipalities can address these challenges protecting adjacent rural/agricultural land, forestry and open spaces as ecological buffers (Session I3).

More information on the program including plenaries, side events, and featured sessions will be shared in our next edition in April. In the meanwhile, check out the regularly updated program on our [website](#)!

Resilient Cities 2017 co-patrons announced!

We are proud to announce our co-patrons:

- **Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- **Robert Glasser**, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

- **Ashok-Alexander Sridharan**, Mayor of Bonn; First Vice President, ICLEI Global Executive Committee; Co-Chair as ICLEI Special Messenger to UNFCCC and carbon n @ Climate Registry, Bonn, Germany

Cities Alliance and ICLEI team up for TAP - Transformative Actions Programme

Identifying catalytic and innovative urban resilience projects to better match them with finance opportunities is the central motivation behind a new grant from Cities Alliance to ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in support of the TAP.

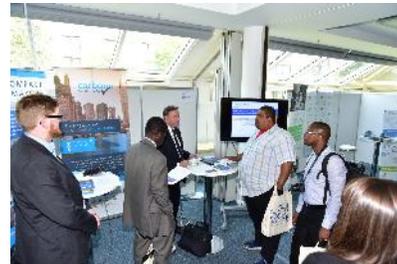


Learn more about the collaboration [here](#).

Exhibitors at Resilient Cities 2017

We are excited to announce the following confirmed exhibitors for Resilient Cities 2017:

- Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- UN-HABITAT
- UN Environment
- FAO & RUA Foundation & CGIAR WLE
- EUROCLIMA & Adapt-Chile
- xylem
- Munich RE
- EcoMobility World Festival 2017, Kaohsiung
- carbon n @ Climate Registry (cCR)



Visit their stands during coffee breaks to catch up on their latest projects! More information on the exhibitors can be found on our [website](#).

4th Open European Day

As European citizens enjoy the first sunny days of spring, city planners and climate experts reflect on



last winter's flooding and storms and consider the heatwaves that are likely to hit European cities this summer. Open European Day will bring European cities together to discuss their common challenges and share their successful solutions in a uniquely interactive event that sees cities taking center stage and sharing cases from their most recent experiences in a conversational format.



The program will include interactive workshops where cities present a real-life challenge while participants explore solutions to these challenges. Participants will discuss examples from Bologna (Italy), Lisbon (Portugal), Guimarães (Portugal), Athens (Greece), Greater London (UK), Vagos (Portugal), Valka (Latvia), Bratislava (Slovakia) and next year's European Green Capital of Nijmegen (Netherlands). A final Covenant of Mayors session on city transformation through administration will include contributions by Bilbao (Spain) and Copenhagen (Denmark).

A draft program is available on the [website](#).

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