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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)
City and country where lead organization is based	Brussels, Belgium
Title of the event	Enhancing urban resilience through RegionsAdapt
Date of Networking Event	10/19/2016
Networking Event room number	7
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	UN Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santiago de Chile, Chile; UNDP World Centre for Sustainable Development (RIO+ Centre), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Number of participants	80
Percentage of women participants	60%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	<p>Several efforts required to promote resilient cities frequently extrapolate city boundaries, and thus may rely on multi-level governance structures. This is the case, for example, when it comes to addressing food security, preserving water bodies in the light of climate change impacts or integrating pertinent issues at an urban-rural and metropolitan scales. In this context, the event aims to present contributions to urban resilience carried out by regional governments, with the objective of advocating for a comprehensive approach that values horizontal and vertical integration among different levels of governance while facing climate adaptation. Initiatives focused on climate adaptation at the level of states and regions, such as the RegionsAdapt, promote learning and exchanges on several topics that are crucial to the promotion of urban resilience, for example, on water management, sustainable agriculture, forestry and biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, social and economic impacts and opportunities. To illustrate all the above, member governments and technical partners of RegionsAdapt will present their contributions to urban resilience. Besides, participants will be invited to take the opportunity for sharing information and networking!</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</p>	<p>Addressing climate change through good urban and territorial policies has been identified as a strategic dimension by several international processes, including the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Habitat III preparatory process, including the draft New Urban Agenda. Several efforts required to promote resilient cities frequently extrapolate city boundaries, and thus relies on a multi-level governance structure, highlighting the important role of regional governments in integrated territorial interventions to promote urban resilience. Hence, this event aims to present some contributions to urban resilience carried out by members and partners of RegionsAdapt, with the objective of advocating for a comprehensive approach that values horizontal and vertical integration among different levels of governance while facing climate adaptation. RegionsAdapt was launched in Paris, alongside COP21. It represents the first global initiative for regional governments to take concrete actions, cooperate and report efforts in climate adaptation. As such, it also provides an important bridge between the global climate agenda and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Panelists will, therefore, present emblematic cases that foster urban resilience, by exploring the contributions of regional governments and their associated partners in areas such as water management, sustainable agriculture, forestry and biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, and social and economic impacts and opportunities. Also during the event, the main features of RegionsAdapt will be outlined, so as to disseminate this initiative among regional governments and technical experts potentially interested in joining this sub-national partnership open to all regions across the world. So far, this global initiative comprises 62 signatories from all continents (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania) and all levels of development – its members range from least developed countries to advanced economies.</p>
<p>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</p>	<p>To enhance urban resilience, a multilevel governance is required, one that includes regional governments.</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</p>	<p>Romulo Paes de Sousa, Brazilian, Director, UNDP World Centre for Sustainable Development</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</p>	<p>Ricardo Jordan, Chief of the Unit of Human Settlements, UN Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</p>	<p>Abdessamad Sekkal, President of the Region Rabat-Salé-Kénitra</p>



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Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Joan França, Project Manager of RegionsAdapt, Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development
Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker	Izaskun Iriarte, Spanish, Viceconsejera de Administración y Planificación Territorial, Basque Country
Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker	William Palacios Santana, Ecuadorian, Director de Gestión de Planificación, Province of Esmeraldas
Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker	Vicente Loureiro, Director de la Cámara Metropolitana de Administración Gubernamental, Rio de Janeiro State Government
Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker	Sonia Knauer, Asesora de la Presidencia, Compañía de Saneamiento (COPASA), Minas Gerais State Government