

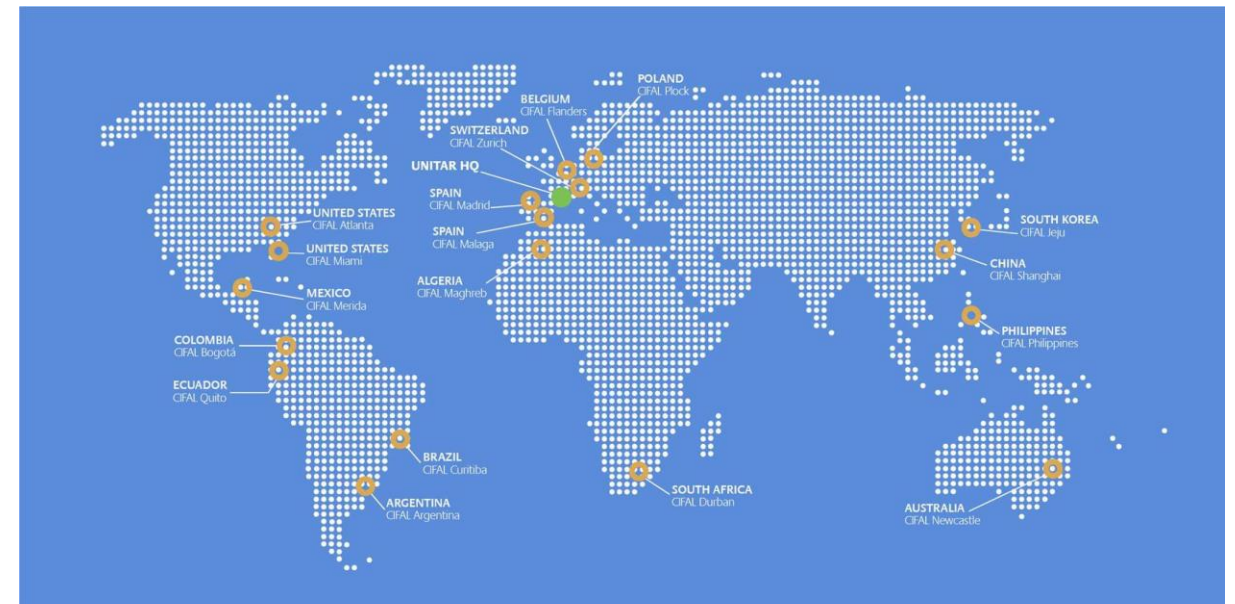
Capacity Building for Authorities and Leaders

CIFAL Newcastle, Sendai, and the SDGs

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- What is it?
 - Part of UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
 - International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders



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- What does it do?
 - Capacity building
 - Public and private sectors, and across civil society
 - DRR Sendai framework
 - UNISDR “Making Cities Resilient”, and “Business continuity planning”
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - UNITAR “Awareness and integration of SDGs”



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- How does it do it?
 - Postgraduate coursework programs
 - Graduate Certificate in DRR
 - Master of Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development
 - Undergraduate courses
 - Incorporation of SDGs into undergraduate programmes across the built environment
 - SDG-related elective for any undergraduate student
 - Seminars and short course training
 - For public and private sector organisations
 - For community leaders



Challenges: New Urban Agenda

- Lack of clarity as to which government silos claim
 - Disaster Risk Reduction (AG's Department?)
 - Sustainable Development (DFAT?)
 - New Urban Agenda (local authorities?)
- Are silos even “fit for purpose?”
 - New Urban Agenda solutions are necessarily multidisciplinary
 - Problems are contested (“right to the city” even for the informal? 50%+ global population is urban; 25% of urban population is informal; informal as affordable?)
- What if there are no silos
 - Developing countries

Solution

- Empowered and knowledgeable graduates
- Capable of joined up thinking
- Challenge norms and familiar thinking
- Creative problem-solvers



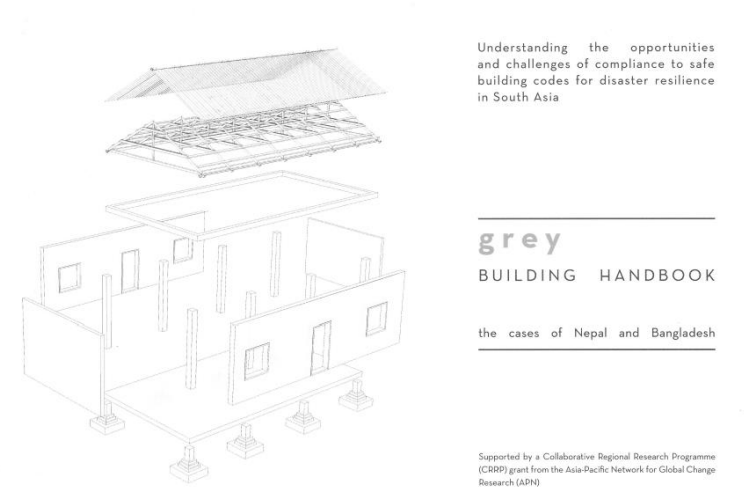
Outcomes: leaders of the future

- Postgraduate training
 - Applying disaster resilience principles to real world contexts through strategic planning e.g. Understanding informal occupation settlements in Arequipa City, Peru
 - Applying NUA principles to urban renewal projects e.g. understanding the role of “place” and “place making” in creating urban resilience



Outcomes: policy and practice

- Understanding the opportunities and challenges of compliance to safe building codes for disaster resilience
- Capacity building workshops in local areas
- “Grey” building handbook for informal builders



Outcomes: community resilience

- Training of trainers in Fiji (female police officers)
- To train women in remote and rural communities as resilience leaders
- Includes audit of buildings and community layout, together with good practice training



Thank you