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Flourishing Communities and Inclusive Cities

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Observing *Urban October*

The IHC salutes and thanks all of the many organizations and governments that have observed Urban October, a month dedicated by the UN to draw attention to cities and urban spaces. For more information about all of the many activities that have taken place over the past month consider viewing the official Urban October website [here](#), or following the twitter hashtag [#urbanoctober](#).

Webinar - Urban Resilience in an Era of Climate Change

In a world threatened by climate change and other large-scale disruptions, cities must be resilient to survive and thrive. But what does that mean, exactly? What characteristics do resilient cities share, and what can be done to cultivate them?

This week the Security and Sustainability Forum, in partnership with Abt Associates and Island Press hosted a webinar focusing on the meaning of resilient cities, and what this lens of thinking means for the practical day-to-day management of cities.

The webinar was recorded and can be viewed [here](#). Presentations from the webinar can be downloaded [here](#).

World Bank-Coursera Class: Financing for Development

2015 is a critical year for development. Leaders from around the world adopted a global 2030 development agenda in September that will require trillions of dollars to accomplish over the next 15 years. This magnitude of financing will surpass the current capacities of governments and international donors, and will require investments of all kinds: public and private, national and international.

Please join the World Bank for an 4-week online course hosted by Coursera that will familiarize participants with public and private solutions to financing the new global development agenda. The class will be split into two sections, one for those seeking general awareness of the subject and one for development specialists wanting a more in-depth discussion.

Find more information about the class and register with Coursera [here](#).

AHI/Harvard Conference: Cuba Facing Forward

The thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations is creating space for dramatic change and improvement in Cuba's economy, society, and built environment. With this new mobility will come tremendous opportunity to revitalize Cuba's economy and improve the lives of Cubans, as well as many challenges.

Please join the Affordable Housing Institute and the Harvard Graduate School of Design for a one-day conference to inspire multi-disciplinary, forward-thinking discussion on the transition in US-Cuba relations and the effects this will have on Cuba's built and natural environments.

WHEN: November 14th 9am - 6pm

WHERE: Cambridge, Massachusetts

William James Hall, Room B-1, Harvard University

Find more information and register for the conference [here](#).

In the News and Around the Web

- Read a Devex interview with the Director of the McKinsey Global Institute James Manyika calling urbanization one of the great "disruptive forces" changing the global economy [here](#).
- Read an article on a new World Bank grant to Ethiopia focusing on increasing urban food security systems [here](#).

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