


Webinar

Local Governments in Disaster: Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learnt

 4 May 2023

 14:00 (GMT+3)

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Background:

Whether they are natural or human bound, disasters may lead to financial damage and evacuation of people. In such conditions, local governments play a critical role both in reducing the risk of disaster and rapid response & rescue efforts.

The United Nations has implemented various disaster resilience initiatives, such as **the 2015-2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**, which aims to reduce risk and increase resilience through seven targets and four priority actions. Additionally, the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, especially SDG 11, emphasize creating inclusive, safe, adaptive, and sustainable urban environments. Local governments play a crucial role in this global effort, being responsible for raising resilience, minimizing disaster impacts, ensuring quick-response and recovery efforts, as well as preventing and mitigating disasters to protect affected communities.

With an aim to shed light on local governments' role in times of disasters, UCLG-MEWA launched a webinar series titled, **Local Governments in Disasters**. The first pillar of the series was realized on April 5, 2023, with subtitle "**Precautions, Emergency Action and Recovery**". Motivated with the broad participation and the positive feedback received after the first program, UCLG-MEWA announces the second pillar of its webinar series. Subtitled "**Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learnt**", the second webinar will mostly focus on the best practices by the cities around the world and peer learning experiences gained by various organizations in times of disasters. The webinar, as such, will one more time offer a platform where local and global figures contribute to the whole context of local governments' role in disaster management, this time via on-site experiences.

Agenda:

Master of Ceremony: Yehia Ibrahim , UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion Focal Point	
Opening Remarks	
14:00 - 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mehmet Duman, UCLG-MEWA Secretary General • Issa Kassis, Mayor of Ramallah
Session 1: #Listen2Cities	
14:15 - 15:00	<p>Moderator: Juan Carlos Uribe Vega, UCLG Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emel Kıraç, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality Head of Environmental Protection and Climate Change Department • Hamza Fahed Hasan Omoush, Greater Amman Municipality Representative at National Centre for Security and Crisis Management • Mutlu Kolağasioğlu Uslu, Konya Metropolitan Municipality Foreign Relations Branch Manager • Priscilla Pegoraro, Public Health Technical Advisor and Member of the Resilient City Committee of the City of Campinas
Session 2: #Listen2Networks	
15:00 - 15:45	<p>Moderator: Reem Abusamra, UCLG-MEWA International Relations Department Deputy Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osman Çorumlu, UCLG-MEWA International Relations Department Coordinator • Arda Batu, Secretary General of TÜRKONFED • Dr. Emin Yahya Mentеше, Researcher at Tomorrow's Cities Project & Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute • Ratnakar jha, Biratnagar Municipality Representative
Closing Remarks	
15:45 - 16:00	Sara Hoeflich , UCLG Learning Director