

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



## BREAKOUT SESSION: STANDARDS FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

#StandardsfortheSDGs

### Objectives of Breakout Session

The breakout session aims to:

- A. Provide a forum for discussion where standards organizations and policymakers can collaborate with their peers and other relevant stakeholders to share experiences, propose solutions to identified problems and present recommendations for future cooperation in standards for the SDGs.
- B. Review a set of key standards, action areas and good practices that can be shared with a broader audience;
- C. Identify ways standards can support access for all to holistic disaster risk reduction policies and plans, paying special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations (e.g., women and girls).

### Breakout Format

The breakout session offers attendees a unique opportunity to engage global stakeholders in a dynamic and interactive discussion to examine issues as they relate to Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The dialogue will explore how standards can help realize the targets of SDG 11, promote greater collaboration across urban sectors and encourage the adoption and integration of new disaster risk reduction processes, technologies and metrics. All conference participants are encouraged to share their knowledge, expertise and recommendations on the topic. A selection of case studies will be presented for discussion, with additional studies available in an online catalogue.

## Topics for Discussion

The breakout session will present thought-provoking case studies, which have implications for the successful implementation of standards for the SDGs. During this session, participants will be presented with the opportunity to actively engage in critical discussion and address specific questions to the panel.

The session will consider the role of standards for the achievement of SDG 11 and promote discussion on the following key talking points:

- A. How can standards enable coordinated action in
  - (i) private sector engagement and
  - (ii) ecosystem management for safe, resilient and sustainable cities?
- B. What role do standards bodies play in fashioning a holistic understanding of disaster risk (modelling, use of data, methodologies)?
- C. How can standards bodies successfully support those in vulnerable situations, including women and girls, to enhance inclusive, safe and sustainable urbanization?
- D. Which standards and technologies can offer the necessary solutions to ensure high levels of compliance and interoperability necessary to provide reliable metrics capable of measuring progress towards smart and sustainable cities?
- E. How can the various standards mapping tools being developed be scaled to enable greater corporate engagement to identify innovative and cost-effective, sustainable City solutions? How can the tools support stakeholders to identify critical economic, environmental and social issues, and make effective improvements to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity?

# STANDARDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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The respective targets, indicators and 2017 progress information on Sustainable Development Goal 11 is available on the [UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform](#).

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