

## Disaster Risk Reduction Training Session



"More than 230 million people suffer from natural disasters every year. With increasing urbanization and continued intensification of risk patterns in urban environments, the role of local authorities as the primary agents of disaster risk reduction to their cities has come to the forefront. In order to mainstream disaster risk reduction into development policies, strategies, programs and projects, local professionals working in different segments of society must have confidence and be more versed in all aspects of implementing effective risk reduction measures. Local institutions can be strengthened by training and by the improvement of skills of city practitioners and managers, this in turn will strengthen their ownership of projects.

Within the context of the joint project **UCLG, ICLEI, Metropolis, CITYNET and EMI** are offering a **2-day training program** on disaster risk reduction management for local professionals, managers and policy makers.

The training program will be held **in Sydney on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008**, prior the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Metropolis (October 22-25). The training program is practical and based on:

- Practical matters and sound practices of mainstreaming disaster risk reduction through detailed case studies of partner cities.
- The 2-day training program will focus on issues such as: planning for a safe city; role of local actors; disaster preparedness measures; damage and reconstruction needs assessment; financial protection strategies for disaster risk reduction; and community-based disaster risk management.

**The 2-day training program is free of charge and open to 30 participants.**

Participants need to register themselves **before 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Registration will be done by chronological order (first come first served bases) and priority will be given to participants from developing countries. Please fill the form attached and send it back to the UCLG World Secretariat [m.boussraoui@cities-localgovernments.org](mailto:m.boussraoui@cities-localgovernments.org) or by fax au +34 93 342 87 60