

Financing Urban Resilience through Land Value Capture

Online Conference to be held on 9 July 2021

Call for Contributions

Deadline: 15 May 2021

Making cities more resilient to climate change and natural disasters, and in the process helping them to improve their social and economic resilience, is a major challenge of our time. A large and complicated aspect of urban resilience is the financing question: *How are cities expected to finance the various hard and soft measures needed to prepare for (and recover from) climate change impacts and disasters, and what role can land-based finance play in that?*

This one-day online conference, organized by IHS/Erasmus University Rotterdam, focuses on a promising financing opportunity for local governments worldwide, namely instruments of land value capture (LVC) and their role in helping cities pay for local resilience.

Capturing increments in land values—through such measures as land and property taxes, public land leasing, trading of density rights and land readjustment—has long been a key strategy that has helped cities in developed countries fund their local infrastructure and public goods and amenities and to correct distortions in land markets.

The challenge is now to expand the use of LVC in cities in the developing world. The importance of LVC instruments for local governments is increasing as central government financing comes under strain from fiscal pressures and cities will have to turn more to local funding sources. External shocks, such as the current pandemic and natural disasters, are exacerbating this trend.

This conference brings together researchers, scholars, experts, and policymakers working on resilience and global climate adaptation for a full day of discussion and presentations on the interaction between land-based finance and urban resilience.

The focus of the conference will be on financing resilience in relation to climate change, but special attention will also be paid to social and economic aspects of resilience, which are intertwined with local capacities to adapt to environmental change.

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Themes

The conference will address the following themes, via panel sessions featuring roundtable discussions and debates, panel discussions and case study presentations:

a. Innovative land-based finance instruments and challenges

What are the concepts and applications of land-based finance instruments and land value capture instruments? What are the challenges of LVC in the context of resilience, including institutional capacity, awareness, legal framework, and politics?

b. Resilience strategies and financing challenges

What are the main resilience strategies employed in cities in response to climate change and/or natural disasters? What are sources of private and public revenues? How are the different urban actors involved? How can the idea of co-benefits help to finance resilience measures?

c. Land-based instruments to finance resilience and case studies

What role can land-based financing play in building resilience in cities? What best practices exist and what can be learned from them? What are the drivers and constraints to their wider use?

d. Transition to land-based financing for resilience

What recommendations and next steps can be envisioned to promote greater use of land-based financing, with a special focus on cities in the global South? What is required from different urban actors to address resilience financing?

Format and partners

In response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 global crisis, the Conference will be held in an online format. The programme of this conference is interactive, including panel discussions, Masterclasses, and keynote lectures. The morning and afternoon parallel sessions will follow the same format. Masterclasses will be provided by experts and will be repeated in the morning and afternoon to accommodate participants from different time zones. The material to be discussed in the Masterclasses will be tailored to specific time zone regions.

Key-note speakers and moderators will be announced soon. The conference is organized with the contribution of key international organizations. The conference is part of the **Executive Course on Transitions to Land-Based Finance** of IHS/Erasmus University. For more information on this course, visit: <https://www.ihs.nl/en/course/executive-course-transitions-land-based-financing>

Tentative programme: 9 July 2021

9:00-10:00 Opening Ceremony with Key-note speaker

10:00-11:15 Parallel Session 1 – Open for abstract submission!

- a. Roundtable discussion and debate
- b. Panel discussion
- c. Case Studies: Asia, Africa, Europe

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30- 12:30 IHS Masterclasses – morning session

12:30-13:00 Break

13:00- 14:15 Plenary session with Key-note speaker

14:15-14:30 Break

14:30-15:45 Parallel Session 2 - Open for abstract submission!

- a. Roundtable discussion and debate
- b. Panel discussion
- c. Case Studies: Latin America, Africa, Europe

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 IHS Masterclasses – afternoon session

17:30 -18:00 Closing Ceremony

18:00- 18:30 Online networking

All time are expressed in Central European Summer Time (CEST).

Submission of abstracts and proposal for contributions

We are now inviting submissions for abstracts for the IHS **Financing Urban Resilience through Land Value Capture** Conference. IHS invites you to review the collection of themes listed above (see page 2) and to submit an abstract on how you would like to be involved. Any contribution is welcome, including abstracts of case studies, ongoing or past research, or opinion pieces. Submission details should include:

- Title of the theme to which you are interested to contribute (see page 2)
- Name of parallel session (1 or 2) which you would like to join
- Title of your contribution

- Name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Contact details of the presenter
- Abstract of max. 200 words describing the preferred format and content of your contribution
- List of max. 5 keywords

Important! Abstracts should be submitted by **15 May 2021**, in **English**. Please submit your abstract to Ms. Francesca Vanelli (vanelli@ihs.nl). IHS will review all submissions and will send a notification on the acceptance of abstracts by the end of May. Please note that the conference will be hosted online.

Masterclasses

The **Financing Urban Resilience through Land Value Capture** Conference Masterclasses will take place both at 11:30 CEST and at 16:00 CEST. Please register for the time of your preference. Each Masterclass will be open for 20 participants maximum.

Masterclasses	Description
Innovative land value capture instruments	To be confirmed
Financing adaptation through co-benefit strategies for resilience: examples and lessons thus far	To be confirmed

Registration

Registration for the conference is open now and will close on **25 June 2021**. Registration will be via a link to be opened on the IHS website (to be disseminated shortly). Participation in the conference is **free of charge**. The fee for the Masterclasses is 20 Euros per person.