

# CITIES on the FRONTLINE

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## Speaker Series:

Sharing Knowledge on Cities' response to COVID19

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- ✓ Lauren Sorkin, Executive Director Resilient Cities Network



- The purpose of the series is to **share knowledge** to help cities respond to the pandemic crisis and to plan towards recovery with resilience.
- It is a platform for open and honest **learning conversations** between practitioners in cities and governments, and partners supporting them.
- Each week, the series brings together different **experts and city practitioners** to discuss specific topics and share tangible examples.

# Cities on the Frontline Evolution

- First session on March 15
- 30<sup>th</sup> session next week
- 80 speakers (48% women)
- >3,000 single participants
- From witness account to more structured presentations
- From general accounts to panel discussions



Dear Deputy Mayor Wu,

It is with great concern that I write to you today, as we watch the 2019-nCoV (Wuhan virus) situation develop. Events like this test a city's resilience. While Huangshi city continues to prepare and react to the situation on the ground, we would like you to know that you are not alone. With our network of cities globally as well as our strong relationship with various partners that are trained and experienced in emergency response, the Global Resilient Cities Network is ready to support you in any way we can.

While the current situation may have affected festive plans, we would still like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Chinese New Year. Please know that you have our full support and partnership and do not hesitate to reach out to anyone from the Network.

尊敬的副市长兼首席韧性官，

我们非常关切 2019-nCoV (武汉肺炎病毒) 的情况发展。诸如此类的事件测试了一个城市的韧性。当黄石市继续做好准备并对当地局势作出反应的同时，我们希望您知道您并不孤单。凭借我们遍布全球的城市网络以及我们与紧急响应方面受过培训和丰富经验的合作伙伴之间的牢固关系，全球韧性城市网络 (Global Resilient Cities Network) 随时准备竭尽所能为您提供支援。

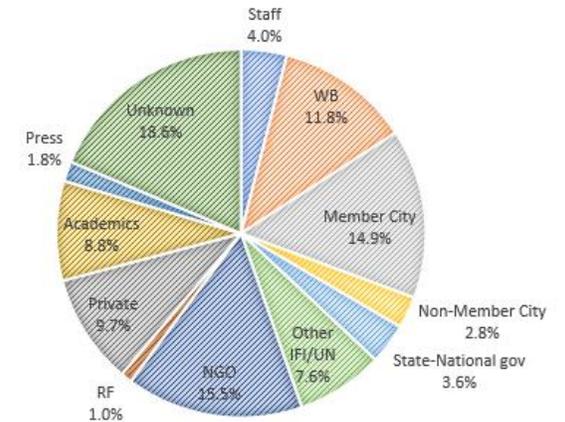
虽然当前的情况可能影响了节日计划，但我们仍然想借此机会祝您春节快乐。如果有需要，请随时与我们的网络中的任何人联系。

Best regards,

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大家好，我是黄石的首席韧性官吴之凌。首先，非常感谢大家对黄石疫情的关心和帮助。作为全球韧性城市网络/100 韧性城市的会员城市，我市始终将韧性建设贯穿我市城市建设的始终和方方面面。这次疫情的爆发既是对我市韧性城市成果的检验，也为今后的韧性建设提供了新的方向。我们始终相信大家在一致努力下，胜利一定属于我们！

Hi everyone, this is Wu Zhiling, the Chief Resilience Officer of Huangshi City. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for your concern and help towards the epidemic situation in Huangshi. As a member city of the Global Resilient Cities Network / 100 Resilient Cities, our city has always placed resilience-building at the core of every aspect of our city's urban management. This epidemic is not only a test of our city's resilience, but also provides a new direction for future resilience-building. We believe that with our combined efforts, we will emerge victorious!

## Cities on the Frontline

# Topics

Lessons from China's Coronavirus Response ; Government Responses and Continuity ; Leveraging Technology to respond to the Coronavirus & Build Urban Resilience ; Rapid Response and Adaptation in Times of Crisis ; Holistic Resilience in Action ; Urban Informality ; Learning from Singapore ; Equitable Response and Resilience in Recovery ; Cities for a Resilient Recovery ; Migrant and Refugee Sensitive COVID-19 Response and Recovery ; Towards the Pandemic-Resilient City ; Unlocking Bogota ; Waste Management in Crisis and Recovery ; Urban Heat and COVID-19 ; Resilient Food Systems ; Digital and Green Recovery ; Metropolitan Resilience ; Gender Inclusive Cities ; Resilient Housing ; Water and Sanitation ; Digital Technology ; Safer Schools ; Public Transport ; Healthy Cities ; Urban Density ; Crisis Communication ; Aging cities ; Predicting and monitoring infections ; Financing the Recovery ; etc.

# Keeping the Audience Engaged

- Preparing the speakers
  - Tips on image and sound
  - Limit time and number of slides
  - Prepare the questions (flow)
- Keeping the audience engaged
  - Setting the stage (expectation and rules of the game)
  - Choosing a format (presentation, panel, debate, etc.)
  - Bring in multiple voices
  - Chats, cartoons, polls and surveys (toys and chips)
  - Engaging the audience (naming those asking questions)
  - Create a conversation (summarize, repeat, link)
  - Closing

## Upcoming Sessions:

- 🕒 #30 - Resilient Leadership - Thursday, 12 November 2020 - 09:00 AM EST/01:00 PM BST/09:00 PM SGT - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- 🕒 #31 - Climate Change Governance - Thursday, 26 November 2020 - 09:00 AM EST/01:00 PM BST/09:00 PM SGT - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- 🕒 #32 - What Have We Learned? - Thursday, 10 December 2020 - 09:00 AM EST/01:00 PM BST/09:00 PM SGT - [REGISTER HERE](#)

## Previous Sessions:



### 29 – Financing the Recovery

With the continuous falling revenues due to pandemic, municipalities are under significant financial strain. The economic fall is challenging the ability of municipalities to meet the basic needs of their communities and businesses, let alone recovery.

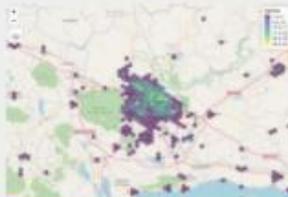
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### 28 – Risk and Crisis Communication

COVID-19 have been transitioning from a public health crisis to early 2020 had larger implications cities and municipalities. While some cities appear to be recovering, other places continue to experience a rise in COVID-19 and public communication appears to be at the center of all the response.

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### 27 – Predicting and Monitoring Hotspots

In regions such as Africa, South America, Central America, the pandemic has yet to peak. Cities should anticipate the emerging public health emergency that affect poor and vulnerable communities, understanding hotspots of urban areas that need support and resources can be targeted to avoid a second city-wide emerging crisis.

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### 20 – Water and Sanitation: WASH in Crisis and Recovery

This world facing climate change and a global health crisis, clean water, safe sanitation, and improved hygiene has never been more important. Cities and their service providers have numerous challenges, such as ageing infrastructure, high levels of non-revenue water, and poor water quality.

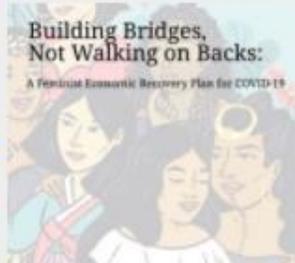
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### 19 – Resilient Housing

COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities between different communities in urban areas, affected by the quality, density, accessibility of their housing. Improved living standards will protect especially vulnerable residents from the potential risks during the COVID-19.

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### 18 – Gender Inclusive Cities

COVID-19 crisis and related restrictions disproportionately affected women and decreased gender equality. However, the is an opportunity to reflect and rethink equality of our entire recovery.

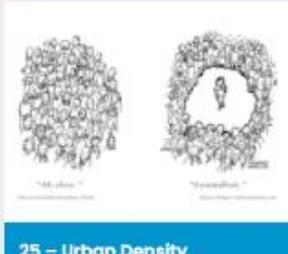
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### 26 – Aging Cities

A rapidly aging population goes along with its own economic and social challenges and cities will need to adapt. How cities cope with the elderly population in times of crisis prepared to address the demographic shift?

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### 25 – Urban Density

Does urban density matter in the context of COVID-19? The session highlights the importance in understanding between well-managed 'good density' seen for example in Singapore and 'bad density' seen as the crowded slums in many developing countries.

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### 24 – Healthy Cities

Cities must think about their health in a broad to long term means keeping residents physically and mentally healthy while supplying services to healthcare or health-supportive environment, that other residents necessary for a high quality of life.

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### 17 – Metropolitan Resilience

COVID-19 has exposed underlying vulnerabilities within urban systems and exacerbated existing social inequalities that existing integrated frameworks. With urban city business recovery was slow and meaningful, building resilience of the metropolitan scale requires new partnerships and collaborations.

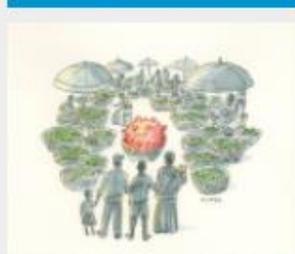
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### 16 – Barcelona's Digital and Green Recovery

Barcelona shared their recovery plan which emphasizes sustainability (particularly in the housing sector), reduce social inequalities, and access to digital services for a more just and necessary and more citizens' movements.

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### 15 – Resilient Food Systems

The pandemic has exposed a multitude of vulnerabilities within world food systems at global and city-region levels. However, it also presents a unique opportunity to rethink food systems and help cities better prepare for potential future food crises triggered by the climate emergency to address threats.

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