MCR2030 Lab #6

Concept Note

Date: 23/08/2023

Time: 09:30 - 11:00 (Panama time) / 16:30 – 18:00 (Geneva time)

Format: Online, Zoom https://undrr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NQZPhFc-RZCXiVTZaki4Jw

Language: event moderated in English and Spanish (with simultaneous interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese and English)

Audience: Local governments and partners of the MCR2030 initiative.

Topic: Towards the inclusion of persons with disabilities in urban risk management: experiences from Latin American cities.

Objective of the event

The MCR2030 Labs aim to exchange knowledge and experience on disaster resilience between cities in the Americas and the Caribbean. Their main objective is to address priority issues for the implementation of the Sendai Framework at the local level through innovative and cross-sectoral perspectives. They open a unique space to strengthen the disaster resilience capacity of local governments and operationalise a holistic vision of resilience for the implementation of risk reduction policies in the region.

This sixth edition of the MCR2030 Labs seeks to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in urban risk management. Latin American cities will share their experiences in strengthening inclusive and participatory risk management for the resilience of persons with disabilities – via the MCR2030 initiative.

All the cities invited as speakers for this Lab have in common to have led the regional pilot of the Scorecard’s Addendum for the inclusion of persons with disabilities. The tool was developed by UNDRR to assess local governments’ capacities to design, formulate and implement policies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in disaster risk reduction.

According to the World Report on Disability (WHO, 2011), more than one billion people, or 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability worldwide. The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS, 2018) calls for strengthening system-wide accessibility for persons with disabilities and the mainstreaming of their rights
and seeks to support Member States in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leaving no one behind and reaching those furthest behind across all pillars of the United Nations.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 also calls for a whole-of-society approach to put in place multi-sectoral, inclusive, and accessible disaster risk reduction policies. In 2013, a global survey on disability and disasters led by UNDRR involving over five thousand respondents revealed the difficulties faced by persons with disabilities in evacuating immediately and without difficulty in the event of a sudden-onset disaster (only 20% could do so), the lack of a personal evacuation plan (71% did not have one) and the lack of awareness of the existence of a disaster management plan in their city (only 17% being aware and only 14% having been consulted for its elaboration).

**Guiding questions:**

- Why strengthen disability-inclusion in urban risk management?
- How to design and implement disaster risk reduction policies with full accessibility and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities?
- What is to learn from the experiences in Latin American cities?

**Speakers**

- **Carlos Kaiser**, ONG Inclusiva
- **Maria Elena Opazo Cortes**, Head of Disaster Risks Management, Pudahuel (Chile)
- **Emilia Jimenez**, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Santa Ana (Costa Rica)
- **Sergio Muniz**, Mayor of La Paloma (Uruguay)

**Organisers**

- UNDRR Americas and the Caribbean
- RIADIS
- Inclusive DRR Management & Disability Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (GIRDD-LAC)

**Speakers**

- **Carlos Kaiser**, ONG Inclusiva
- **Pudahuel**, Chile
- **Santa Ana**, Costa Rica
- **La Paloma**, Uruguay

**Agenda**

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| 9:40 - 9:55     | **Keynote:** Current challenges and opportunities for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in urban risk management | **Jennifer Guralnick,** Americas and the Caribbean  
**Adans Bermeo,** RIADIS |
| 9:55 - 10:10    | **Experience 1:** Pudahuel, Chile                                     | **Rosa María Juarez,** Red GIRDD-LAC              
**Carlos Kaiser,** ONG Inclusiva |
| 10:10 - 10:25   | **Experience 2:** Santa Ana, Costa Rica                              | **Emilia Jimenez,** Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Santa Ana |
| 10:25 - 10:40   | **Experience 3:** La Paloma, Uruguay                                 | **Sergio Muniz,** Mayor of La Paloma             |
| 10:40 – 11:00   | **Roundtable:** Next steps for the empowerment of persons with disabilities in local DRR. Q&A with the audience. | **All speakers**                           
*Moderation by Clément Da Cruz, UNDRR (in Spanish)* |
| 11:00           | Closing remarks and acknowledgements                                 | **Adans Bermeo,** RIADIS                        
**Adriana Campelo,** UNDRR Américas y Caribe |

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