



CREATING RESILIENT AND LIVABLE CITIES

PACIFIC CITIES SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE SECOND ANNUAL FORUM

MARCH 11-13, 2014 | MANILA, PHILIPPINES

The 2nd Annual Forum will bring together more than 100 urban sustainability leaders from across the Philippines, North America, and Asia for an invitation-only high-level dialogue to share best practices and explore promising new approaches to creating cities that are both livable and resilient, in Manila and beyond. The Forum will focus on action-oriented exchange of best practices and lessons learned through keynotes, panels, and interactive problem-solving workshops. Forum participants will meet and network with a range of government representatives and global experts from urban planning, civil society, the private sector, and academia.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

ALL DAY MOBILE WORKSHOPS (Details TBD)

Registered participants will have the opportunity to sign up for one mobile workshop.

- *Public Space and Sustainable Design In Manila's Central Business District*
- *Designing for Disaster Preparedness – Tour of Pasay*
- *Pasig River Tour – Environmental Rehab and Marikina City*

6:30-8:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION AND PUBLIC EVENT

This special opening discussion will feature insights from key public officials on how their cities and regions are responding to the impacts of disaster and planning for the future. Speakers will address the need to create resilient and livable cities. Why does it matter? What is needed? What are stories and lessons learned from cities in the Philippines and beyond?

Venue: Peninsula Hotel, Makati City

Speakers:

- Senator Panfilo Lacson, *Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery, Philippines*
- Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, *Head of President's Delivery Unit on Development Monitoring and Oversight, Indonesia*
- *Moderator:* Maria Ressa, *Rappler (TBC)*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

8:00 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

Venue: Mind Museum JY Campos Park, 3rd Avenue, Bonifacio Global City

9:00 AM WELCOMING REMARKS

9:15—10:00 OPENING KEYNOTE OR PANEL

The opening keynote/panel will explore lessons learned for cities with extreme weather events, particularly from Typhoon Haiyan. How can governments be resilient and work to make their cities/regions more resilient and sustainable? Why does it matter?

10:00 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:45 DISCUSSION: *Integrated Planning for Resilient & Livable Cities*

Good governance, long-term planning, and sustainable housing are all linked. **Resilient infrastructure is critical, but if it is built outside the context of a sustainable long-range urban plan, it can fail to provide citizens with a healthy and productive place to live.** Community integration is also critical for public-private partnerships to succeed. Resiliency and livability are ultimately two sides of the same coin and without addressing both, a city cannot truly become sustainable.

11:45-1:00 PM LUNCH

PCSI Student Competition winning research posters on display

1:00-1:15 PM *Move to breakout sessions / workshops*

1:15-2:45 PM “RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENT CITIES”

Concurrent Interactive Workshop Sessions – Choose One

Session 1: Urban Mobility —Efficient, multimodal transit and walkable, bikeable communities create healthy, livable places and reduce energy consumption, GHG emissions, and traffic problems. This session will address one of the most important challenges faced by today’s growing cities in Asia and North America, including Manila.

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How can Asia's cities prioritize mass transit over individual car ownership to help to mitigate GHG emissions and minimize disruptions to urban mobility after disasters?

Session 2: Foreign Investment—Foreign capital is critical to urban growth and developing Pacific cities. Foreign investment brings tax revenues and creates jobs, but can also introduce new innovations and technologies in resilient building design and other infrastructure projects. How are cities promoting foreign investment into projects that help create sustainable, resilient, livable cities? What, if any, are current requirements for sustainability?

Session 3: Qualities of Resilient Infrastructure—Disaster-resistant transit infrastructure, storm water management, and storm shelters are essential components in city planning. What is resilient infrastructure and what are some of the leading examples in Asia and North America as well as in the host city, Manila?

Session 4: Public-Private Partnerships—How can public-private partnerships be harnessed to create resilient infrastructure in cities? Can the private sector help cities such as Manila access capital, technology, or expertise to improve resiliency and encourage development in a way that also helps them mitigate their own risks in a win-win scenario?

2:45-3:15 PM

COFFEE BREAK

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3:15-4:00 PM

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

Workshop moderators share key takeaways with the entire audience

4:00 – 5:00 PM

CLOSING DISCUSSION: Good Governance, Preparedness and Integrated Response—Public sector preparedness and developing common goals are important to city planning and management. Good governance and integrated response is critical in an age of climate uncertainty. How can governments and the public sector become more flexible and responsive? How do civic participation, transparency, and accountability play into this? What does Manila's experience tell us?

6:00 PM

FORUM RECEPTION AND DINNER

Transportation will be provided – details TBD.

THURSDAY MARCH 13

8:00 AM **BREAKFAST**

Venue: Mind Museum JY Campos Park, 3rd Avenue, Bonifacio Global City

9:00 AM **OPENING REMARKS**

9:15—10:00 AM **DISCUSSION: *Cities in the Age of Climate Change***—Today’s Pacific cities must address both resiliency *and* livability to succeed and become sustainable. As more people move into cities increased energy consumption and GHG emissions threaten the environment. How can cities contribute to climate change mitigation and improve their resiliency while enhancing livability for citizens and improving sustainability?

10:00 AM **“LIVING IN THE RESILIENT CITY”**

Two interactive discussion sessions addressing vulnerability, adaptation, community networks, and livability in cities.

10:00-11:30 AM **DISCUSSION:**
Resiliency, Housing and Community Networks: Addressing Vulnerability in Pacific Cities

Pacific Cities share common challenges, not least their geographic vulnerability to the impacts of severe weather events and environmental degradation. How are cities – and their inhabitants - in coastal or other vulnerable areas addressing this challenge and working toward becoming more resilient and livable?

In addition, the poorest urban citizens are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, flooding, and other disasters. How can the resilient qualities of informal communities – such as strong networks and resourcefulness – be harnessed while upgrading living conditions?

Finally, informal networks, boosted by new technologies, are promoting collaboration and cooperation in response to natural disasters. How are technology, the sharing economy, and civic participation changing cities and informal communities and making them more resilient? What can we learn from the Philippines experience?

Discussion leaders will kick off with examples to inspire and challenge, then audience discussion panelists will help engage Forum participants in a conversation about lessons learned from other Pacific Cities.

11:30-12:45 PM

DISCUSSION:

Livability in the Resilient City: Planning Cities for People

Cities that are built or managed in the absence of long-term, people-oriented planning are more vulnerable to the impacts of disaster, are less pleasant places to live and work, and are more risky for investors and developers. What does a livable city look like and how do the qualities of a livable city differ across the cultures and urban landscapes? Are there any universal qualities that cities can strive for that will make their cities more livable?

How has integrative, people-oriented planning been promoted in Pacific cities and what have been the obstacles? Both Metro Manila and China's "new cities" provide important case studies for discussion.

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12:45 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

1:00 PM

FORUM CLOSING LUNCH