Call for Presentations

Earthquake Preparedness and Recovery within the Frame of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the World: Are Building Codes the Ultimate Solution?

Objective: This Forum will call for presentations that address the different programs in Earthquake Preparedness, Earthquake Recovery and DRR and how they interact with building regulations, codes and standards, and their enforcement around the world to save lives and preserve property.

Description: As DRR has been mainstreaming into development projects in hazard-prone countries, building code enforcement has been considered within the implementation component of these projects. To reduce the losses of human life and property caused by the inevitable natural hazards as they impact the build environment, governments and world institutions around the globe are increasingly taking preventive measures to help reduce these risks. The Global Forum will focus on how DRR is achieved through Earthquake Preparedness and/or Earthquake Recovery programs in different countries as the participants will present the characteristics of such programs as well as challenges and successes of their implementation, and how these affect the building regulations and are shaping the regulatory ecology in their countries.

Participation: To participate in this Forum, please send a one-page abstract for a 20-minute presentation addressing the following:

- A description of the program or programs related to the topic and the impact on building regulations of your community, country or region.
- How the implementation of these programs in your community, country or region have impacted disaster mitigation efforts or what is the projected impact if not yet implemented;
- What are the challenges that these programs face when implemented in your community, country or region;
- Propose solutions or pose questions to be further addressed to overcome these challenges.

Please send abstracts by July 31, 2015 to aherrera@icc-safe.org or nlibby@icc-safe.org or call 562 699-0541 ext. 3226 for more information.