



# “The City, Climate Change and Vulnerability : Leveraging Law for Climate Resilience”

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The South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES) in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and UN-Habitat are co-hosting a virtual colloquium to unite different voices on the challenges and opportunities that climate change pose for cities and vulnerable communities in Africa and beyond. Urbanization and climate change may be the two most important trends to shape global development in the decades ahead. On the one hand, cities have the potential to serve as engines of change, driving economic growth and addressing inequalities. On the other hand, climate change could undercut all of this, by exacerbating resource scarcity and putting vulnerable communities at risk from hazards such as sea level rise, droughts and storms.

It is for these reasons, that cities are expected to integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation in urban and territorial development and planning processes. This can be achieved through enabling legal frameworks supported by long and short term planning, skills, resources, capacity and knowledge.

It is against this backdrop that the **2020 Urban Law Day – Virtual Colloquium** brings together lawyers, academics, local government practitioners, researchers and natural scientists to critically deliberate the strengths and weaknesses of the strategies and legal interventions that cities from different parts in the world currently employ to become more climate change-ready including addressing community vulnerability.

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