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International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment (IJDREB)

Special Themed Issue Call for Papers

The International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment is currently calling papers for a Special Themed Issue on “Making Cities Resilient”.

Background and Scope

Cities and local governments need to get ready, reduce the risks and become resilient to disasters. For 2010 – 2011 and beyond, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) will campaign together with its partners for this to happen. "I call for the need of world leaders to address climate change and reduce the increasing risk of disasters - and world leaders must include Mayors, townships and community leaders", stated UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (2009). In this context, the 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign "Making Cities Resilient" addresses issues of local governance and urban risk while drawing upon previous ISDR Campaigns on safer schools and hospitals, as well as on the sustainable urbanizations principles developed in the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign 2009-2013.

Local governments are the institutional level closest to the citizens and to their communities. They play the first role in responding to crises and emergencies and in attending to the needs of their constituencies. They deliver essential services to their citizens (health, education, transport, water, etc.), which need to be made resilient to disasters. Accordingly, there is a need for national governments, local government associations, international, regional and civil society organizations, donors, the private sector, academia and professional associations as well as every citizen to engage in the process of making cities safe from disasters.

This Themed Issue of the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment is proposed for researchers and academics, policy makers and other professionals working with disaster prevention, mitigation, response and reconstruction responsibilities who wish to improve their working knowledge of both theory and practice in making cities resilient to disasters.

Sub-Themes

This issue will cover (but not be limited to) the following sub themes:
- National and local governance
- Participation of citizen groups and civil society in the disaster risk reduction process
- Role of local government in the disaster mitigation, management and reconstruction process
- Risk assessment on hazards and vulnerabilities
- Disaster risk reduction
- Manage and reduce urban risk
- Disaster risk reduction educational programmes and capacity building
• Risk-reducing infrastructure
• Infrastructure upgrades and improvement
• Building regulations and land use planning norms
• Early warning systems and emergency management capacities
• Building resilience auditing
• Risk reduction and continuity management
• Knowledge management practices
• Community engagement and development

High quality original papers are invited within the “Making Cities Resilient” Themed Issue. All papers will be subjected to the journal’s double-blind peer review process.

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission 28 February 2011
Decision and call for full papers 15 March 2011
Full paper submission 31 July 2011

Submissions

At this stage, we are calling for abstracts (200 words) with proposed title and up to three key words. These will be reviewed against the Themed Issue scope, and IJDRBE’s aim and objectives. Relevant authors will be asked to submit full papers. Themed Issue editors are Helena Molin Valdés, Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga & Dr Richard Haigh. Helena is the Deputy Director, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR) and the champion of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. Dilanthi and Richard are the Editors of the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment and are also Advisory panel members of the UNISDR’s “Making Cities Resilient” Campaign. In addition to the academic papers, authors of practice notes and case study reports are also encouraged to submit them for consideration for publication in this themed issue linking with the “Making Cities Resilient” campaign.

Submit any queries on this Themed Issue, and your abstracts, to Chamindi Malalgoda C.I.Malalgoda@edu.salford.ac.uk at the Centre for Disaster Resilience, The University of Salford, UK.

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