



Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization

Dialogue: *Are You Ready for the Next Catastrophe - The State of Resilience Planning*

January 21, 2021 @12 :00 – 1:00 PM EST



Pandemics and other disasters have been around for centuries. Many guidelines have been published and Task Forces have been set up on preparedness for and management of such disasters. However, it seems that we are still 'surprised' by them when they happen. Examples of such surprises are: hospitals in NYC did not know how to locate and transport surplus medical equipment to neighboring hospitals, an island lost 11 out of 13 health clinics because of a tornado (a real catastrophe with more patients but fewer health clinics), and the city of Kolkata was hit hard by COVID and a cyclone at the same time, forcing people to share small shelters (no opportunity for social distancing!). According to UNDRR, "There is a lack of planning for hazards and disasters at all levels ... The frustrating shortages could have been avoided if there had been adequate scenario-planning at the national level, supported by the allocation of required resources to local governments". It seems that urban sustainability at the macro level is getting limited attention and coherence between the local, regional and national level actions is missing in numerous cases. How can computer aided resilience technologies be important tools for planning and design professionals and policy-makers and help meet future challenges and gaps?

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Program

Welcome: **Emmanuelle C. Slossberg**, Board Member, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization

Panel:

Moderator: **Urs Gauchat**, Founding Member, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization

Presenters: **Sarbuland Khan**, Chair, Advisory Board, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization
Amjad Umar, UN ICT4SIDS Partnership and Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

Respondant: **Pontus Westerberg**, Programme Management Officer, Innovation Section, UN Habitat

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Presenters



Sarbuland Khan is the former Executive Coordinator of the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development, a prolific author in economics and an Advisory Board Member of CSU. He dedicated his career at the United Nations to development and technology issues, establishing the UN ICT Task Force and was a diplomat for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan.



Dr. Amjad Umar received an M.S. in Computer and Communication Engineering and a PhD. in Information Systems Engineering, both from the University of Michigan. Currently he is Chief Architect of a United Nations Small Islands and Developing States (SIDS) Partnership that is focusing on using the latest digital innovations to help the underserved populations. He is also the Director and Professor of ISEM (Information Systems Engineering and Management) program at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, and a Fulbright Senior Specialist on ICT.



Pontus Westerberg is Programme Officer for the UN-Habitat Global Space Programme. He has helped implement more than 50 projects in 30 countries since 2012 and has held Block by Block Workshops in Kenya, Madagascar, Niger, South Africa, Mexico, Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam, Kosovo, and Ecuador. Pontus is certified in project management and speaks English, Kiswahili, Spanish, and Swedish. He earned a master's in Global Media and Postnational Communications from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies and currently lives in Barcelona, Spain.



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