



4th Steering Committee Meeting of Making Cities Resilient Campaign

Professor Dilanthi Amarunga took part at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting of Making Cities Resilient Campaign of UNISDR recently held in Hong Kong from 11-12 October 2017

This steering committee meeting of the campaign it took place following the adoption of the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Moving forward and considering the new global agreements starting to get implemented, this meeting of the committee, focused on:

1. Review the outcomes of the Local Governments Summit - 2017 Global Platform for DRR, Cancun, Mexico;
2. Review the current status and progress of the MCR Campaign in terms of the objectives set in Florence;
3. Roll out of the Sendai Framework Local Monitoring;
4. Support of local governments in achieving the Sendai Framework Target E;
5. Preparation for the 2018 World Urban Forum 9;
6. Membership of the MCR Steering Committee



There were also sessions on:

1. Briefing on the Outcomes of 2017 Global Platform for DRR and update on the MCR Campaign

2. Overview of the Sendai Framework Monitoring mechanism: Introduction to the global and national monitoring processes and tools
3. Potential partnerships to support the roll out of Sendai Framework monitoring and local implementation
4. Link between Sendai Framework and SDGs at local level
5. Experiences with the development of Local DRR Strategies/Plans
6. Potential partnerships to support Target E
7. Discussion on how to support cities in improving and implementing their Resilience Action Plans
8. Discussion on strengthening relationships with cities that signed up the Campaign since 2010



Steering committee members at the Hong Kong meeting



Professor Amaratunga has been a key advocate of the The Making Cities Resilient: 'My City is getting ready!' Campaign¹, launched in May 2010, and has involved in in raising the

¹ <http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/>

awareness and political profile for disaster risk reduction and resilience among cities and creating a broad alliance and platform for dialogue and exchange,

She was a member of the Campaign Advisory Panel was established in 2010. In consultation with the partner organizations, UNISDR appointed 16 experts to this Panel based on their individual capacity, area of expertise in relation to the Ten Essentials with geographical balance. This Advisory Panel was an informal group that provided guidance to UNISDR on raising the profile of the subject, engaging cities and partners to the Campaign, and on providing technical advice.

In 2014, the Advisory Panel was replaced by a “Steering Committee”, and again, Professor Amaratunga was a member of this news formed Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee guides and supports the implementation and monitoring of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign.

UNISDR is the coordinator and convener of the Campaign.