



**BRIEFING**  
**Global Platform for  
Disaster Risk  
Reduction**

**Tuesday, 8 April 2025**  
**12:00-13:00 CEST**  
**Villa Rigot & online**

In today's urbanized world, disaster risk reduction in cities is crucial because their high population density, infrastructure vulnerabilities, and economic activities amplify the potential impacts of disasters.

Disaster risk reduction will be at the heart of the **8th Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR)**, in Geneva, on 2–6 June 2025. Under the theme **“Every Day Counts, Act for Resilience Today”**, the GPDRR will feature a wide range of sessions and activities, including several events of relevance to cities, subnational governments and regions on local risk governance, local financing, urban resilience, and localizing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

This briefing, co-organized with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and Making Cities Resilient 2030, aims to inform local and regional governments on the upcoming GPDRR. It will be structured around three central topics: the important discussions relating to cities and urban disaster risk reduction, the participation of local and regional governments, and the potential outcomes of the session.

### Speakers:

- **Elina Palm**, Senior Coordination Officer, UNDRR
- **Sanjaya Bhatia**, Global Secretariat, Making Cities Resilient 2030
- **Marie Brüning**, First Secretary, Swiss Mission (co-chair of the GPDRR)
- **Lauren Sorkin**, Executive Director, Resilient Cities Network

Moderated by **Anh Thu Duong**, Co-director, Global Cities Hub

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