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## HABITAT III POLICY DIALOGUES

### ***Urban Ecology and Resilience<sup>1</sup>***

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10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Room 1-Cine Alfredo Pareja, Casa de la Cultura

#### ***Key Words***

*[Resilience, resource efficiency, cities, climate change, sustainability, New Urban Agenda]*

### ***Urban Ecology and Resilience***

#### ***Panel 1: Coordination Across Local Stakeholders to Build Urban Environmental Sustainability and Resilience***

The first panel will discuss the need for healthy, low-carbon, resource-efficient, economically inclusive, and liveable cities as part of the dynamic process of building resilient cities. The dialogue will explore different ways of thinking about the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as well as the planning and development of infrastructure within cities, and the particular role that national governments can have in supporting this process.

#### ***Panel 2: People-centered, Environmentally-friendly, Data- and Partnership-driven, Integrated Resilience Solutions***

The second panel will examine the nexus of data, partnerships, and horizontal integration across a city for the action-oriented New Urban Agenda. This panel will feature a new role in urban governments around the world. This will look across sectors for points of connection and recommend solutions to problems, in order to make the day-to-day life of cities better for all, while enhancing long-term resilience. This creates a resilience dividend on a city's investment both today and tomorrow. The panel will also highlight how resilience is being institutionalized in to cities, and the benefits it is having.

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<sup>2</sup> See Habitat III Policy Paper on Urban Ecology and Resilience at the Habitat III website [www.habitat3.org](http://www.habitat3.org) [here](#).

### ***Guiding Questions***

- How can we properly implement the New Urban Agenda in particular an integrated resilience and resource efficiency aspect?
- How can we use data and partnerships and apply them in support of resilience in the context of the New Urban Agenda?
- How can we promote better horizontal coordination among stakeholders and different cities?
- What is the best way to integrate the point of view of individuals into the discussion on resilient infrastructure?
- How can we take into account the vulnerabilities and needs of individuals when creating resilience solutions?
- What benefits are cities seeing from enacting the New Urban Agenda in terms of the resilience aspect?
- What are the current best practices for implementing and monitoring the New Urban Agenda?

