

# Supporting cities in urban resilience building for inclusive responses and recovery

4 October 2023 from 13:15 to 14:45 CET

## Venue:

The side event is in person at Tempus Conference Hall, Palais des Nations, Geneva, and in Webex: <https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/ungeneva-vc/j.php?MTID=m8dd7f4f808434f4e4a0d0f655222f7fb>

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## Registration:

To participate in this side event, please register online at:

<https://unece.org/housing/events/cudhlm-session84>



## Background

The world is facing a series of interconnected crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, natural disasters, and conflicts, which collectively form the "triple planetary crisis." These crises have severe socio-economic impacts on cities, particularly vulnerable communities, and hinder progress towards the SDGs. Local governments are facing fiscal constraints, making it challenging to build urban resilience and access funds for response and recovery plans. In 2020-2022, the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions (RECs), in collaboration with UN-HABITAT CRGP and UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) supported 16 pilot cities globally to strengthen their capacities to design, implement and monitor sustainable, resilient and inclusive COVID-19 economic and financial responses, recovery and rebuilding plans as part of a joint project which was supported by the United Nations Development Account.[1]

As a follow-up to this successful cooperation, the RECs and UN-Habitat in cooperation with the Geneva Cities Hub will work together during 2023-2025 to provide more focused support to cities to implement inclusive and resilient economic and financial responses to crises. The new project will support five pilot cities from different regions, focusing on urban resilience in the context of the triple planetary crisis. It will strengthen the economic and financial capacity of cities to mitigate, recover, and transform towards sustainability in the face of shocks and stresses caused by the triple planetary crisis. The project will be implemented in cooperation with relevant knowledge networks, first of all, the Making Cities Resilient 2030 Initiative which is led by the UNDRR.

The side event will serve as a launch for the mentioned new project. The event will therefore include a presentation of the planned project activities and the proposed methodology; and comments from partners and stakeholders regarding the project planning.

## Draft Programme

13:15 - 13:35	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Dmitry Mariyasin</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Michal Mlynar</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Curt Garrigan</b>, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by Ms. <b>Anh Thu Duong</b>, Co-Director, Policy and Partnerships, Global Cities Hub</p>
13:35 - 13:45	<p><b>Previous experiences of the partners in building urban economic resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. <b>Sukaina Abdul Ilah Al-Nasrawi</b>, Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Urban Development Lead, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, UN ESCWA</li> </ul>
13:45 - 14:10	<p><b>Presentation of the project activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Curt Garrigan</b>, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP</li> </ul> <p><b>Short interventions on planned activities in regions and globally</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Diego Aulestia</b>, Head, Human Settlements Unit, UN ECLAC; and</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Jalal Abdel-Latif</b>, Head, Governance and Human Security Cluster, UNECA</li> <li>• Mr. <b>Esteban Leon</b>, UN-Habitat</li> </ul>
14:10 - 14:30	<p><b>Information on other initiatives and discussion</b></p> <p><i>Management of Infrastructure Assets for Sustainable Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Daniel Platz</b>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)</li> </ul> <p><i>TOKYO Resilience Project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Tetsuro Fujisaki</b>, Director for Urban Resilience Project, Planning and Coordination Division, Office of the Governor for Policy Planning, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japan</li> </ul> <p><i>Other UN agencies and cities' representatives</i></p>
14:30 - 14:40	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
14:40 - 14:45	<b>Summary by the moderator and next steps</b>