

## **CUDRR+R Summary Progress Update (August 17, 2020)**

### **Summary Progress Update**

CUDRR+R is committed to undertake research and practices and develop partnerships for urban risk reduction and resilience building in urban areas. To that end, since the last progress report, we have completed the ongoing deliverable (library research catalogue); produced a Learning Module on Resilient Cities and Territories for UCLG; published knowledge and articles; participated in conferences and workshops.

In addition, recently, together with its partners Aberdeen and Gordon Universities in the UK and Bogazici and Ozyegin Universities in Turkey, CUDRR+R won funding from the UK Royal Academy of Engineers for their project on “Low-carbon seismic resistant building in Istanbul.”

### **Achievements at a Glance**

#### **Contributing to two Words into Action Guides:**

WiA Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation

[https://www.preventionweb.net/files/61173\\_ecemp.wat56.pdf](https://www.preventionweb.net/files/61173_ecemp.wat56.pdf)

WiA Guide for Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Strategies

<https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/57399>

#### **Participation at the Global Platform:**

Keynote speech at the Local and Regional Governments meeting for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Chairing the “Using Gender, Age and Disability Responsive Data to Empower those left Furthest-Behind” side event organized by DRR Dynamics.

#### **Participation at the UN Climate Summit and UCCRN events**

CUDRR+R participated at the Urban Climate Change Research Network’s (UCCRN) *Science for 1.5 Degrees Session* during the [#climatesummit](#) and at its strategic meeting at the Roosevelt House, joining the discussion on how to translate UCCRN’s *Second Assessment Report on Climate Change and Cities* ( <http://uccrn.org/arc3-2/> ) into action within the next 3 to 5 years.

#### **Workshop on Local-Level Data at University College London (UCL)**

CUDRR+R attended Workshop on Urban Resilience Metrics for Policy Action organized by the Bartlett Development Unit at University College London in September 26-27, 2019.

The aim of this meeting was to bring together practitioners working with different local level risk information methodologies to discuss how information is used for *implementing disaster risk management at the local level*.

### **Article at New Cities**

CUDRR+R's Ebru Gencer wrote on [#ResilientCities](https://twitter.com/ResilientCities): <http://bit.ly/2OuDXCv> how effective risk governance at the [#urban](https://twitter.com/urban) scale requires participation from decision-making to planning and implementation.

### **Symposium on Resilience**

CUDRR+R's Ebru Gencer chaired "Efficient Post-Disaster Recovery Phase that Supports Well-Being and Diversity" session at the Frontiers of Development: Disaster Resilience Symposium that took place in Istanbul during 2-4 March, 2020.

### **New Project on Low-Carbon Seismic Resistant Building**

CUDRR+R and partners' project on "Low-carbon seismic resistant building model for Istanbul" received seed-funding from the UK Royal Academy of Engineers. CUDRR+R will work on this project along with partners Robert Gordon University, the University of Aberdeen, the University of Leeds, Ozyegin University and Bogazici University in Turkey.

### **Challenges of Implementation**

CUDRR+R's main challenge is primarily limited funding resources that has reduced staffing and productivity.

### **Next steps for the next year**

CUDRR+R will be working with its partners in its new project on developing a low-carbon seismic resistant model for dense urban areas that will be tested in building typologies in Istanbul. We will also be looking for other project opportunities.