

# Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Royal Town Planning Institute



### **Stakeholder Information**

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### AC Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) commits to provide the Global Alliance access to professional built environment expertise through the United Kingdom Built Environment Advisory Group (UKBEAG) which comprises professional planning, architectural and engineering institutes. The RTPI's particular area of expertise is planning and therefore it commits to provide access specifically to trained and experienced planners to the Global Alliance via the UKBEAG alongside its architectural and engineering partners.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

# 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

#### Joined-up humanitarian-development analysis and planning towards collective outcomes

In 2017 the The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) has continued to provide the United Kingdom (UK) government departments with access to professional built environment expertise through the United Kingdom Built Environment Advisory Group (UKBEAG) which comprises the professional planning, architectural and engineering institutes. In 2017 we have provided the Foreign and Commonwealth Office with a roster of professionals based in the Caribbean to help recover from the hurricanes Irma and Maria and so that they could engage in a public/private forum on building back better and longer-term recovery and reconstruction. This had a particular focus on the three UK Overseas Territories worst hit by Hurricane Irma (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos).

## 2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

 $\blacksquare$  Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

## B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

The RTPI, is informally keeping track of the occasions in which built environment expertise for building back better is sought by the partners and UK government departments and of the occurrences in which this leads to the inclusion of longer term development objectives in immediate crisis response objectives.

# 3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- ☑ Funding amounts
- Human resources/capacity
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  Strengthening national/local systems

## 4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

In 2018, the RTPI has decided to start a chiefly in-house research endeavour on resilience and capacity building in one or more rapidly urbanising or vulnerable areas in the Commonwealth, with a focus on areas affected by extreme climate events. We are building partnerships for the project and we are shaping it so that a capacity-building project can be designed based on the research's findings.

#### Keywords

Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian-development nexus, Urban











### **Initiative Reports**

#### **Global Alliance for Urban Crises :**

#### What concrete actions have you taken in support of the initiative.

In 2017 the The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) has continued to provide the Global Alliance for Urban Crises (GA UC) access to professional built environment expertise in its particular area of expertise: planning. The Institute has com mitted to provide access specifically to trained and experienced planners to the Global Alliance for Urban Crises appointi ng two of its members to take part in the GAUC's working groups.

The RTPI has appointed one member to work in the GAUC's working group 2 (Urban Expertise), and one in working gro up 4 (Urban Resilience). The Institute's International Office is supporting working group 1 (Urban Profiling and Coordinati on) and offering advice to working group 3 (Urban Displacement).