



## 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 3 “Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience”.

Track: **3L**

### The Significance of Gender for the Creation of Resilience and Sustainability

#### Description of Track Scope

The question of resilience and endurance in poor and unhealthy surroundings, and the remedies to improve the situation, has lately been subject to great concern. Measures are taken to refurbish such areas by ways of improved infrastructure, housing, water supply. The inhabitants’ own views have also been taken into consideration. Nonetheless, little attention has been paid to the different roles that men, women and children might play in the improvement process. In particular, the role of women has been neglected. Typically, still, they play the main role in the daily household, nutrition, child-raising, health and sanitary matters in the home and neighbourhood. Yet, rarely are women consulted for their experience and ideas on how to develop more efficient and cost-effective ways of improving living conditions and contribute to a sustainable development. Too little research has examined this issue. The significance of gender is stated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. It is also prominent in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR) which calls for a greater focus on women’s leadership in DRR, and for disaster data to be disaggregated by sex (and other social categories) to build an evidence base for change with the goal of reducing the disproportionate impacts on women and girls. These facts should serve as a starting point for a rejuvenated approach to the problem of risk and resilience, which highlights the active role of women in disaster preparedness and recovery processes as well as in education for disaster risk.

## Goals

Following the priorities of the UN SDGs, particularly paragraph 5, and the SFDRR, this thematic track aims to contribute to:

- Improve the competence in, and understanding of, the significance of women for resilience and well-being, and for improved physical and mental surroundings
- Investigate the role of women for disaster risk reduction processes
- Make recommendations for gender responsive
- Investigate the role of children, especially the girl child, in the same process
- Investigate and compare the different gender roles and how they could be utilised or changed to fulfil the goals and targets of the SDGs and SFDRR
- Facilitate dissemination and implementation of these competences

## Themes

An interdisciplinary approach is needed, encompassing anthropology, social and human sciences, medicine, legal studies, art, architecture and more. This should focus on:

- Driving forces, transformation and empowerment processes, including both theoretical papers and presentations on results from empirical studies
- Methods for analysis and monitoring
- Methods for implementation
- Methods of education

## Deadline

Abstract submission closes **15<sup>th</sup> April 2018** (12PM, GMT +1,00 TIME)

For more information and online submission please visit [buildresilience.org/2018](http://buildresilience.org/2018)

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