



Concept Note

Learning Lab 6: INFORM Subnational

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Title of the Event	INFORM Subnational
Relevant Conference Plenary	<input type="checkbox"/> Plenary 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary 2: <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary 3: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-Cutting Issue
Background and Rationale	<p>The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region faces threats from a variety of extreme natural and human-made hazards notably, floods, droughts, cyclones and earthquakes, which are made more frequent and severe by the growing impact of climate change and climate variability. The region’s exposure and vulnerability to disasters is linked to its geography, climate change, and its socio-economic dynamics. SADC member states are actively seeking to improve data and risk modelling systems to support development, peace and security, and economic growth while alleviating poverty towards the achievement of sustainable development in line with Agenda 2063, the SADC Strategic Indicative Development Plan 2020-2030 read with all applicable national Development Strategies and associated Plans.</p> <p>The need to change this paradigm motivated the AUC and SADC member states to engage and institutionalise a risk assessment methodology which is meant to ensure a standardised disaster risk assessment approach in the region in line with Priority 1 of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030), strategic objective 3.3.2 of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and strategic priority 5.1 of the SADC Disaster Risk Management Strategy and Action Plan 2022 – 2030) . This methodology, referred to as the INFORM Risk Subnational Model is a product of a collaboration of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team for Preparedness and Resilience and the European Commission.</p> <p>The INFORM Index will simplify and inspire the use of disaster risk data to support decision making including the ease of implementing the Africa Urban Resilience Programme (AURP), the AUC Framework for Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) while also contributing to the key tracking mechanism on implementation of Sendai Framework thereby serving as one of the central tools of the AUC biennial reporting on Sendai Framework targets. Within the SADC context, it will also contribute to multi-sectoral efforts for implementing the SADC Regional Resilience Framework 2020 - 2030. This is because the INFORM Index is a model which embodies a tool that can support strategic and programmatic decisions about crisis and disaster prevention, preparedness and response.</p> <p>The INFORM Risk index combines approximately fifty (50) indicators to measure hazard exposure, vulnerability, and coping capacity in each country, and details how these indicators have changed over time. The results of INFORM are a series of user-friendly risk profiles for 191 countries that can be used by i.e. humanitarian and</p>





	<p>development actors. The INFORM Subnational Risk model aims to ensure that shared risk analysis are used across development sectors, and that strategies and programmes are better aligned to address the location and types of risks. It is anticipated that the proposed AUC and SADC guidelines on Risk Informed Urban Development will benefit from the components of the model (an analysis of Hazards, Vulnerability and Coping Capacities/Manageability) in all dimensions such as social, economic, environmental, institutional and physical.</p> <p>Following its adoption by the AUC, the INFORM Subnational model has been further developed for Eswatini through a pilot project championed by the SADC Secretariat and supported by GIZ, UNDP and Map Action.</p>
<p>Session Objectives</p>	<p>This session aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create publicity about the existence and steps undertaken on the development of the model; • Demonstrate the value of the model in Eswatini and beyond particularly in guiding development planning and execution processes; • Promote the model as a platform for standardized disaster risk assessment in the SADC and beyond; • Make use of the model as a trigger point to guide the conceptual framing of the methodology for undertaking the development of AUC and SADC RIUD guidelines; and • Provide a platform for synthesis of key ideas and messages which can be fed into the AfRP-9 Windhoek Declaration.
<p>Expected Outcomes</p>	<p>Participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a platform for interactive discussion with a view to increasing knowledge of participants on the nature and benefits of INFORM Subnational risk model as piloted in Eswatini; • Reflect on the model’s centrality in advancing the aspirations of the global, continental and regional frameworks such as, but not limited to, the Sendai Framework, the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction, Africa’s Framework for Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System, the Agenda 2063, the New Urban Agenda, the SADC SIDP 2020 – 2030, the SADC Regional Resilience Framework read with all applicable national and subnational strategies and plans. • Deliberate on modalities for its application in Eswatini and elsewhere and showcase its contribution to charting a resilient path through the respective national and local development agenda; • Reflect on key methodological consideration which can be considered in the process of developing AUC RIUD and SADC guidelines, and; • Formulate a key message and statement for inclusion in the AfRP-9 Windhoek Declaration.
<p>Structure</p>	<p>The session will be delivered through a panel of speakers over a period of 90 minutes as a moderated session and with guiding questions for the panellists. The session will</p>





	<p>commence with a scene-setting presentation to be delivered by Eswatini NDMO (or GIZ RIA SADC) team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Overview of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and the relevance of the addendums. • City Case Studies: Presentations from three cities that have applied the scorecard with a focus on climate, public health, and disability inclusion challenges and solutions. Discussion on lessons learned and best practices. • Interactive Group Discussions: Participants will be divided into small groups to discuss how the scorecard could be applied to their cities. Facilitators will guide discussions, encouraging peer-to-peer learning. • Q&A and Wrap-up: Open forum for questions and answers, followed by closing remarks from the facilitators, summarizing key takeaways.
<p>Moderator of the Session</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>List of Panellists</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nana Dlamini, Regional Champion, SADC • Mr. Gathkouth Kai, Regional Coordinator for Africa (Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery), UNDP • Ms. Nomsa Dube, Technical Advisor, AUC • Mr. Eric Seyama, Model User, Eswatini NDMA • Mr. Mark Slezak, Model development, use and maintenance, Subnational Model Expert, INFORM
<p>Reference Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INFORM subnational model of Eswatini • About INFORM Climate Change • INFORM Risk Facts & Figures
<p>Public narrative [For the website]</p>	<p>The INFORM Index will simplify and inspire the use of disaster risk data to support decision making including the ease of implementing the Africa Urban Resilience Programme (AURP), the AUC Framework for Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) while also contributing to the key tracking mechanism on implementation of Sendai Framework thereby serving as one of the central tools of the AUC biennial reporting on Sendai Framework targets. Within the SADC context, it will also contribute to multi-sectoral efforts for implementing the SADC Regional Resilience Framework 2020 - 2030.</p> <p>This learning lab will provide a platform for interactive discussion with a view to increasing knowledge of participants on the nature and benefits of INFORM Subnational risk model as piloted in Eswatini. Additionally, it will reflect on the model's centrality in advancing the aspirations of numerous global, continental and regional frameworks. By the end of the session, participants will have formulated a key message and statement for inclusion in the AfRP-9 Windhoek Declaration.</p>