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Ricardo contributes to key international urban resilience report

The midterm evaluation report of the Urban Institute shows that the *100 Resilient Cities* – a grantee of the Rockefeller Foundation – is helping cities break down internal silos and move toward more effective resilience building efforts against the effects of climate change and other potential shocks and stresses

The Urban Institute, with financial support from The Rockefeller Foundation, today released an independent report of midterm findings showing that 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), in the five years since its creation, is making important progress in helping urban areas around the world institutionalize and build resilience to a wide range of shocks and stresses.

The report is part of the ongoing independent assessment of 100RC by the Urban Institute and its global partners – C230 Consultores, Ricardo Energy and Environment, Oxfam UK, and Zerihun Associates – to measure the effectiveness of the organization in building a global practice of resilience through structural changes in city functions. The 100RC organization, which spans six continents and more than 40 countries, was launched by the Rockefeller Foundation in 2013 to help cities better understand their challenges and then develop and execute comprehensive and integrated solutions.

“I’m excited about Urban’s involvement in this unique global experiment – the first and only that attempts to build resilience in city institutions in such a wide number of cities around the world,” said Sarah Rosen Wartell, president of the Urban Institute. “We know from our research how important it is to build capacity in city governments to foresee challenges, involve citizens, and provide equitable services. These goals require time and commitment and, as this midterm report shows, both are showing signs of paying off.”



“It is extraordinarily exciting to see the impact 100RC has made over the last five years laid out in such detail by an independent evaluator,” said Michael Berkowitz, president of 100RC. “This report shows both that that our cities are making progress, and that the global movement of resilience is gaining steam and changing institutions and planning processes around the world. From here, we’re looking forward to taking the lessons we’re learning and using them to improve our efforts even further.”

“Ricardo is extremely pleased to be working with the Urban Institute team and a number of cities on this globally important project,” commented Jonathan Perks, project director for Ricardo Energy & Environment. “This unique programme builds on our extensive work with cities around the world. We’re pleased to be at the forefront of supporting cities in their efforts to become more resilient to the effects of climate change as well as the other shocks and stresses that they may face over the coming years.”

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