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Working Group 1

Making critical infrastructure more resilient

This session will explore the characteristics of increasing risks to critical infrastructure due to climate change, demographic changes, and other factors, and share promising practices related to risk reduction in infrastructure. Critical infrastructure must be built to standards to allow it to withstand hazard events, and function effectively for emergency response and recovery. Infrastructure services, including telecommunications, electric power, gas and oil storage and transportation, water supply and sanitation, transportation, emergency service institutions (hospitals, police stations, fire and rescue), etc. require appropriate maintenance and monitoring of changes resulting from urbanization, climate change, demographic changes, and other factors.

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Effective urban management for sustainable communities

This session will share examples of good practice in the development and management of resilient and sustainable investments, and identify the best ways to engage stakeholders in the development process to improve risk reduction and sustain poverty reduction through various tools such as infrastructure asset management, disaster risk management and energy supply. The session will also explore how to improve accountability and transparency in urban management as a mechanism to reduce risk.

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The importance of local institutions and community engagement

Local institutions—public, private, and from civil society—play a critical role in shaping risk management. They are the interface between households and local resources, they mobilize collective action, determine flows of external support to different stakeholders, and link local populations to national interventions. They will also shape how local communities are able to adapt to climate change and to cope with hazard events. This session aims to increase understanding of the role of local institutions, and explore such issues as how to enhance their capacity, how to strengthen the role of institutional partnerships for better risk management, how to improve coordination across scales for better planning and implementation, and how to increase the role of private and market based institutions to facilitate disaster

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