

SHELTER ACADEMY 2021

Eleventh Annual Edition



WHEN ? WHERE?

The Academy will consist of 2 parts:

23-24 November 2021

digital

6-7-8 April 2022

live in the Netherlands
(Amsterdam, Rotterdam)

TARGET AUDIENCE

The 2021 Shelter Academy is targeting high-level city officials, including:

- **Mayors**
- **Senior level decision makers**
- **Policy makers**

from mid-sized municipalities in the **Africa, Latin America, Asia & Pacific** regions.

It is anticipated that participants will act as 'multipliers within their own organizations and regions, communicating best practices and key lessons learned from the Academy to colleagues and counterparts.

The Academy aims to host a limited number of participants. No facilities will be provided for others than the invited participants.

The official language of the Academy will be English.

WHAT IS THE SHELTER ACADEMY?

The Shelter Academy is an annual event, now in its eleventh year, run in partnership by Arcadis and UN-Habitat. The Academy will provide leading cities from around the world with balanced approaches to realizing the goal of sustainable development by sharing expertise and know-how through South-South and North-South exchange.

By focusing on the needs of senior local government officials and political leaders, the Academy will seek to impart knowledge and understanding of key trends – as well as the tools and solutions needed for responding effectively to urban challenges – while supporting practical development measures that address the needs urban citizens.

In 2021, the Academy aims to increase knowledge of and improve responses to issues related to **Urban Resilience in a context of Climate Change**.



"The Shelter Academy provided me with the opportunity to exchange experience with my peers and acquire practical knowledge from the work and projects being implemented in Rotterdam and Amsterdam. I certainly recommend it to my fellow mayors"

Mr. Bharat Dangar, Mayor of Vadodara, India

THE 2021 EDITION OF THE ACADEMY

Urban resilience in the context of Climate Change

Globally, cities are vulnerable to severe impacts from a range of shocks and stresses. Today, cities and city inhabitants are facing additional and amplified challenges as a result of climate change and rapid urbanization. Taking into account that 50% of the population already lives in cities and that, by 2050, this figure is expected to reach the 70%, there is a pressing need for new tools and approaches that strengthen local administrations and citizens, as well as their capacity to face new challenges and to better protect human, economic and natural assets of our towns and cities. Especially considering the recent pandemic COVID-19, disparities within cities have become clearly visible, while cities are vital to our resilience.

A city resilient to climate change is a city that assesses, plans and acts to prepare for and respond to all hazards, either sudden or slow onset, expected or unexpected. By doing so, cities are better able to protect and enhance people's lives, secure development gains, foster an investible environment and drive positive change.

Participants of the 2021 Shelter Academy will provide case studies from their own cities, which will form the basis of the practical sessions. Participants will learn from each other as well as benefit from the support of both Arcadis and UN-Habitat's network of experts who will support the identification and design of priority actions.



THE PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE (TENTATIVE)

PART 1 - 23/24 NOVEMBER 2021 DIGITAL

Day 1 - Tuesday 23 November (1-4pm CET)

- Introduction of the participants
- Presentations of Arcadis & UN-Habitat
- Case Studies presentation

Day 2 - Wednesday 24 November (1-4pm CET)

- Webinar
- One-on-one session with the mentors
- Closing

PART 2 - 6/7/8 APRIL 2022 LIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Day 1 - Wednesday 6 April - Amsterdam & Rotterdam

- Presentation of a Water Board & Field trip to Scheveningen
- Recap on the cases studies

Day 2 - Thursday 7 April - Rotterdam

- Presentation of the municipality of Rotterdam, field trip
- One-on-one sessions with the experts from Arcadis

Day 3 - Friday 8 April - Rotterdam & Amsterdam

- Visit at a housing and urban development institute
- Discussion about the next steps and closing

HOW TO ENROLL?

Complete your full application online, using [this link](#), by **October 8th 2021**.

The participation to the Shelter Academy is sponsored by Arcadis. Therefore, participants are required to attend the full programme (part 1 and part 2).

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