

Call for participants

Connective Cities Practitioners' Workshop: Developing flood vulnerability and risk analysis for local flood management planning

(Following up the 6th Connective Cities Dialog Event on "Challenges of Organizing Flood Management")

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Connective Cities platform and its initiators, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Deutscher Städtetag (German Association of Cities) and Engagement Global/Service Agency Communities in One World, hereby invite international urban practitioners and experts to participate in our Practitioners' Workshop "Developing flood vulnerability and risk analysis for local flood management planning". The workshop will take place **from the 19th to the 21st of August 2015 in Curitiba, Brazil**.

In February 2015 the 6th Connective Cities Dialog Event took place in Cologne. The event welcomed cities from nine countries, which got together to discuss and exchange experiences concerning the challenges of organizing flood management. Based on the main outcomes of this event, and aligned with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030) established in March 2015, we recognize the fundamental role of sub-national (municipal, provincial and regional) levels of government in jointly meeting the challenges of building resilience and identifying appropriate solutions. We are therefore holding this follow-up event to enable the dialog to continue. We also hope this will support the emergence of future projects at the local level that are designed to improve risk management strategies, and thus increase resilience to flood events.

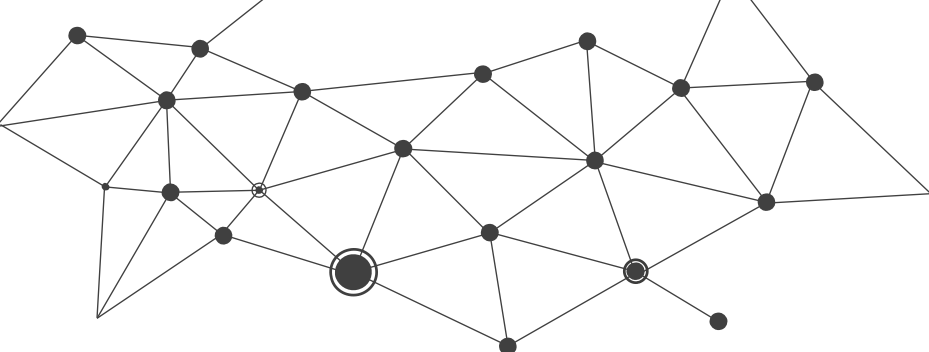
The workshop is designed for **German and international local stakeholders** who are directly connected to the field of flood risk management. All participants are expected to contribute to the exchange of experience by **providing first-hand practical knowledge, giving good practice examples or sharing concrete needs for improving their vulnerability and risk analysis and local flood management plans**.

Objective of the workshop

The workshop will enable participants to share good practices for **developing vulnerability and risk analysis** in cities, as well as for developing the capacities of local government officials, in order to ensure the design and implementation of successful **local flood management plans**.

Specifically we will address the following points at the workshop:

- Methods, procedures and strategies for developing vulnerability and risk analysis locally, taking into account the reality and challenges faced by the participant cities;
- Mechanisms and innovative initiatives to support the initiation/improvement of vulnerability and risk analysis and to further develop local flood management planning.



Regional networks and South-South-cooperation should be created in order to facilitate the sharing of lessons learned, and initiate a demand-based peer-to-peer consultation process that will support local development strategies for flood risk management.

Methodological Approach

The event will provide a forum for joint projects, ideas, solution-oriented dialogues and the **sharing of experiences concerning the challenges of developing flood vulnerability and risk analysis in order to improve local flood management planning**. Demand-based peer-to-peer consultations will be also organized in order to support the development of local strategies and to identify local experts who will act as multipliers of knowledge and experience in their region.

The participant cities will be invited to reflect on their current situation, and to create a roadmap with proposals for developing/improving of their vulnerability and risk analysis for launching the development of local flood management plan in accordance with their given needs and circumstances.

Contact

If you wish to participate and actively contribute to the event, we kindly ask you to get in touch with the secretariat of Connective Cities. Please contact either Isabela Santos (Isabela.Santos@engagement-global.de/ +49228-20717 342) or Clemens Olbrich (Clemens.Olbrich@engagement-global.de/+49228-20717 138).

The cities platform will cover all event-related costs such as planning and moderation of the event, plus a meeting package.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

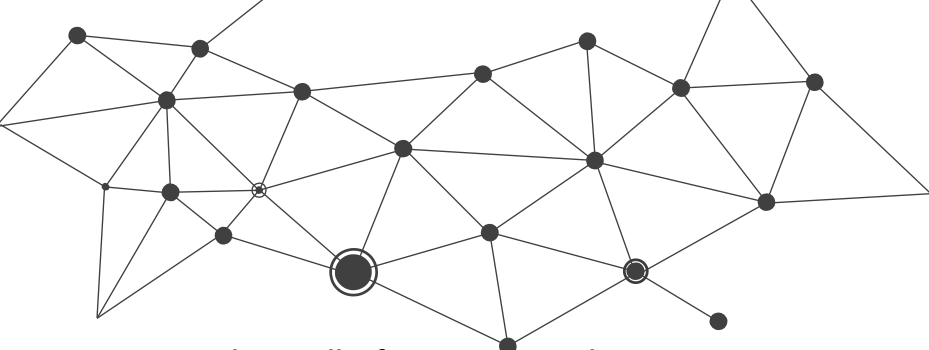
Best regards,

The Connective Cities Team



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Factsheet: All information at a glance

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| Date and location | 19th – 21st of August 2015, in Curitiba - Brazil |
| Duration | 3 days |
| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify methods, procedures and strategies for developing vulnerability and risk analysis locally, taking into account the reality and challenges faced by the participant cities; • Identify mechanisms and innovative initiatives to support the initiation/improvement of vulnerability and risk analysis and further develop local flood management planning. |
| Participants | <p>Around 20 participants from local government, as well as technical experts from water authorities, civil defense and emergency services that were involved in the 6th Connective Cities Dialog Event, plus other local stakeholders that are interested in getting involved in cooperation efforts on the mentioned themes.</p> <p>All participating actors are kindly requested to help prepare the event by completing a questionnaire from their own perspective. Participants will also be expected to take an active part in the event itself.</p> |
| Expected outcomes | A roadmap with proposals for improving/developing vulnerability and risk analysis for launching the development of local flood management plan for the participant cities according to their given needs and circumstances. |
| Agenda | <p>Day 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the vulnerability and risk analysis (VRA) matrix - compiled from the questionnaire • Presentation of vulnerability and risk analysis tools applied to cities • Working groups on best practices <p>Day 2: Workshop for VRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working groups on concrete challenges (topics to be selected by the participants) • Peer-to-peer session <p>Day 3: Action planning and future cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to highlight the interdependency between VRA and local flood management plans (LFMP) • LFMP matrix • Proposals for future cooperation within connective cities: follow-up event on local flood management planning; pilot project on vulnerability and risk analysis. |
| Language | English |