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UN-Habitat's *Trends in Urban Resilience* reveals new appetite, action and actors in the resilience field

“Humanitarian response alone is utterly insufficient. We must establish a solid link between the humanitarian, resilience and development dimensions.”

- António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

“Achieving and maintaining development gains in urban areas is inherently dependent on the city’s ability to withstand critical challenges and deficits.”

- Dr. Joan Clos
Executive Director of the UN-Habitat

Unprecedented momentum for resilience-building is shaping the way we conceive, plan and manage our cities. From local governments to global organizations, resilience is increasingly considered as an essential ingredient and partner to achieving and sustaining development gains. In addition to mapping the diverse landscape of actors working on urban resilience, the report bridges the gap between history, research and practice.

This is one of the first publications to take stock of urban resilience efforts globally under the framework of all 6 major inter-governmental agendas (New Urban Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals, Sendai Framework, Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Paris Agreement, Humanitarian Summit). Launched by Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction unfolds in Cancun, Mexico, this leading-edge report comes at a pertinent time as diverse stakeholders come together to review progress on the Sendai Framework.

Documenting geographically diverse case studies from cities in the Ecuador, Italy, Japan, Kiribati islands, Russian Federation, Somalia, South Africa, USA the publication captures innovative practices adopted at the local level to ensure wellbeing and reduce risk to hazards in support of urban life.

Main trends highlighted

- Increased momentum for resilience
- Growing range of actors
- New tools to build resilience
- Global agreements calling for resilience
- Local actors leading resilience action

About the publication

The fruit of one year of research and a growing demand to track trends, Trends in Urban Resilience can potentially bring together the development and humanitarian domains by showing commonalities and a stock-take of gaps. Intended as a biennial publication, research on future editions will begin soon and all actors are invited to contribute to enrich the content.

UN-Habitat is well-placed to undertake this research owing to its engagement at global level and its proximity to local governments.

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