

# AIIB-ADPC JOINT EVENT: Effectiveness of Tools and Methodologies for Urban Resilience Preparedness in Asian Countries

Time: Dec. 8, 2023, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (UAE Time)  
Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion  
Format: Hybrid

## Session Context

Urban areas in Asian countries face a growing array of challenges arising from climate change, rapid urbanization and the increasing frequency of natural disasters. The need for effective tools and methodologies to enhance urban resilience has never been more critical. The seminar will bring together experts, practitioners, policymakers and stakeholders from Asian countries to exchange experiences and insights on urban resilience preparedness. It will provide a platform for showcasing successful initiatives, tools and methodologies that have been implemented in various urban contexts. The seminar will focus on practical solutions and strategies that can be replicated or adapted to address the unique challenges faced by Asian cities.

Urban resilience aligns with COP28's objectives by promoting adaptive strategies within urban environments, ensuring that cities can effectively respond to and recover from climatic and disaster events. This alignment is crucial in fostering a collective global response that addresses the interconnected nature of climate challenges and urban vulnerabilities. The seminar aims to facilitate knowledge sharing and discussions on the effectiveness of tools and methodologies for enhancing urban resilience preparedness in Asian countries.

## Session Objectives

- Increased understanding of effective tools and methodologies for urban resilience preparedness in Asian countries.
- Enhanced knowledge sharing and collaboration among stakeholders involved in urban resilience planning and implementation.
- Identification of innovative approaches and best practices that can be scaled up or replicated in different urban contexts.
- Strengthened partnerships between AIIB, ADPC and other relevant organizations working on urban resilience in Asia.

## Speakers

**Dr. Senaka Basnayake**, Director, Climate Resilience, ADPC, Thailand

**Dr. Yuan Xiao**, Senior Strategy and Policy Officer, Sustainable Cities, AIIB

**Prof. Nicola Tollin**, Professor & UNESCO Chair on Urban Resilience, University of Southern Denmark

**Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

**Prof. Tony Wong**, Professor of Sustainable Development, Monash University