

**Dear Members and Partners,**

The last couple of months have witnessed distressing events that have caused much concern around the world, and especially within our Asia-Pacific Network. Hundreds of lives and thousands of buildings perished from earthquakes in Hanoi (Vietnam) and Gorontalo (Indonesia). The City of Mumbai (India) recently experienced the deaths of over 180 lives and 300 people injured due to organized terrorism.

All Mumbai, Hanoi, and Gorontalo are important members of the CITYNET Network. CITYNET hopes to be of assistance to your city, not only in executing effective responses, but also on the prevention of future disasters. Our organisation has been designed over decades to respond to such disaster-related events with the belief and experience that local governments can actively and decisively work together during such trying times.

We are nearing the end of the year 2008 and would like to thank you for all of your contributions over the past year. The Secretariat and Yokohama City are now preparing for the crucial 2009 CITYNET Congress in September. We kindly suggest all members and partners in our Network to attend.

In this spirit, CITYNET would like to close the final e-News publication for this year by offering our deepest blessings and active support for our members and partners. We look forward to the exciting prospects of the year 2009, and we wish you a very Happy New Year!

## CITYNET NEWS AND EVENTS

### 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Agrees on Important Issues



*Executive Committee Members and Advisers at the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Session*

CITYNET's Executive Committee met for its 24<sup>th</sup> Session for the first time in Changwon, South Korea on October 29, 2008. All Executive members were present, including Yokohama, Mumbai, Bangkok, Colombo, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Makati, Seoul, Lyon, All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG), Association of Indonesia Municipalities (AIM), and Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR).

The Committee reviewed the institutional and programme outcomes from the year 2008 and deliberated on several key issues concerning the

future direction of CITYNET policies, procedures, and plans.

Most significantly, the Executive Committee approved election procedures for the main office bearer of CITYNET for the years 2010-2013, which will then be held at the Sixth General Council on September 9, 2009. All members are expected to attend the Council which will be organised in conjunction with the 2009 Yokohama Congress on September 7-11, 2009. The main office bearers include the positions of Executive Committee Members, President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Auditor, and the Secretary-General.

In addition, Dr. Gyeng-Chul Kim, former Director of the Department of Urban Transit at Seoul Development Institute (SDI), was affirmatively chosen as the newly appointed Deputy-Secretary General at CITYNET. Dr. Kim has accepted the position.

Applications to CITYNET from Haiphong (Vietnam), Jakarta (Indonesia), Yongin City (Republic of Korea) were approved with full member status, and Association of Municipalities and Development Authorities of India (India) and Bombay First (India) are now associate members. CITYNET hopes all new members a productive and lasting relationship over the coming years.

Finally, the Executive Committee reaffirmed Seoul's generous offer to host the 2013 CITYNET Congress which will comprise of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Executive Committee and the Seventh General Council.

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#### **International Symposium on Climate Change and Restoration of Urban Wetlands**

(Changwon, Republic of Korea): The International Seminar on Climate Change and Restoration of Urban Wetlands held on October 29-31, 2008 explored the relationship between Climate Change and Urban Wetland Restoration. Following the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Session, CITYNET in collaboration with ICLEI, UN ESCAP, and Changwon presented to an audience of more than 100 individuals representing a diverse range of backgrounds from local governments, universities, NGOs, and civic groups.

Representatives from more than 120 countries took part in a session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contract Parties to the **Ramsar Convention** Committee of Parties 10 (RAMSAR COP 10) on wetlands, and most significantly, the "Changwon Declaration" was adopted. The declaration aims to establish specific action guidelines to conserve fragile wetlands around the world.

The international symposium, a side event of RAMSAR COP10, helped prime the discussion about wetland restoration and management, a field which is not so well known. The fact is that wetlands absorb roughly 40% of the carbon in the world's atmosphere, yet such precious landmarks are being progressively destroyed by development, mostly through water drainage.



The Junam Wetlands in Changwon, Republic of Korea: A rare natural bio-reserve.

Many wetlands are also located in or around urban areas, including the Junam Wetlands in the host city of Changwon. These urban wetlands are the most susceptible to destruction since the very geographical location makes water drainage highly probable.

Key actions discussed at the Roundtable Discussions included the needs for continued advocacy, training and capacity building on climate change, mandatory environmental status reports, and establishing indices for policy evaluation. The Seminar adopted the CCI Statement (CITYNET-Changwon-ICLEI) on "Human Health and Wetlands" that reaffirmed the importance of conservation and management of urban wetlands.

There was an immediate consensus that there is an urgent need to change our habitual models of water governance. An important suggestion that arose was that wetlands

should be seen as part of "our natural water infrastructure", meaning that there must be a subtle means to balance the complex relationship among the real human demand for fresh water amidst development, wetland preservation, and climate change.

#### CITYNET Presentations at WUF4



The World Urban Forum Discussed today's most pressing urban issues.

(Nanjing, China): During the **Fourth World Urban Forum** (WUF4) in Nanjing, China which was organised around the theme "Harmonious Urbanisation: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development," CITYNET informed the audience members on three long-term ongoing projects – "Sanitation Data Book," "Making MDGs work at the local level," and "Preventing and Mitigating HIV in the Urban Development Context" between November 3-6, 2008.

The nearly finished Sanitation Data Book, a collaborative effort among CITYNET, Asian Development Bank (ADB), and UN-HABITAT, is the first of its kind in which it covers sanitation in 27 Asian cities, and key findings were presented at the joint event co-organised by CITYNET, UN ESCAP and UNITAR.

CITYNET in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC also organised and presented its flagship city-to-city cooperation (C2C) principle in the networking event about "Making MDGs work at the local level". The meeting highlighted the lack of information on the "on-" and "off-tracks" in cities, in which it is in line with CITYNET's proposal to conduct surveys at the city level.

CITYNET cooperated with ADB in the organisation of the "Preventing and Mitigating HIV in Urban Development Context" side event by emphasizing how political accountability is directly related to the prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, and why it is thus advantageous to combat the pandemic by working with local authorities at the ground level due to direct face-to-face contact with citizens. CITYNET also presented its works in regional consultation between local governments and civic groups in linking good governance and responses to HIV/AIDS.

#### CITYNET Joins the CDIA Board in Asia

(Nanjing, China): Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) Programme Review Committee (PRC) approved the appointment of CITYNET and its Programme Director, Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi as a non-voting stakeholder representative during a key meeting held on November 7, 2008 following the World Urban Forum 4 (WUF4) event in Nanjing, China. The mission of CDIA is "to bridge the gap between strategic city development planning on the one hand and urban policies, services and infrastructure project preparation on the other by assisting city governments with pre-project preparation and capacity-building." CDIA provides funds to medium-size cities with population between 250,000 to 5 million to support the development of projects which have synergistic, catalytic and/or additional impacts on the environment and/or the social circumstances of the citizens. CITYNET looks forward to a lasting productive relationship in the future.

For more information of CDIA, please click: [www.cdia.asia](http://www.cdia.asia)

## CLUSTER UPDATES

The five clusters of CITYNET (Infrastructure, Millennium Development Goals, Environment, Disaster, Information Communication Technologies) form a substantial part of CITYNET's programmes and activities. We request Cluster Committees to send regular updates at the Secretariat so that the efforts and achievements are better known and understood. For CITYNET members, who would like to participate in a particular Cluster and/or contribute articles for this section, please do not hesitate to contact the CITYNET Secretariat.

### Disaster Cluster

#### Publication of "Sound Practices and Urban Risk Profiling for Asian Cities Project" Near Completion

CITYNET and Kyoto University are in the final stages of completing the "Sound Practices and Urban Risk Profiling for Asian Cities Project" with support from the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) and the Asia Regional Task Force on Urban Risk Reduction (RTF-URR). The publication will be the first of its kind that offers a hands-on database that compiles an urban risk database and offers possible strategies to improve policies and programs for local governments.

The results of the study will be reported at the Training and Action Workshop on "Climate and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Asian Cities (to be held under the framework of KLRTC XVI) in Da Nang, Vietnam between February 18-20, 2009. [\(Read more here\)](#)

### Environment Cluster



The waterworks trainees receive an official Certificate of Completion from the Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB).

### Water Management Trainees Receive Certificate of Completion

(Yokohama, Japan): Yokohama Waterworks Bureau (YWWB) and CITYNET jointly organized the annual CITYNET/Yokohama Waterworks Programme which focused on Water Quality Management between November 30, 2008 to December 13, 2008. The 2008 Yokohama/CITYNET Waterworks training selected four participants among a sizeable pool of sponsored and non-sponsored applicants.

The two-week training programme included a city's report on the achievements and challenges in waterworks management, its chosen areas of concern, general evaluations of Training Programme Outcomes, and follow up action plans to be presented in their respective localities. Six expert trainees representing Shanghai, Tirtanadi Water Supply and Drainage (Medan, North Sumatera, Indonesia), Banda Aceh, and Taipei were chosen among a pool of applicants.

The conditions of water management in all four cities were unique, yet with many similar challenges. During the evaluation session, the trainees presented their lessons learned.

Ms. Tong Jung, Senior Engineer for the Shanghai Municipal Control & Monitor Centre of Water Supply, for example, has advanced far enough in water management to the point that focus on the *quality* of water is now more possible, given that the *quantity* of water production is not as focused upon. She is considering the cost-effective measures between water treatment and the status of pollution. Further, Ms. Jung reports that she retrieved much information about Yokohama's 100 year history with modern water management, and seeks to develop medium term plans (5-10 years), long term plans (10+ years), and very long term plans (25+ years) for her city that would result in fresh and clean water.

The Head of Distribution Section from Banda Aceh, Mr. Teuku Raja Waris, reported that his city must confront the reported statistic that approximately 70% of water is Non-Revenue-Water (NRW). He thus joined the training programme to further learn how to improve capacity in dealing with water leakages and improving pipeline systems. Mr. Waris reports that he seeks to use his knowledge of water management by training his staff in Banda Aceh.

Mr. Yu-Chi Lee, Water Treatment Engineer at the Taipei Water Department, opened his final presentation by stating the goal of the Bonn Charter, which states the worldwide standard for "Good, safe drinking water that has the trust of customers". His main focus point was a comparative one between the operations of water treatment between YWWB and the Taipei Water Department. He outlined a very comprehensive plan that tackles the fiscal and technical aspects. One very interesting aspect that he mentioned is that Taipei could further the advancement in his own city and also Yokohama in terms of treating Algae toxicity with Chlorine dosage.

Mr. Ly Thanh Tai, Team Leader of Network Engineering at Saigon Water Corporation (SAWACO) focused more on the software rather than the hardware. Ho Chi Minh City is expected a massive population increase in the next few years and thus fast and efficient improvement is due. He will propose to the Director-General of SAWACO to establish a "Water Quality Division" and "Operation information System" as a means to upgrade the capacity of water distribution.

Finally, Mr. Delviyandri, Head of Zona 2 Division, and Mr. Zulkarnaen, Head of Distribution Section, both of whom work for the Water Supply Enterprise based in Medan City (PDAM Tirtanadi) emphasized the challenge of improving the NRW situation. Their twin goals for Medan City and surrounding areas are to simultaneously increase water production and water treatment. Some ambitious Action Plans include tight connections between water pipelines, the construction of a purification pump, and developing a comprehensive water resource and distribution backup system.

All participants were awarded a framed certificate of completion by Mr. Yoshitaka Saito, YWWB Director-General, and Mr. Eiji Kawazoe, YWWB Deputy Director-General. Symbolically, the wooden frames were made out of Yokohama's very own forest trees. All participants graded the program as excellent in many of the categories in the final evaluation survey.

CITYNET and Yokohama will continue to work with the alumni of the Yokohama/CITYNET Waterworks Programme regarding their progress and outcomes of Action Plans.

## Infra Cluster



Dr. In-Keun Lee delivers "Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project - A Revolution in Seoul"

### The 10<sup>th</sup> CITYNET-Japan Forum Discusses Sustainable Urban Development Projects

(Yokohama, Japan): Seoul and Yokohama presented to the public about "Liveable Cities: What Can we Learn from Seoul and Yokohama?" on November 7, 2008. Around fifty participants, mostly from the City of Yokohama attended the Forum. The CITYNET Japan Forum series focuses on engaging the Japanese public about current and ongoing activities in the urban development arena.

The forum began with a welcome remark by Mr. Fumio Sakurai, Director-General of the Planning Bureau of Yokohama, and followed up with a presentation on "the Urban Design in Yokohama" by Mr. Naoyuki Kuniyoshi, the Executive Urban Designer. Mr. Kuniyoshi elaborated on the city's historical experience with eco-friendly and beautification projects over the last four decades. In the mid 1960's, Yokohama developed a national reputation by embarking on the famous redesign of the Kannai Area, which saw the removal of major highway intersections for the installation of greenery and pedestrian-walkways, and traffic was rerouted by the construction of an efficient underground road system beneath the area. What resulted was a more clean, beautiful, and traffic-efficient city.

Another important project was the "Light Up Yokohama!" initiative from the 1990's, which not only preserved but illuminated historical buildings for a city proud of its modern international history.

Dr. In-Keun Lee, Director-General of Urban Planning at Seoul Metropolitan Government, delivered his presentation about the world famous and highly-acclaimed Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project, a massively funded project which observed the restoration of the Cheonggyecheon River, the river which Seoul had developed around for over six-hundred years.

Completed in 2005, the area is now the most popularly visited site in Seoul, and has seen enormous improvements in terms of the environmental, ecological, cultural, and financial areas. Dr. Lee attributes the Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project for providing the inspiration to Seoul's concentrated focus on becoming an eco-friendly and "human-centred" city. Innovative sustainable projects are now currently underway, including the Dongdaemum Design Plaza and Park, a unique park with a "Metonymic Landscape", meaning that the open park will contain a series of sloping hills.

A roundtable discussion followed the presentations, moderated by Mr. Kazuo Hashimoto, CITYNET Assistant Secretary-General. Most questions concerned management and funding about the Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project, and the audience expressed much sincere surprise to learn that the project was in fact completely funded and established at the local level, and not at the regional or national levels. Both speakers expressed appreciation for the C2C Exchange program, and look forward for more joint activities in the near future.

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING CITYNET PROGRAMS



### Register for the 2009 CITYNET Congress!

*Harmonious Cities for our Future*

September 7-11, 2009, Yokohama, Japan

#### **CITYNET Members, Partners and Friends,**

Over a thousand mayors, urban managers and practitioners will gather for the CITYNET Congress 2009 centred around the theme: "Harmonious Cities for our Future." The Congress will feature the 6<sup>th</sup> General Council of CITYNET, mayors' debate, cluster dialogues, networking sessions, technical visits and an exhibition. Registration for the Congress is now open. Please contact the Secretariat or Email: [info@citynet-ap.org](mailto:info@citynet-ap.org) to register for the event. ([click here for more information](#))

KLRTC XVI: Climate Change and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Asian Cities

Date: February 18-20, 2009

Venue: Da Nang, Vietnam

CITYNET, Graduate School of Global Studies at Kyoto University, Veolia Environnement, Asian Regional Task Force on Urban Risk Reduction (RTF-URR), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and the City of Da Nang, will organise a training workshop on "Climate and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Asian Cities" for local authorities, civic leaders, and technical experts. The event will be the sixteenth course in the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Centre Series, and the first time the Training will be held in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The coasts of Asia are perhaps the most prone to natural disasters than anywhere else in the world; earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, tsunamis, and annual monsoons. Asian coastal cities are also witnessing unprecedented population growth, thus there is a strong need to enhance natural disaster-prevention capacity. Many of these cities in turn are becoming megacities – population of more than 8 million people – within Low Elevation Coastal Zones, the very zones most vulnerable to natural disaster. Statistically, Asian cities in coastal regions cover 2% of the world's land area, yet contain 10% of the world's population.

The goal of the Climate Change and Disaster Resilience in Coastal Asian Cities Training and Action Workshop is threefold: to rethink about the urban resilience in coastal cities, to plan for decisive actions to reduce urban risk in specific time frames, and to prepare for action on implementation measures. Calls for participants have been sent to coastal cities and members of CITYNET. ([Read more here](#))

## SECRETARIAT NEWS

*Updates on events, personnel changes, and happenings at the Secretariat in Yokohama, Japan*

#### **Ms. Seema Marathe Appointed as Office Manager at Mumbai Satellite Office**



Ms. Seema Marathe was selected as the newly appointed Satellite Office Manager in Mumbai. Ms. Marathe has solid administrative experience at the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, and CITYNET has expectations that she would help decentralize the programmatic and communicative responsibilities away from the Secretariat in Yokohama.

Ms. Marathe will be responsible for member expansion and coordinating the promotional and communication of CITYNET, most particularly in India and other South Asian countries. CITYNET and the Secretariat team look forward to working with her in the near future.

#### **Mr. Rafael Costa Leaves CITYNET Secretariat in Yokohama**



CITYNET Project Assistant, Mr. Rafael Costa, left the Secretariat in Yokohama, Japan on November 28, 2008. Rafael joined CITYNET in July 2007 to assist in the programmes sections at the Secretariat. He was especially involved in the coordination and collaboration efforts for the Sanitation projects and C2C Cooperation on the Localisation of MDGs projects. "Working at CITYNET provided me a great education about urban issues and governance in developing countries in Asia", Rafael says, and he seeks to continue such interest in other developing countries. After living in Japan for over six years, Rafael is moving back to his hometown in Brazil with his wife and newborn child. Known for his charming, good-natured, and productive presence at the Secretariat, CITYNET wishes Rafael the best for all of his endeavours.

# National Chapters Update

*This section provides updates on the progress made by the CITYNET National Chapters, which are associations of CITYNET members and non-members in particular countries. The National Chapters are the outcome of CITYNET's efforts to decentralize its operations for its ever-growing membership base. Currently, CITYNET National Chapters exist in four countries – Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka. All CITYNET National Chapters are requested to send in regular updates for this new column in e-News so that their activities can be publicized and shared with members in other countries.*

## **CITYNET Nepal and Sri Lanka National Chapters Deliver Progress Reports at the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Session**

(Changwon, Republic of Korea): At the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Session on October 29, 2008, Nepal and Sri Lanka National Chapters delivered progress reports. Following the revision of the National Chapter constitution and the placement of the New Executive Committee in Nepal, the Nepal National Chapter has been quite busy. The Chapter reported that the branch is expanding its network capacity throughout the country, a website has been established, and the initiations of publications and Training programmes are well under way.

Mr. Mohamed Ramzy Mohamed H. Siddique, Municipal Councillor, Colombo Municipal Council reported that the CITYNET Sri Lanka Chapter is formulating plans to coordinate activities related to CITYNET Clusters, C2C Cooperation, networking and Euro-Asian Partnerships through CITYNET, closer cooperation with the Federation of Sri Lanka Local Authorities (FSLGA), and training of elected members through UN-HABITAT. CITYNET is currently collaborating with the Sri Lanka Chapter to benchmark good practices of the local authorities.

# SUTP-ASIA PROJECT UPDATE

*The SUTP-Asia Project (Sustainable Urban Transport Project in Asia) is jointly implemented by Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), CITYNET, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA). CITYNET has agreed to provide updates about the project to our members and partners on e-News.*

## **GTZ-SUTP signs Memorandum of Understanding with IUT, India**

GTZ-Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP) and the Institute of Urban Transport (IUT, New Delhi) have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation at New Delhi on the December 5, 2008. Under this agreement, both organisations will strengthen cooperation on urban transport development in India.

[\(Read more here\)](#)

## **Transport and Climate Change module in Bahasa Indonesia**

The module 5e: Transport and Climate Change of the GTZ Sustainable Urban Transport Sourcebook has now been translated into Bahasa Indonesia. The module has been originally written by Holger Dalkmann and Charlotte Brannigan. It provides an overview of the challenges related to climate change and transport, and describes measures to mitigate the impact of transport on climate change.

[\(Read more here\)](#)

## **GTZ at the Better Air Quality Workshop (BAQ) 2008**

The Better Air Quality 2008 Workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand during November 12-14, 2008. As pre-events to this workshop GTZ SUTP conducted two training courses and one pre-event. The training courses were on "Mass Transit and Bus Rapid Transit Planning" and "Travel Demand Management" respectively, while the pre-event was on "Climate and Transport".

[\(Read more here\)](#)

# MEMBER AND PARTNER NEWS

*News from our members and partners*

## **1st International Conference on Corporate Management and Human Resources in Public Transport**

Date: March 4-6, 2009

Location: Bremen, Germany

International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Corporate Management and Human Resources in Public Transport in Bremen, Germany. The first event of this series is centred around the theme "Changing the Culture in Public Transport: Moving from Production Industry to Service Provider in a Cost Conscious Business" on March 4-6, 2009 in Bremen, Germany.

For more information, please visit [www.uitp.org/bremen2009](http://www.uitp.org/bremen2009)

## **Global Mayors Forum (GMF) to be held in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China.**

Date: September 15-18, 2009

Location: Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China

International Mayors Communication Centre (IMCC) will launch a Global Mayors Forum (GMF) in China around the theme "Meeting the Challenges for Sustainability". IMCC, an international consultancy organization based in Hong Kong, provides "global services and is committed to the promotion of world peace, the advancement of human civilisation the furtherance of economic and cultural exchange and cooperation between cities". GMF promotes economic and cultural exchange, cooperation and development between international and Chinese cities.

The Forum Council presently consists of CITYNET, the International Mayor Communication Centre, Sister Cities International (SCI), International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA) are among the official support organisations of GMF.

For more information, please visit [www.g-mforum.org](http://www.g-mforum.org)

### **Global Conference of Mayors & City Managers Postponed**

Date: TBD 2009

Location: New Delhi, India

The All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIISG), also a member of CITYNET, reports that the *Global Conference of Mayors and City Managers on Climate Change and Cities*, originally scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, will be postponed to a later date in 2009. Due to scheduling of upcoming election procedures, the event could not be held at the initial anticipated date, and AIIISG will continuously update all invited participants and observers in the interim period. Contact AIIISG for more information:

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Website: [www.aillsg.org/](http://www.aillsg.org/)

### **UN-HABITAT 2008 Dubai International Award Ceremony for Best Practices**

Date: TBD 2009

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

An independent jury of international experts met in November 2008 and selected 12 winners for the 2008 UN-HABITAT Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment. The selection was made from a list of 48 initiatives, short-listed out of app. 600 submissions. The winning projects, ten Best Practices for improving the living environment and two for transferring Best Practices, were selected for their innovation, impact and partnership as well as their contribution for a sustainable urban development.

The award ceremony will take place in Dubai in the beginning of 2009

For information on the award winning programmes, please visit [www.bestpractices.at/](http://www.bestpractices.at/)

## Call for Papers

### **Call for Contributions – Local Governments: Good Practices & Lessons Learned**

**Deadline: January 30, 2009**

United Nations, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Secretariat is currently compiling a collection of good practices and lessons learned in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Local-level implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action requires the active participation and involvement of local government actors at different levels of responsibility, and a growing number of local administrations are incorporating DRR as a necessary part of responsibility toward their citizens. Yet, there is still need to further promote these practices and encourage replication on a broader scale.

To this end, the UNISDR Secretariat is producing a compilation of good practices and lessons learned in this important area of work. This publication will highlight projects and initiatives implemented by local authorities that demonstrate how DRR can be addressed at the sub-national and local levels, and contribute to developing sustainable development practices.

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