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Dear Colleagues and Partners,

On behalf of the City of Venice and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) we have the honor of inviting you to participate in the event "*Building Cities Resilience to Disasters: Protecting Cultural Heritage and Adapting to Climate Change*" which will be held in Venice, Doge's Palace, St Mark's Square, on 19-20 March 2012.


This event will examine the key role played by disaster risk reduction measures towards the protection of cultural heritage by exploring climate change adaptation policies and plans at local level. It will seek to facilitate the sharing of good practices by Cities through direct exchange.

In addition to a poster session, the event offers other cultural activities including a visit by boat to the tide barriers construction site in the Venice lagoon (MOSE).

We look forward to welcoming you in Venice on 19-20 March 2012. We would appreciate if you could kindly confirm your attendance to Ms. Rosa Abruzzese (abruzzo@un.org) by Tuesday 7 February 2012.

Yours sincerely,


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