

Short story on UN-Habitat ECOSOC Youth Forum Side Event: *Local-to-Regional-to-Global Climate Justice: Participatory Technology, Art-As-A-Solution and Other Urban Hybridizations*.

Title: Local-to-Regional-to-Global Climate Justice: Participatory Technology, Art-As-A-Solution and Other Urban Hybridizations

Event: 10th ECOSOC Youth Forum

Date, time and platform: April 6th, 12noon EST, 07.00pm EAT, via Zoom

Connection link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsf-qsrzwlGNKLJnrCtURYMz9rTFr73LxG>

Event summary

Over the years, climate change has been one of the most pressing global issues. The differing changes in climate has destroyed livelihoods, reduced food production and increased socioeconomic gaps especially for the urban poor and persons living in informal settlements. As a result, this has called for the need to build urban resilience more than ever before.

Despite the enactment of conventions and international laws such as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the climate change situation hasn't improved, rather, carbon emissions have increased especially in the Asia Pacific, which is the largest producer of plastics in the ASEAN region. This has directly led to the rise of sea levels and air pollution posing a risk to the environmental security in the region and globally.

This event will highlight case studies from organizations such as UN-Habitat which has embedded preparedness and risk-mitigation in key avenues such as: local economic development strategies, community early warning systems, better shelter options and participatory in-situ slum upgrading, relocation of urban populations to appropriate or improved locations (when in-situ upgrading is not feasible), improved public health interventions, urban and peri-urban agriculture that takes into consideration a changing climate. Other programs such as the UNDRR Making Cities Resilient Campaign, UN Habitat's City Resilience Profiling Programme, the Global Alliance on Urban Crisis, and other have sought to build capacities towards better understanding of risk, monitoring of changes in hazards, and implementation of appropriate response, as well as raising awareness for stronger governance.

Event details

This side event highlights case studies across different stakeholders, such as UN Agencies, local and regional governments, the private sector, non-profits, and artist innovators, that highlight best practices and success stories for knowledge-building, and foster a better understanding of the key components for contextualizing democratized alternative solutions for climate justice. It will also showcase art-enabled interactions at the intersection of

technology, art and science that provoke behavioural change and contextual awareness within its active participants during the ECOSOC Youth Forum side event on April 6th, 2021 12.00 noon EST, 07.00pm EAT.

Speakers

The panellists for this side event includes: Douglas Ragan, Specialist in Children and Youth, UN-Habitat; Freya Murray, Google Art + Culture; Michelle Wiseman, City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience; Jessica Anderson, US Climate Justice Artist; Hanif Kureshi, Community Artist in India and; Ariela Valverde - Friends of Cities/ Friends for Leadership.