



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 4TH MCR2030 Newsletter. This quarterly update shares news, learning, opportunities, and events showcasing municipality climate and disaster resilience in action from across our thriving global network

HEADLINES

COP27 host acknowledged as Resilience Hub: Sharm El-Sheikh was recognized as an



MCR2030 Resilience Hub at an official ceremony as part of the overall COP27 conference. Sharm El-Sheikh has adopted a 27-step plan sustainable transformation programme that includes a scale up in solar power; development of green space in the inner city; protection of its cultural heritage from climate and disaster risk; and comprehensive plans to strengthen water and waste management. The Egyptian city has committed to share its experience across the MCR2030 network. [Read more](#)

The Portuguese city of Amadora joined Sharm El-Sheikh as the latest MCR2030

Resilience Hub to be recognized for its leadership in disaster risk reduction. The city of 200,000 is renowned for the strength of its community partnerships, which have formed a pillar of its goal to build more resilient neighbourhoods. [Read more](#)

Hubs step up on climate resilience: A month after COP27, Sharm El-Sheikh hosted a MCR2030 Resilience Hub Forum to ensure that urban disaster resilience remains a core part of the COP

process. The meeting developed an initial action plan as part of preparations for COP28 to be held in Dubai, another of MCR2030's Resilience Hubs, in 2023. The Hubs agreed to mount a social resilience campaign that showcases local government and community leadership on climate action. [Read more](#)

Harnessing the network effect: The usefulness of UCLG's resilience learning modules (developed with support from UNDRR and UN-Habitat) was on show at a networking session at the UCLG World Congress in Daejeon, Korea. One example shared was how local government representatives in Maldives, who had previously been trained on the modules, stepped up to lead training of their peers at a national workshop in the country [Read more here](#). UCLG has also launched a Peer Learning Note on Urban Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions [Read more](#)

MCR2030 IN ACTION



Photo: City of Barcelona

From climate risk to resilience: Nine MCR2030 Resilience Hubs, including Barcelona (above), shared their climate stories in a series of mini-features intended to inform and inspire other municipalities to scale up their own climate ambition and action. To read these case studies check out the MCR2030 news website [here](#)

A pathway to inclusion: A new tool enables local governments to design, formulate, and implement disaster resilience strategies that are more inclusive of the perspectives and capacities of persons with disabilities. The Annex for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities to the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities provides an avenue for local governments to strengthen the engagement with their citizens who live with some form of disability. A MCR2030 webinar to mark the release of the Annex highlighted how a more inclusive approach

to disaster risk reduction is an investment and not a cost for resource-constrained municipalities. [Read more](#)

On the road in the Americas: The Americas and Caribbean region has consistently been a leader in disaster and climate resilience over the decades. This past quarter is no exception! An MCR2030 Lab focused on innovative technological solutions with voices and perspectives from across the region [Read more](#). Port Alegre, Brazil, accelerated a review of its resilience strategy ([Read more](#)) while St Vincent and the Grenadines used the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities to develop a local action plan for Arnos Vale ([Read more](#)) MCR2030 was launched in Ecuador ([Read more](#)) and in Brazil's Amazon region, municipalities were trained on climate and disaster risk assessment and associated planning tools ([Read more](#))

Higher education, higher ambition: Universities and local governments in Thailand have been trained on the use of MCR2030's 10 Essentials and the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. Mahasarakham University in the north-east of Thailand has used the scorecard in support of two local governments. Mahidol University in Kanchanaburi Province is considering incorporating the Scorecard into its curriculum.



Mongolia moves as one on resilience:

Mongolia's capital city Ulaanbaatar and all the country's 21 Provinces have joined MCR2030. An official ceremony at Mongolia's Parliament House (left) re-emphasized the ongoing need for scaled up disaster resilience action in an era of escalating climate risk. [Read more](#)

MCR2030 sails into the Pacific: With the support of UCLG and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, MCR2030 organized its first webinar in the Pacific region. The discussion focused on the key role of national municipality associations to support the acceleration of local disaster resilience actions. UCLG introduced its resilience modules to help local governments understand risk to inform local plans. Resilience Hub Makati City, Philippines, shared its experience.



Incheon is world-renowned for its heatwave management – here is a poster giving residents key risk information to protect themselves from extreme heat

Learning from our Hubs: Several events profiled the leadership of MCR2030 Resilience Hubs in various aspects of disaster and climate risk management. Three Hubs – Incheon, Korea; Makati, Philippines; and Mexico City – shared their experience [Read more here](#). Meanwhile, Kampala, Uganda, and Wroclaw, Poland, agreed that resilience is ‘absolutely doable and achievable’ with local commitment and an integrated and inclusive approach. [Read more](#).

Manchester united on resilience: MCR2030 Resilience Hub Greater Manchester hosted representatives from Astana, Kazakhstan, and Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on a study exchange. The British city shared lessons it had learnt from handling severe winter weather, floods, and other emergencies. With a population of nearly 3 million people,

Greater Manchester’s 2020-2030 Resilience Strategy puts communities at its heart. [Read more](#)

Cities for circular food: More than 150 million urban residents worldwide are food insecure. At the same time cities are generating 2.8 billion tonnes of organic waste each year, most of which is food. Urban eats, a campaign launched by Resilient Cities Network, is seeking to mobilize nearly 100 cities to take action to improve food circularity. [Read more](#)

CORE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT – UN-HABITAT

New Urban Agenda six years on: UN-Habitat’s Coordinator of Partnerships, Advocacy, and Outreach Ms Rosa Surinach gave a wide-ranging interview recalling how the New Urban Agenda was a turning point in the history of urbanization. That said Rosa does not shy away from the many challenges urban residents face all over the world. [Read more here](#).

Human experience behind Teresina’s resilience: UN-Habitat has been working closely with the Brazilian city of Teresina as it develops its people-centred approach to building its urban resilience. Water management has emerged as a key pillar of the approach. [Read more](#)



Teamwork for Resilience! Photo: Mexico City

Resilience is trendy! Check out UN-Habitat's take on how urban resilience – like music tastes – differs depending on the city you visit with its list of 'resilience personalities'. [Read more](#)

THE QUARTER IN QUOTES

'The programme was a self-assessment – a therapy session for the city'

- *Coordinator of urban planning in Teresina, Brazil, Cintia Bartz*

'The frequency of disasters in Mongolia is increasing, especially due to climate change, putting urban areas at greater risk'

- *Mongolia's National Emergency Management Agency Head
Major General Ariunbuyan.G*

'Local disaster prevention measures are regularly designed and implemented without including persons with disabilities and their perspectives and wisdom'

- *Ms Martha Mugarura, Assistant Commissioner of the Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, of the Government of Uganda*

'We have heard the data. We have understood the science, and we are feeling its impact. Now is a crucial time to act, and we must act fast. We need thinkers, doers, and movers. We must ensure a whole-of-society approach in combating climate change.'

- *Mayor of Makati, Philippines Ms Abby Binay*

'We strive to make Wroclaw a resilient and responsible city, ready for the challenges of the future, developing its natural capital, ensuring safety and sustainable socio-economic development for its residents.'

- *Mayor of Wroclaw, Poland, Mr Jacek Sutryk*



MCR2030 is a United Nations-convened global network of local and national governments; core partners; and service providers that are committed to prevent and reduce climate and disaster risk at the municipality level. MCR2030's vision is to leave no municipality behind in effort to accelerate the impact and reach of climate and disaster resilience

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