

## Webinar Flood Risk Management and Adaptation in Cities

16 September 2015, 11:00 UTC/GMT



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#### T-UrbO-CliC (Transformation - Urban Opportunities - Climate Change)

- cross-sectoral group between the sector networks SNGA and TUEWAS with the aim to exchange experience, share knowledge and improve cooperation
- Speakers: Vaishali Nandan (TUEWAS) and Eva Ringhof (SNGA) Knowledge consultant: Luciana Maia



#### **Current Programs**

#### Bangladesh

- Resilient and Inclusive Urban Development (RIUD)
- Urban Management of Internal Migration due to Climate Change
- Adapting to Climate Change in National and Local Development Planning

#### Indonesia

Policy Advice for Environment and Climate Change (PAKLIM)

#### India

- Indo German Environmental Partnership (IGEP)
- Inclusive Cities Partnership Program (ICPP)

#### China

- Sino-German Climate Partnership
- Qualification of Key Actors on Energy Efficiency in the Building Sector
- Energy Efficiency and Climate-friendly Development in Jiangs and in Selected Cities

#### Regional

- Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)
- Urban NEXUS Asia

#### Global

- Urban Development Policy Advice
- Sustainable Development of Metropolitan Regions



Pilot Measures, Good Practices, Implementation Initiatives



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## Programme

- Welcome and Moderation Eva Ringhof, Co-Speaker of TUrbOCliC
- **Presentations**:
  - Introductory Remarks Flood Risk and Resilience in the Urban Setting Daniel Nordmann - Planning Officer in Water Section of GIZ Head Office
  - Flood Risk Management as a contribution to Urban Resilience in Vietnam Eva Huebner - Project Advisor, Vietnam
  - Understanding impacts of climate change and framing adaptation in Nouakchott, Mauritania
     Dr. Omnia Aboukorah-Voigt - Project Coordinator, Mauritania
- Discussion and Wrap-up



## Urban Resilience: Flood Risk Management and Adaptation in Cities

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# Extreme weather events, floods and droughts pose increasing risks to cities

- In 2030 40% of urban land will be located in high-frequency flood areas (2000: 30%)
- Economic exposure to flooding could increase from 27 trillion USD (2010) to 80 trillion USD (2030)
- In 2030 5 billion people live in urban areas → Increasing exposure of people & assets

Source: Güneralp, Güneralü, Liu: Changing global patterns of urban exposure to flood and drought hazards, Global Environmental Change 31 (2015), 217-225



Data source: EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database – www.emdat.be, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels (Belgium)



# A combination of natural and antrophogenic factors drives flood and drought risks in cities





Management of flood risks and capacity to cope with flood / drought events are part of a resilient city





A global Community of Practice enables the exchange of GIZ projects working on flood/drought risk management





#### **Further Information**

- Flood Risk Management Information Tool
- GIZ Publication on Flood Risk Management
- Focal Point Resilient Cities: Martin Dirr / Eileen Frerking
- Focal Point CoP Flood Risk Management: Daniel Nordmann









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# Flood Risk Management as a Contribution to Urban Resilience in Viet Nam

Eva Hübner, Project Advisor







## **Focus: Urban Flooding**





## **Urbanisation Increases Flood Risk**



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Rainfall Intensity (inches/hr) Stream Discharge (cfs)

#### Stormwater peak flow before and after urbanization



## In cities\*, more stormwater runs off in a shorter period of time

\*Only little more than 1/3 of Viet Nam is urbanised today.

Time (hours)

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## **Drainage Systems in Viet Nam Insufficient**

Current systems cannot prevent flooding even under historic rainfall



Diagnostic Quy Nhon City Centre 5 years historic rainfall

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**Build bigger sewers?** 

With climate change, cities need to be prepared for

- More unpredictable weather evens
- More intense precipitation
- Higher temperatures and longer periods of drought

No, but...





## **Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems**

#### Integrate water management into urban design

✓ Allow for flexibility

More economical than conventional drainage systems











Soc Trang – Truong Cong Dinh street

Quy Nhon – Xuan Dieu street

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## **Project activities and outputs**

- ✓ In-depth analysis and modelling of flood situation in three cities, applying a climate lens  $\rightarrow$  drainage plan
- SUDS pilot projects in 5 cities to demonstrate procedures and benefits
- Support for a better policies at national level
- ✓ Support for capacity building:
  - Workshops and trainings with decision-makers;
  - Develop handbook & trainings







#### **Lessons learned**

- Pilot projects increase visibility and help to better understand the functioning of SUDS.
- Consider a broader platform of stakeholders to work with when setting up the project
- Develop a clear terminology at the start when introducing a new concept.

#### Challenges

- SUDS requires action from multiple stakeholders, and multiple changes in legislation.
- Few experiences in Viet Nam, little understanding of costs and benefits (highly context-specific).
- Linkages of different types of flooding, integrated approach rural – urban / periurban





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## Adaptation to climate change in coastal cities Nouakchott, Mauretania



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# This is how Nouakchott looks like when it's rain







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In Nouakchott the effects of climate change are perceptible through:

- The increase of the frequency and intensity of rains
- A rapid coastal and dune belt erosion (partially) due to see level rise



#### The increase of the frequency and intensity of rains

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# Two third of the city are flooded during and after the rainy season (approx. 5 months).



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#### The sea level rise



Coastal erosion at a rate of 2 to 3m/year.

Main economic infrastructure (industrial port and fishery) are endangered



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#### The sea level rise



Coastal erosion attacks the only natural protection against marine incursion: the dune belt.







#### The city of Nouakchott is located behind this dune belt



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 Major parts of urban areas are located in a depression with elevations between -2.0 m to +2.0 m below/above the sea.

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- Only the coastal dune belt and some areas in the hinterland are located higher than 2.0m above the sea.
- The lowest areas are -4.0m below the sea.
  - Two third of the city is built in prone to flood area. These zones are the ones which have the highest densities of population.
- Approximately half of the population of Nouakchott is exposed to flood risk.
- Only a small part of the town possesses a drainage system.
- Due to the low altitude and the proximity to the sea, the groundwater level is high.
- The lowest zones of the city are permanently inundated.

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#### What we do:

#### Understanding and planning for flood prevention

 Analyse problems, provide and exchange information, develop scenarios

Support decision makers from environment and urban sphere, at national and municipal level to adapt to climate change.

- Create awareness and support a planning for adaptation to climate change
- Implement pilot projects and develop the partners' capacity to scale them up



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## **Marine Incursion**



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- 18 breaches in the coastal dune belt risk coastal flooding → Technical solutions developed,
- The coastal erosion risks the existence of the fish market →
   Scenarios developed for protection and adaptation

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- Excessive stress on dunes risk breaches → Technical solutions developed, piloted and scaledup → 10 km of dunes are stabilised (1/3 of endangered area)
- 18 breaches in the coastal dune belt risk coastal flooding → Technical solutions developed, piloted and scaled-up → 3 breaches are closed
- The coastal erosion risks the existence of the fish market → Scenarios developed for protection and adaptation → Financial Cooperation support

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## **Urban flooding**



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#### Understanding and planning for flood prevention

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- Unplanned urbanisation into prone to flood areas -> proposals developed for mainstreaming of ACC into urban planning.
- High level of groundwater and no sanitation system → Several technical solutions developed.

 No local consensus and understanding of impact of climate change 
 Participatory vulnerability assessments map out flooding risks, other climate change impacts and possible solutions
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High level of groundwater and no sanitation system → Several technical solutions developed → Implementation of a pilot project provide experiences. Other feasibility studies give ideas for sustainable small scale urban drainage systems.



## Lessons learned



Who should really be involved for:

- 1. Develop adaptation strategies
- 2. Take decisions et prioritize actions
- 3. Ensure coordination between sectors and levels (national, municipal, communal)
- 4. Implement decisions and ensure investment's sustainable

## Challenges

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- Lack of experience with drainage systems below the sea level
- Lack of experience with drainage systems in areas with a high ground water table

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