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City-to-City Exchange on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation between Kampala City Capital Authority and Incheon Metropolitan City

A delegation of ten officials from Kampala Capital City Authority visited Incheon Metropolitan City between 5-8 November 2019 to learn from the experiences of Incheon on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. During the exchange, officials under the leadership of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Kampala met with high level officials of Incheon and visited various institutions to learn about flood mitigation, water resource management, environmentally sensitive solid waste and wastewater management, response services, and the school safety program including visits to the Smart City Platform and emergency control center. This exchange was an important learning experience for Kampala City officials with concrete project ideas to address risks. Organized as part of the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign, this first Incheon MCR city-to-city exchange was organized by Incheon Metropolitan City in coordination with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). Incheon is committed to continue its support for more city-to-city exchanges in the future.

Read more: <https://www.unisdr.org/archive/69224>

Korea International Safety Expo 2019: Sharing Korean and International Local Governments' Experiences in Disaster Risk Reduction



Over 70 Korean city participants gathered at the “Planning for Urban and Sustainable Cities in Korea: Learning from International Cities Forum” which was held on 26 September 2019 in Goyang, Republic of Korea. This year, the discussion highlighted the current DRR progress of cities globally based on analysis of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. The analysis of Korean cities drawn reflected common strengths in resilience infrastructure and emergency preparedness. The experience shared by Sweden, Portugal (Amadora Municipality) and the USA (City of Hoboken, New Jersey) was an important learning experience for Korean cities towards the implementation of the disaster risk reduction strategies, especially in addressing the commonly identified challenges on understanding risks, financing for resilience and on society capacities and multi-stakeholder engagement. The event was co-organized by UNDRR ONEA & GETI, the Korean Ministry of the Interior and Safety, and Incheon Metropolitan City, as part of the annual Korean International Safety Expo.

Read more: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/69622>

Towards Accelerated Action on Sendai Framework Target E in the Asia Pacific



Recognizing the need for accelerated action towards increasing the number of national and local DRR strategies in the region by 2020 (Target E of the Sendai Framework), the UNDRR Regional Office for Asia Pacific and GETI facilitated the Consultative Workshop on Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies 1-2 October 2019 at GETI in Incheon. Through this workshop, national institutions, development partners and local governments: shared their views, lessons learned, and challenges faced while supporting planning and implementation for local resilience building. Common challenges, collective actions, and underpinning principles to better integrate DRR and CCA and promote DRR acceleration at the local level were the main outcome of the workshop, which were presented at the 7th Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Penang, Malaysia later in the same month.

Road to Resilient Dubai



Following up on an initial workshop towards the development of DRR strategy and with a strong commitment and determination to ensure Dubai is on the pathway to becoming sustainable and resilient, the Government of Dubai initiated a few month-long exercises on disaster risk reduction strategic planning and a follow-up workshop facilitated by UNDRR GETI and the Regional Office for Arab States. In these consecutive workshops, over 40 government officials from various departments were introduced to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, a tool offered under the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, and the approach to developing a strategic plan to address disaster resilience gaps and correspond to the needs based on the Scorecard analysis. The participants were highly active in the discussion and identification of the priority areas as a way forward. The workshops were held with the support of Dubai Police during September and October 2019.

ICT for a Safer Global Society: Safe-Net Forum Increases Private Sector Engagement



The Safe-Net Forum, Korean National Information Society Agency and UNDRR gathered 135 government, academia and private sector representatives from the Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates and USA for the 5th annual forum 23 October 2019. Participation expanded to better engage and share experience from global private sector providers and telecommunications associations, including Nokia, Motorola, Samsung, SK Telecom, Nedaa (UAE) and The Critical Communications Association (TCCA). Each year, experts exchange on challenges and opportunities for developing fail-safe networks and what's needed for ICT to contribute to disaster prevention, preparedness and recovery. This year's exchange highlighted the criticality of increased private sector engagement and public-private partnership: from job creation to improved understanding and capacitating users towards citizen engagement for resilience. Core to the achievement of Sendai Framework global targets, "one global team" for ICT fail-safe networks is needed, said Chief of the Korean Safe-Net project Sim JinHong, while Jeanette Kennedy of USA First Responder Network Authority and TCCA CEO Tony Gray emphasized critical communications' role in creating a safer global society.

Towards Strengthening DRR Capacities and Resiliency in Chinese Cities



Thirty-eight city officials from the city of Ningbo attended the workshop on Strengthening Capacities for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilient Cities in Ningbo 31 Oct–1 Nov 2019. Officials from twenty different bureaus gained a better understanding of disaster risk reduction concepts, climate change adaptation, and Ningbo's strengths and weaknesses through using the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. Participants also agreed on the urgency of raising public awareness of disasters, particularly disaster risk scenarios and improving public capacity in disaster response, to building a resilient Ningbo. A series of trainings on the tools and methodology of the "Making Cities Campaign" are planning for more cities in China in 2020 by UNDRR ONEA & GETI and ICLEI East Asia Secretariat (EAS).

Read more: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/69624>

SDG: Learn Platform Promotes Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilient Cities



The UN SDG:Learn is a United Nations initiative that aims to bring relevant and curated learning solutions on sustainable development topics to individuals and organizations. UNDRR and its Global Education and Training Institute promote and participate in sharing its training offer on Sendai Framework Monitor and National and Local DRR Strategies in addition to microlearning such as PreventionWeb collections and the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. UNDRR participated this November in the first steering group meeting. The group aims to develop a collaborative community of practice on SDG Learning.

Read more: <https://www.unsdglearn.org/>

Toward a Bright Future Society: The Sendai Framework highlighted at TIEMS 2019



The Republic of Korea hosted the 2019 International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS) annual conference this November 12-15 to enhance cooperation and understanding of the latest disaster risk reduction and climate change trends, research, education and technology, standards and certification for response and best practices among its membership. Under the theme of a "Bright Future", conference participants explored the interconnected and interdependent world, requiring coordination and collaboration between cities, provincial, national, international agencies and NGOs as critical to the promotion of disaster management, disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation. UNDRR opened the conference together with MOIS Deputy Minister Chae, reiterating the importance of cooperation and stakeholder engagement to deliver on the globally agreed targets and priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Read more:

<http://m.safetoday.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=46933>

Chungcheongbuk-do Teachers Are Stepping Further Forward for School Safety



UNDRR ONEA & GETI and the Chungcheongbuk-do Office of Education of Republic of Korea conducted three training sessions in November 2019. The training was commissioned to 58 teachers in Cheongju and Chungju through partnership with the Chungcheongbuk-do Office of Education and Seum, a local social enterprise. Chungcheongbuk-do Office of Education also has conducted three training sessions in 2017 for local teachers.

Citizen's Coalition for Safety (CCS) of Korea Partnering in the School Safety Programme



UNDRR ONEA & GETI briefed the local representatives of the Korean Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS) to expand the Korean School Safety Programme. 20 participants, including secretaries general of 15 metropolitan cities and provinces of the Republic of Korea, all showed great interest in the programme. In particular, UNDRR ONEA & GETI and CCS agreed on a partnership to work together for expansion of the programme in 2020 within the Republic of Korea. ONEA & GETI will provide training for all CCS instructors by February 2020 to become resource persons in the Korean School Safety Programme in the national "2020 Children's Disaster and Safety Training" campaign.

Technical Consultation on Risk-Informed Sustainable Development



With support from the Asia Pacific Office, the Korean Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Interior and Safety, and Incheon Metropolitan City, the ASEAN Technical Consultation on Risk-Informed Sustainable Development brought together representatives from around 20 divisions and organs of the ASEAN Secretariat on 25 and 26 November. Aside from the need to adopt a cross-sectoral approach for Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience, the ASEAN representatives also acknowledged restrictions faced by some ASEAN units to work with the private sector and CSOs and the opportunity to look at harmonized strategies and programmatic approaches in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) 2010-2015.

Read more: <https://www.unisdr.org/archive/69260>

Bright future of School Safety Program in Incheon



UNDRR, Incheon Metropolitan City, and the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education have made continuous efforts to spread school safety programs in the Incheon area since the signing of MoU in April to strengthen disaster safety education. With the cooperation of the Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education, 24 teachers from 19 elementary schools engaged in safety education, research schools, safety clubs, and other related tasks were conducted at GETI on 27 November. In addition, Incheon Office of Education designated School Safety Program as an official program in the curriculum of teachers' job training and recognized training hours as credit for staff development. Elementary school teachers, who participated in the TOT, had an opportunity to think about how the school safety program could be applied to the existing curriculum for students. It is expected that the teachers who received teacher training for Incheon School Safety Program in 2019 will implement the school safety program in their classes in 2020, taking a step further to raise awareness, encourage youth engagement, and furthermore, reduce disaster risks in Incheon.

Recommended Resources

- Call for good practice case studies on the Strategic Approach to Capacity Development now open**
Do you have an example of what strategic and sustainable capacity development looks like in action?
The Strategic Approach to Capacity Development for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction is living guidance that also aims to capture and share good practice its principles and key anchors for its implementation in action, including South-South and triangular cooperation.
Please send your cases or questions to: capdevcases@cc.preventionweb.net
- SDG Learners today, SDG Leaders tomorrow!**
Find and participate in SDG learning, including disaster risk reduction courses and microlearning from UNDRR and partners. SDG:Learn is a platform, partnership and programme ultimately supporting the UN family in collaboration with key partners to reach.
<https://www.unsdglearn.org>
- ISO 37123:2019 on Sustainable cities and communities – Indicators for resilient cities released**
This document will support any and all global agreements that support sustainability and resilience, including, but not limited to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Visit the ISO website for a preview, part of the ISO family of city indicators standards.
<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:std:iso:37123:ed-1:v1:en>

Calendar for January – March 2020

Strengthening Capacities for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Chengdu	Chengdu, China	07-08 January
Peer Learning on DRR and Resilience	San Jose, Costa Rica	14-16 January
Strengthening Capacities for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Zhuhai	Zhuhai, China	11-12 February
Building culture of resilience towards urban sustainable development: learning from the experience of cities from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Americas and Arab Regions at World Urban Forum (WUF10)	Abu Dhabi, UAE	08-13 February
Strengthening Capacities for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Chongqing	Chongqing, China	18-19 February
Workshop on Sendai Framework Monitor Tool and Local DRR strategies	Beijing, China	27-28 February
Experience Sharing Workshop for Cities: Financing for Local Resilience	Incheon, Rep of Korea	03-05 March

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