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**In celebration of
World Habitat Day 2013
Resilient Design for Sustainable Urbanization
Sustainable Urban Mobility
Friday, October 4, 2013
9:00am - 5:30pm, ECOSOC Chamber
UN Headquarters, New York City, New York**

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, the Center for Resilient Design at New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the American Institute Architects New York join to host a high-level discussion, which will cover key developments in the area of resilient design. In the years leading to the HABITAT III Conference, and the post 2015 development agenda solutions will be sought for the challenges, in an era of ever increasing urbanization and disasters that impact urban areas. This event will bring together high-level experts and representatives from national and local governments, non-governmental organizations, institutes, foundations and industry, who will present case studies from around the world that respond to natural disasters and identify the resilient design challenges and opportunities that cities might face from disasters.

In celebration of World Habitat Day 2013, cities around the world will celebrate by organizing events addressing Sustainable Urban Mobility. As natural disasters often result from expanding settlements in areas of risk around older urban cores, the alternative is a higher density sustainable urbanism supported by urban mobility. Many new cities exist in fragile ecosystems and economies that must be understood and protected if urban growth is to be sustainable. Disasters strike transportation systems causing tremendous problems regarding mobility. The expected objectives and outcomes of the meeting are:

- 1) To show the relationship between resilient design and sustainable urbanization and sustainable urban mobility;
- 2) To propose innovations and best practices in the area of resilient design, and urban mobility that can be shared among urbanized and urbanizing areas;
- 3) To highlight the need for policies as well as innovative, replicable solutions, ideas, concepts, and approaches that can be used in different contexts for resilient design; and,
- 4) To identify resilient design ideas, concepts and approaches that are replicable.

Please join us on this day to raise awareness about key human settlement and urbanization issues.

For security reasons, all participants must be pre-registered and on the official RSVP list.

RSVP morning afternoon reception
to Ludivine Cornille at Consortiumsu@gmail.com and Francesca De Ferrari at deferrari@un.org by September 27, 2013.

Admission: Free Entry with valid photo ID at the Visitor's Entrance at East 46 Street & First Avenue

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AGENDA

World Habitat Day 2013 - Friday, 4 October
Resilient Design for Sustainable Urbanization
ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

09:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks:
H.E. John Ashe, President-elect of the United Nations General Assembly

H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General UN World Habitat Day Message

ECOSOC Message:

H.E. Nestor Osorio, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations,
President, UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

UN-Habitat World Habitat Day Message:

Dr. Joan Clos, ED UNHabitat

Keynote Addresses:

H.E. Shaun Donovan, HUD Secretary, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force Chair

Speakers:

H.E. Dawn Zimmer, Mayor of Hoboken, N.J.

H.E. Daniel Zarilli, NYC Director of Resiliency

11.15 a.m. **High Level Structured Discussion: Resilient Design – To Build or Not To Build?**
Policy discussions continue over whether to rebuild in various places around the world. This panel will explore this concept as well as policies that assess risk, address urban mobility and encourage more resilient design using case studies from around the world.

Chair:

H.E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations

Moderator

Professor Urs Gauchat, Dean, College of Architecture & Design, NJIT

Speakers:

- **H.E. Luis Felipe Puente Espinosa**, National Coordinator for Civil Protection, Secretary of the Interior, Mexico
- **Laurie Johnson**, Johnson Consulting & Research
- **Alex Wilson**, Founder and Executive Director, *BuildingGreen*
- **Rick Bell**, Executive Director, AIA New York Chapter
The Post Sandy Initiative
- **Leslie Chapman-Henderson**, President & CEO, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)

Discussion

1:00 p.m. **Lunch** for speakers and invited guests
The UN Cafeteria will open to all participants during the noon break.

3:00 p.m. Reconvene:
Jill Lerner, FAIA, 2013 President, AIA New York Chapter

Introduction of the Panel Discussion:
Thomas G. Dallessio, AICP/PP, Center for Resilient Design, NJIT

High Level Structured Discussion, Resilient Design for Sustainable Urbanization
In a number of cases, “managed retreat” is not an option. What lessons can cities and metropolitan areas learn from places that have recovered from natural disasters? How can leaders apply resilient design principles to create more sustainable communities and improve urban mobility?

Chair:
H.E. Neo Ek Beng Mark, Deputy Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN,
Co-Chair of the Friends of Sustainable Cities

Moderator:
Professor Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, Spitzer School of
Architecture, City College of New York (CCNY); President Elect, AIA New York

Speakers:

- **Henk Ovink**, Senior Advisor to Secretary Shaun Donovan, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force; Former Director General for Spatial Planning and Water Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
- **Nancy Kete**, PhD, Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Fiona Cousins**, Principal, ARUP New York
- **Craig Schwitter**, Principal, Buro Happold, New York
- **Harini Nagendra**, Cities and Biodiversity Outlook (CBO)

Discussion

5:00pm Conference Conclusion:
James McCullar, FAIA, Co-Chair Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization,
James McCullar Architecture; Past President, AIA New York

Aliye Pekin Celik, PhD., Co-Chair Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization,
United Cities and Local Governments, NY

Yamina Djacta, Director, UNHabitat, NY Office

5:30 pm Invitation to the reception sponsored by CBO

6:00 pm Reception will follow to launch the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook (CBO)* project.
A video narrated by actor Edward Norton will be presented. All are invited to stay for
this reception