



Resilient Cities 2010



1st World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change

Bonn, Germany
28-30 May 2010

Call for Contributions
Deadline:
31 December 2009

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Urban resilience and adaptation – experts and practitioners meet

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, together with the City of Bonn and in cooperation with many partner organizations, will host Resilient Cities 2010, the annual global forum on urban resiliency and adaptation to climate change. The congress will be held on 28-30 May 2010 in Bonn, Germany, preceding the UN climate talks in Bonn, which are scheduled for 31 May – 11 June 2010.

Resilient Cities 2010 is the first edition of an annual convention to share the latest scientific findings, effective approaches and state-of-the-art programs on climate change adaptation and resilience-building in cities and urbanized areas.



Resilience on the local level

Partners will convene to share knowledge and experiences on the following themes: vulnerability and risk assessment; social and economic dimensions of climate change; policy integration and mainstreaming of adaptation; municipal adaptation planning; financing; and technology. Case examples of local adaptation practice on all six themes will illustrate approaches and experiences.

Resilient Cities 2010 will enhance exchange, learning, networking, debate and policy development on approaches and solutions to climate change adaptation for cities and municipalities. It also aims at setting the direction for future planning and investment at the local level. The event will bring about policy propositions and impulses for innovation.



Call for contributions

We invite knowledgeable and experienced professionals in the field of urban resilience and adaptation to climate change, from cities and local governments, national and sub-national governments and their agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, consultancies, business, finance institutions, and others to contribute to the congress program.

We welcome contributions for all themes of the congress. For more details about the congress themes, please visit www.iclei.org/bonn2010.

Invited types of contributions are:

- Papers for presentations in a session, and/or
- Proposals for discussion panels on innovative or controversial issues.

The congress language is English. All submissions are requested in English.



Congress themes

1. Urban Risk Assessment – Methods and Tools
2. Socio-Economic and Institutional Dimensions
3. Strategy, Policy Integration and Mainstreaming
4. Urban Adaptation Planning and Practice
5. Costs and Financing of Urban Climate Change Adaptation
6. Technologies for Adaptation of Settlements and Infrastructure

Submission of papers

Papers can be submitted in a two-step process.

- Contributors are invited to submit an abstract of the proposed contribution (maximum 800 words) by 31 December 2009.

Contributors will be notified of the result of the review by the Program Committee after 31 January 2010.

- Authors of successful papers have to submit the full paper (8 pages maximum) by 31 March 2010.

Abstracts and papers are to be submitted online via www.iclei.org/bonn2010.



Who can contribute?

- Municipal leaders and decision makers
- Municipal planners and technical staff
- Local government associations and networks
- Managers of municipal infrastructures and utilities
- Urban planners and consultants and their professional associations
- Universities and urban researchers
- Consultants
- National and sub-national government officials
- International organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Development banks
- Private finance institutions
- Private sector companies
- Further key actors

Submission of proposals for panels

An expert or institution may propose a panel for which they will serve as Panel Host. A Panel Host will ensure that the proposed facilitator and panellists will be available and register in time; if required, the Panel Host will secure funds to support the travel costs of facilitator and panellists.

- Contributors are invited to submit a proposal for a panel by 31 December 2009.
- Contributors will be notified of the result of the review by the Program Committee after 31 January 2010.
- Proposers of successful panels have to submit a detailed panel description with confirmed facilitator and panellists by 31 March 2010.

Contributors are invited to submit their panel proposals online via www.iclei.org/bonn2010.



Selection process

Organizer and Program Committee will evaluate papers and panel proposals based on quality and relevance.

Where employer, client, or government authorization is needed, the author/s are asked to obtain such authorization prior to submitting the full paper or panel description.

Submitters of contributions will be notified of the result of the review by the Program Committee after 31 January 2010.

Please note that the presenters of accepted papers and the facilitator and panellists of accepted discussion panels will benefit from a reduced registration fee, but have to confirm to cover their travel and accommodation costs themselves.



Important deadlines

- Submission of abstracts / panel proposals deadline: 31 December 2009
- Notification of acceptance: after 31 January 2010
- Submission of papers and panel descriptions deadline: 31 March 2010

Copyright and publication

Contributors accept that, with the submission of full papers and panel descriptions, they assign to ICLEI a non-exclusive copyright license for these documents. This includes the right by ICLEI to distribute the documents via a congress binder, CD-ROM and/or the ICLEI website.

Accepted papers shall be presented by their author/s at the congress, and accepted abstracts and papers will be published by the organizer in the congress proceedings online.

Registration

The registration process will start soon! For more information on registration procedure and congress fees, please consult the website: www.iclei.org/bonn2010.

Organizer

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

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- International Training Center

Congress Secretariat

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Partners are invited to share the preparations

The congress is an open forum and benefits from the contributions of international and national partner organizations from different sectors.

For more information, please check under www.iclei.org/bonn2010.

Discussions regarding their partnership are underway with, among others, the following organizations:

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, United Nations Development Programme, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, International Energy Agency, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Union for Conservation of Nature, International Water Association.

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