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Convened by ICLEI and hosted by the City of Bonn, Resilient Cities is the global meeting point for exchange of best practices in urban resilience and adaptation to climate change.

Resilient Cities 2018, the 9th edition of the congress series will take place in Bonn, Germany **26 - 28 April 2018**.

Stay tuned! Our public **Call for Contributions** opens on our website in **September 2017** and will remain open until **December 2017**. Don't miss your chance to shape the next global resilience forum!

Call for Contributions themes will include new (to be announced!) and recurring themes such as:

- Financing resilience
- Local implementation of SDG11 and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Disaster risk reduction and management
- Risk transfer and insurance
- Inclusive urban governance
- Ecosystem-based adaptation
- Managing climate-related health risks

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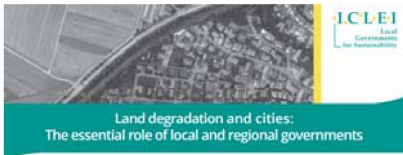


- Sponsoring a congress session or side event;
- Hosting a forum or training session;
- Showcasing your work as an exhibitor;
- Playing an active role in our annual webinar series
- Holding your annual meeting at Resilient Cities.

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How local action can fight global land degradation?



Global concern for the challenges posed by land degradation has been affirmed by target 15.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which is aimed at halting and reversing land degradation. Engaging with the challenges posed by land degradation in the 21st century requires a systematic approach that recognizes urban activities as a meta-underlying driver and includes the existing and potential contributions of local and regional governments as part of the solution.

- Land degradation is a pressing worldwide global sustainability challenge. It is increasing at a rate of 5 to 10 million hectares and directly impacts one million and hundreds of millions of people globally.
- There are multiple threats caused by land degradation, it weakens food and water security, reduces biodiversity, undermines natural resources, and can compromise ecosystem services and livelihoods.
- Land degradation has been acknowledged in target 15.3 of the SDGs, which sets the global target for sustainable development from 2015 to 2030. However, the efforts to address the challenge require action at local and regional levels, as well as national and global levels.
- The United Nations Framework to Combat Desertification (UNFCCC), which leads the global effort to reverse land degradation, recently presented a conceptual framework wherein the various actions of local and regional governments can significantly support the goal of halting and reversing land degradation.

Land degradation is a multifaceted and complex issue. The concept of land degradation can be expanded into two major categories: processes and underlying drivers. The processes of land degradation are those drivers that directly affect the land's productivity, such as soil erosion, desertification, and salinization. The underlying drivers are those factors that indirectly affect the land's productivity, such as population growth, climate change, and land use change. The concept of land degradation can be expanded into two major categories: processes and underlying drivers. The processes of land degradation are those drivers that directly affect the land's productivity, such as soil erosion, desertification, and salinization. The underlying drivers are those factors that indirectly affect the land's productivity, such as population growth, climate change, and land use change.

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You can read more about the root causes of land degradation, its consequences and local solutions in this [ICLEI briefing sheet](#).

Role of Local and Regional Governments a strong theme at the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, 22-26 May, Cancun, Mexico

Over 6000 participants convened for the first [Global Platform](#) since the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to review the global implementation of the framework. High on the agenda was the 2020 Target E which calls to substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies.

The role of local and regional governments featured prominently in the discussions – including during remarks in the Opening Ceremony from Enrique Peña Nieto, President of Mexico, and Amina Mohamed, UN Deputy Secretary-General; in the first plenary which featured speakers from Greater Manchester (UK) and Tlalneptla (Mexico); and in several working sessions and side events.



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 FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION

During the preparatory days on May 23, a [Summit of Local and Regional Governments](#) was organized under the aegis of the “Making Cities Resilient” Campaign by UCLG, ICLEI, UNISDR, UN-Habitat, and other stakeholders. The summit showcased local efforts to implement integrated disaster risk reduction strategies and provided an update on the new tools available through the [campaign](#) and campaign partners. Key messages from the Resilient Cities congress were [presented](#) as part of a session on coherent implementing of the post-2015 frameworks. Outcomes from the summit were presented to member states in an official statement presenting the “Declaration of Local and Regional Governments at the 2017 GPDRR.” Follow the links for more information on the event and local implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Latest events

[Désertifications - International Summit of Non-State Actors: Land degradation and climate change in local territories, 27-28 June in Strasbourg, France](#) gathered more than 300 stakeholders from over 50 countries to build common positions on land degradation under a changing climate and its consequences in northern and southern countries.

[11th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation \(CBA11\), 26-29 June in Kampala, Uganda](#) provided an opportunity to review the latest developments in CBA practice, policy and theory with participants from around the world. This year's conference theme highlighted the benefits and challenges of using natural resources and ecosystems as part of adaptation work.

Resilient Cities 2017 summary

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