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UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Making Cities Resilient:

DEVELOPING LOCAL DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE
STRATEGIES



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About the course

Over the past 20 years disasters have affected 4.4 billion people, caused USD 2 trillion of damage and killed 1.3 million people. Disasters have affected people living in developing countries and, in particular, the most vulnerable communities within these countries.

Particularly in the context of increased urbanization, urban risk continues to rise. The vulnerability of cities to disasters is growing especially as poor people settle in high-risk urban areas. Unfortunately, the planning and development of cities has given little consideration to the consequences of hazards such as earthquakes, hydro-meteorological risks and others. The implication of this reality is the need for countries to focus on creating a safer world for urban dwellers and developing a series of innovative approaches to build resilience.

This e-learning course aims to strengthen the capacities of government professionals to design and implement plans and programmes that reduce disaster risk and enhance resilience.



Content

Module 1. Disaster Risk Reduction Concepts and Introduction to Current Trends in Urban Risk

Module 2. Implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015 - 2030)

Module 3. Introduction to Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign Tools

Module 4. Mainstreaming DRR into Sectoral Programmes for Socio-Economic Development (Part 1)

Module 5. Mainstreaming DRR into Sectoral Programmes for Socio-Economic Development (Part 2)

Module 6. Developing, Implementing, Monitoring and Evaluating Safe and Resilient Action Plans



Methodology

This 6-module course includes interactive lessons that introduce the participant to the conceptual foundations of disaster risk reduction and urban resilience.

The learning materials are presented through various media, such as text, graphs, images and video material, which contribute to better retention and enhance the learning process. Participants engage in a set of assessment quizzes, discussion forums, webinars with renowned experts and practical activities to facilitate interaction and experience sharing.

Participant profile

The course is open to city and local government officials, disaster management professionals, and representatives from academic and training institutions working on disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

Certification



A certificate of completion will be issued to participants who achieve a minimum total score of 70%.

BONUS: Those students performing excellent results **will be rewarded by being included in the “List of Resource Persons” of UNDRR GETI**. As a resource person, you will have the opportunity of being consulted and invited to several workshops/ events.

2020 Course editions



Summer edition

27 July – 16 October 2020



Autumn edition

14 September – 4 December 2020



Course duration

12 weeks



Learning time

Approx. 4 hours per week

To sign up for the course:

[Register here](#)



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