

# International Conference on Building Resilience

Interdisciplinary approaches to disaster risk reduction, and the development of sustainable communities and cities

Heritance Kandalama, Sri Lanka, 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011

## Background

With growing population and infrastructures, the world's exposure to hazards – of natural and man-made origin – is inevitably increasing. This reality reinforces the need to proactively consider disaster risk as a part of the sustainable development agenda. The International Conference on Building Resilience will encourage debate on individual, institutional and societal coping strategies to address the challenges associated with disaster risk. The conference will be held in Sri Lanka, a country subject to several large scale disasters in recent years, including the 2004 Tsunami and a civil war spanning several decades. It provides an ideal setting to explore the challenge of creating resilient communities and cities.

## Key Dates:

Extended abstract deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Full paper submission: 18th February 2011

Camera-ready paper: May 2011

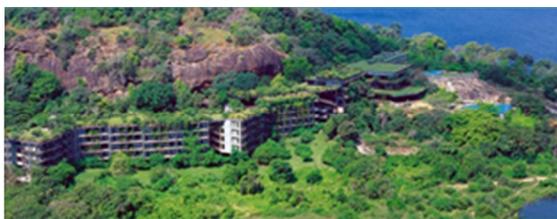
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## Conference Themes

- Risk assessment and monitoring
- Detection, warning and evacuation
- Infrastructure planning and design
- Project management
- Sustainable housing
- Public health
- Disaster preparedness and response
- National and local governance
- Poverty and economic support
- Resilient livelihoods
- Social protection and vulnerability
- Development and planning
- Social support processes
- People, displacement and security
- Conflict affected communities
- Community engagement and development
- Inter-disciplinary working and partnerships
- Physical and social integration
- Disaster research methodologies
- Transition between relief and recovery
- Resettlement
- Communication and Engagement for Community Safety
- Post-disaster reconstruction: The role of NGOs
- Health aspects of disaster relief preparation, management, and outcomes
- Social vulnerability and vulnerability assessments, displacement and relocation
- Community organizing
- Displaced people re-settlement
- Post-conflict entrepreneurship
- Enterprise Emergence
- Social Capacity Building in War-torn Areas
- Development and Post-conflict Reconstruction
- Dynamics of conflicts and disasters
- Social support processes for survivors



## Venue

The conference will be held at the Heritance Kandalama Hotel. Occupying a most unique site in the cultural triangle's heartland the Geoffrey Bawa designed Hotel is flanked by two UNESCO world heritage sites - the 1st Century BC Dambulla rock temple and the 5th Century AD Sigiriya rock fortress.

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## Conference Chairs:

Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga

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For abstract submission details and other information about the conference, refer to the conference website:

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