

OECD Workshop on Resilient Cities

5-6 November, 2015

OECD Headquarters, Marshall Building 6122

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Objectives

This workshop is organised as a part of the OECD Resilient Cities project, which has two main components:

- **A framework of resilient cities** with economic, social, environmental and institutional dimensions. This framework will focus on specific qualities of resilience for cities, including “adaptivity”, “robustness”, “redundancy”, “flexibility”, “resourcefulness”, “inclusiveness” and “integration”.
- **City case studies.** Five cities have already joined this project as case study cities. Each case study will discuss the four dimensions of resilience and identify the most relevant drivers of resilience for the city. Cities are preparing a questionnaire requested by the OECD regarding their resilience challenges, data and policy actions. The OECD Secretariat is exploring other case study cities, considering the geographical diversity of cities.

The workshop has two main objectives:

1. Discuss the OECD proposal for the framework of resilient cities. Participants are invited to comment and share their ideas on resilient cities. Written comments after the workshop are also welcome.
2. Case study cities as well as other cities that are actively pursuing resilience will share their experiences on how to define and improve drivers of resilience. This workshop will be an opportunity to pre-assess each city’s issues on resilience and to learn from each other.

As this workshop is held back-to-back with the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee meeting, it will benefit from the participation of national delegates in discussing how resilience policies at the national level can create synergies on building resilience among city governments.

Goals

- Improve the OECD’s framework on resilient cities
- Understand the issues of resilience in each case study city
- Understand policy collaboration and synergies among different levels of government
- Confirm the process for future international cooperation on the theme of “resilient cities”

Participants (by invitation only)

- Case study cities
- National delegates of the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee
- Representatives from international organisations

AGENDA (5 November, 2015)

14:00-14:15 Opening Session

OBJECTIVES

Update on the progress of the OECD “Resilient Cities” project, including the assessment methodology, case studies and future steps.

- Setsuko Saya, Head of Division, Regional Policies for Sustainable Development, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

14:15-16:00 Session 1: Framework on Resilient Cities

OBJECTIVES

Share the diverse concepts of “resilient cities” developed by various institutions, and discuss the OECD proposal for a framework on resilient cities.

Presentation (Each presentation 15 minutes)

- Setsuko Saya, Head of Division, Regional Policies for Sustainable Development, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD
- Dan Lewis, Chief of Urban Risk Reduction and Resilience, UN Habitat
- Adrian Healy, Cardiff School of Planning and Geography, Cardiff University, UK
- Peter Austin, Planning Advisor, Urban Development Department, Oslo City, Norway

Discussion

KEY QUESTIONS

- What does resilience mean for sustainable development in cities and regions?
- How to measure resilience?

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 Session 2: Countries and cities experiences on resilience (1)

OBJECTIVES

Discuss various approaches of resilience at national and city level.

This session will start with a presentation by the Kyoto Alliance, whose preliminary findings were presented at the International Symposium in Kyoto on 1st October in Kyoto.

Presentation and Interventions

Reporting the Kyoto study (Two presentations 15 minutes)

- Setsuko Saya, Head of Division, Regional Policies for Sustainable Development, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD and
- Naoko Oishi, Associate Professor, Ryukoku University

City

- João Carlos Afonso, Vice Mayor of Lisbon (Presentation 20 minutes)
- Joseph Runzo Inada, Chief Resilience Officer, Toyama City, (Presentation 10 minutes)

National governments (Presentation 10 minutes)

- Lillian Salerno, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Keith Thorpe, Head of Urban Policy Support, Land and Development Directorate, UK Department for Communities and Local Government

Discussion**KEY QUESTIONS**

- What are the main drivers of resilience in your country or in your city?
- What actions were taken to improve resilience in your country or in your city?
- How do both national and city governments interact to enhance policy synergies?

17:45 – 18:00 Closing of the day

Speakers are invited to an informal dinner.

AGENDA (6 November, 2015)

9:30-12:30 **Session 3: Countries and cities experiences on resilience (2)**

OBJECTIVES

Discuss various approaches of resilience at national and city level.

Presentation

City (Presentation 20 minutes)

- Peter Austin, Planning Advisor, Urban Development Department, Oslo City, Norway
- Gareth Newell, Head of Cabinet Officer, City of Cardiff Council, UK

National (Presentation 10 minutes)

- Akira Oshida, Advisor, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Discussion

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Coffee break : around 11:00

12:30-13:30 **Working Lunch : Session 4 Energy and Resilient Cities**

OBJECTIVES

Discuss how cities can manage energy smartly so as to build resilience.

Presentation (10 minutes each)

- Masaru Sugahara, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD
- Daniele Poponi, Senior Energy Technology Policy Analyst, Energy Technology Policy Division, International Energy Agency IEA)

Discussion

13:30-15:00 **Closing Session : Wrap up**

OBJECTIVES

Conclude the discussion of the previous sessions and summarise the inputs to the OECD framework on resilient cities.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How can the OECD framework be applied to enhance resilience at city level?
Any suggestions for improvements?
- How can international co-operation facilitate city and national government resilience efforts?