Event Information and Agenda
Welcome

Thank you for joining us in Washington, DC! Across the country, local and regional agencies are finding new ways of building resilience through their day-to-day decisions. By applying a new lens to not only disaster recovery but also planning, zoning, capital investment, lending, and other routine services, they are making their communities better able to withstand and bounce back from natural disasters and the impacts of climate change.

This 1.5-day convening will bring federal partners together with experienced local and regional leaders for a discussion about how they can work together to achieve better resilience outcomes on the ground. Representatives from regional development organizations and local governments – whose communities have all been impacted by natural disasters in the past five years – will share how their recovery experiences have changed their approaches to everyday decision-making and how they are finding creative ways to use federal resources to fortify their regions against future hazards and disruptions. Federal partners from a range of agencies will highlight recent efforts to support disaster and climate resilience through new and existing policies, programs, and investments. By targeting communities on the forefront of resilience and fostering a broad interagency conversation that reaches beyond the primary disaster recovery and preparedness players, this convening will inspire new ideas for strengthening resilience and institutionalizing it as an integral objective of participants’ ongoing work.

Partners

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About NADO and the NADO Research Foundation

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is a national membership organization for the nation’s 500+ regional planning and development organizations focused on strengthening local governments, communities, and economies. Regional planning and development organizations—known locally as regional planning commissions, councils of governments, area development districts, or similar names—play a key role in regional and community economic development, business development finance, technology and telecommunications, transportation planning, workforce development, GIS analysis, disaster preparedness, and a variety of other types of services and support for member local governments.

Founded in 1988, the NADO Research Foundation is the nonprofit research affiliate of NADO. The NADO Research Foundation identifies, studies, and promotes regional solutions and approaches to improving local prosperity and services through the nationwide network of regional planning and development organizations. The Research Foundation shares best practices and offers professional development training, analyzes the impact of federal policies and programs on RDOs, and examines the latest developments and trends in small metropolitan and rural America. Most importantly, the Research Foundation is helping bridge the communication gap among practitioners, researchers, and policymakers.

About the International Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,500 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban and local to international, IEDC’s members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.
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TUESDAY, MAY 19

1:00 pm  Registration and Networking

1:30 pm  Welcome and Introductions

Joe McKinney, Executive Director, NADO and the NADO Research Foundation
Jeff Finkle, President and CEO, IEDC

1:45 pm  Plenary: Using Disaster as an Opportunity to Diversify the Economy and Build Regional Resilience

Josh Barnes, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, EDA

2:30 pm  Participant 5x5 Presentations: A Tour of Resilience Work Around the Nation

A sampling of participants will give a five minute, five slide overview of how they are incorporating resilience into ongoing disaster recovery efforts as well as planning, zoning, capital investment, lending, and other day-to-day decisions.

3:15 pm  Break

3:30 pm  Participant 5x5 Presentations: A Tour of Resilience Work Around the Nation

Part two of participant overviews of their efforts to incorporate resilience into their day-to-day decision making.

4:15 pm  Make Your Mark: Ideas for Achieving Resilience

An interactive “gallery-walk” brainstorming exercise where participants will build upon common themes and lay the foundation for in-depth breakout discussions.

4:45 pm  Breaking Down Federal Silos: An Overview of Cross-Agency Collaboration

Samantha Medlock, Deputy Associate Director for Climate Preparedness, White House Council on Environmental Quality

5:30 pm  Networking Happy Hour

Join us downstairs for light appetizers at Johnny’s Half Shell.
Cash Bar
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am  Breakfast Plenary: Prioritizing a New Way of Doing Business
  The Honorable Jay Williams, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce

9:00 am  Plenary: Resilience in Action at Home and Abroad
  Lauren Augustine, Director, Program on Risk, Resilience, and Extreme Events, and Associate Executive Director, Division on Earth and Life Studies, The National Academy of Sciences
  Dale Morris, Senior Economist, Royal Netherlands Embassy

10:00 am  Breakout Discussions
  • Business and Economic Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate Change (Room 233)
    Facilitator: Sarah Gutschow, Manager of Research and Planning, the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness
  • Harnessing the Power of Data (Room 231)
    Facilitator: Chris Pyke, Chief Operating Officer, the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark

11:00 am  Report Out

11:30 am  Break

11:45 am  Luncheon: Federal Agency Panel Discussion
  Danielle Arigoni, Acting Director, Office of Economic Resilience, HUD
  Shari Schaftlein, Director, Office of Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
  Rachel Sears, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA
  Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA
  Moderator: John Thomas, Director, Community Assistance and Research Division, Office of Sustainable Communities, EPA

1:15 pm  Breakout Discussions
  • Integrating Resilience into Local and Regional Plans (Room 233)
    Facilitator: Jessica Grannis, Adaptation Program Manager, Georgetown Climate Center
  • Public Health and Resilient Communities (Room 231)
    Facilitator: Shawn McIntosh-Hasler, Program Manager, American Public Health Association

2:15 pm  Break

2:30 pm  Breakout Discussions
  • Resilient Infrastructure Investments (Room 233)
    Facilitator: Chris Forinash, Director of U.S. Programs, Institute for Sustainable Communities
  • Promoting Rural Resilience to Support Strong Regions (Room 231)
    Facilitator: Brian Dabson, Director, Institute of Public Policy at the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri

3:30 pm  Putting it all Together: A Facilitated Discussion on Institutionalizing Resilience in Policy and Practice

4:15 pm  Wrap-up and Closing

4:30 pm  Adjourn
LOGISTICS

Convening Location: Hall of States Building
400-444 N. Capitol St. NW
Room 283-285

Attire: Business Casual

Visiting Guests:
Hotel Accommodations for Tuesday, May 19:
Downtown DC Fairfield Inn and Suites
500 H St. NW
Washington, DC

Transportation: Red Line Metro at Union Station

From Downtown DC Fairfield Inn and Suites –
Walking: The venue is located 0.7 miles from the hotel, an estimated 14-minute walk
Metro: Take the Gallery Place Metro toward Glenmont and exit at Union Station
1: Association of Bay Area Governments - Oakland, California
2: Central Florida Regional Planning Commission - Bartow, Florida
3: Chittenden County Regional Planning Council - Winooski, Vermont
4: City of Springfield - Springfield, Massachusetts
5: City of Tuscaloosa - Tuscaloosa, Alabama
6: Cumberland Region Tomorrow - Nashville, Tennessee
7: East Central Iowa Council of Governments - Cedar Rapids, Iowa
8: Greater New Orleans, Inc. - New Orleans, Louisiana
9: Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments - Henderson, North Carolina
10: Metropolitan Council - Twin Cities, Minnesota
11: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments - Washington, DC
12: Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
13: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission - Springfield, Massachusetts
14: South Central Tennessee Economic Development District - Mount Pleasant, Tennessee
15: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Commission - Pinellas Park, Florida
16: Town of Lyons - Lyons, Colorado
17: Two Rivers-Ottawauchee Regional Commission - Woodstock, Vermont
18: Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission - Lebanon, New Hampshire
19: Windham Regional Commission - Brattleboro, Vermont
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