



8th International Conference on Building Resilience, 14-16 November 2018, Lisbon

Considering the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 we expect submissions to be aligned, in particular, with priority 4 "Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to Build "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction".

Track: **4E**

Informal Settlements: Rethinking the role of design and planning in paths towards the development of urban resilience

Description of Track Scope

Informal settlements and slums have been growing and proliferating in cities of developing countries, providing opportunities for affordable housing and services, job and income, to millions of urban poor. Today 828 million people live in slums, where living conditions remain extremely precarious, as urbanities are marginalised in disaster prone areas deprived of infrastructure and services and characterized by environmental decay. Political and social instability and crises, combined with climate change, typically generate poverty sacks and perpetuate risk of small to large scale disasters in slum communities.

Main Questions

We are challenged to rethink the role played by design and planning in contexts where informal urbanism has become the predominant way of city making. How can design and planning contribute to building paths towards urban resilience, according to the Sendai Framework objectives of reducing poverty, disaster risk, and losses in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of people, businesses, communities and countries?

Themes

ICBR is a leader conference for research promoting resilience of urban communities and built environment, and we invite authors to submit original papers on the research and practice of new design and planning approaches to address urban informality. We particularly welcome papers addressing: the relationships between design and urban planning approaches and urban vulnerability and resilience at the national, regional, metropolitan and community scale; design and planning approaches aimed to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; the role of professionals in defining inclusive urban policies in a complex stakeholder arena; the role played by local communities and governance in the development of new design and planning approaches; and issues related to land tenure and occupancy and their relationships with design and planning approaches.

Deadline

Abstract submissions close 15 April 2018, 12PM, GMT + 1,00 TIME.

For more information and online submission, please visit buildresilience.org/2018

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