

Resilient Cities June Update

20 June 2013

The congress in photos:



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Resilient Cities 2013: expanding commitments, emphasizing the importance of resilient urban food systems and presenting adaptation work in cities

From 31 May to 2 June Resilient Cities 2013 presented a platform for city leaders and adaptation experts to share their work, shape resilience strategies and explore opportunities for future collaboration:

- **20 mayors and political representatives from cities** on four continents adopted the **2013 Bonn Declaration of Mayors**. New areas committed to include the recognition of city region food systems and calls to step up commitments to funding for adaptation, encouraging Mayors to sign **the Durban Adaptation Charter**.

- **Resilient Urban Food Systems Forum** put the topic of city region food systems onto the agenda of local governments. **Nine leading cities** set the standard with impressive presentations, interactive workshops and dialogues forming the basis for an outcome document on guidelines to cities on food.

- Special emphasis for adaptation planning was put on two key areas: ecosystem based adaptation and the social aspects of adaptation. Reality Check Workshops were held by **the City of Vancouver, Canada** and **the City of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** whilst **Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network** showcased their project cities in Asia, spotlighting these issues through focused case studies.

Visit the congress [website](#) and [blog](#) to read more and download the presentations.

Climate Compatible Development in focus at CDKN-ICLEI workshop

Following the Resilient Cities 2013 congress, a two day workshop on Climate Compatible Development (CCD) was run in Bonn, Germany by [the Climate Development Knowledge Network \(CDKN\)](#) and ICLEI.

The learning workshop focused on the experiences of 10 climate adaptation and/or mitigation projects in Asia, Africa and South America and fostered the exchange of insights on the theme from various regions.

The key outcomes of the workshop will be integrated in the synthesis report which will be presented at Resilient Cities 2014. [Read more...](#)

Over 20 cities attended the interactive Open European Day

Organized for the first time on 3 June in Bonn, Germany the Open European Day coincided with the final **EU Cities Adapt** conference. The event focused on city to city learning and invited participants from all over Europe and beyond to engage in interactive sessions and workshops on urban adaptation.

EU Cities Adapt is a key project on urban adaptation in Europe, financed by the European Commission (Directorate-General for Climate Action). The project involves 21 European cities which have worked together towards well-informed and enhanced actions on climate change adaptation.

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