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## Strategic Planning for Urban Resilience in Local Government

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In the beginning of the 2nd Millennium, we have entered in the century of globalization, in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) environment, (Bennet-Lemoine, 2014), that affects and influences the functioning of public administration and local government. Heads of administrative units are called to plan strategically in advance, to manage expectations of different stakeholders and different mentalities of civil servants, work with systemic conflict, run effectively their unit and at the same time transform it. There is a need for new methodologies and systems that with a multivariable approach and advanced technologies will be able to meet the new challenges effectively in order to increase urban resilience in Local Government.

Blockchain technology can become a key mechanism for strategic planning advancing at the same time systemic resilience of Central & Local Government Services and responsiveness to the citizen's needs. Modern technology allows people to communicate and interact directly with the use of voice, video calls, emails, messages etc. with the use of relevant devices. Blockchain technology comes to radically upgrade this sequence as it provides an open and decentralized database to any transaction that contains value such as certificates, money, goods, labor etc.

The Local Government authorities today have an imperative need to:

- Enhance methodologies of Strategic Planning to enhance long-term strategic visions;
- Policy making facing the complexity of the multidimensional administrative environment;
- Delivering policies in line to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN;
- Promote Digital Transformation in local government administrative services;
- Introduce Blockchain Technology for systemic interaction;
- Develop Urban Resilience mechanisms regarding people and infrastructure;
- Be ready to maintain persistency of service dependability in the face of forthcoming riskful or threatening events.

All these are research questions to address the key issue of 'Strategic Planning for Urban Resilience in Local Government', with the submission of papers, presentations or posters. Functioning in an Environment of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity & Ambiguity the combination of Strategic Planning with Blockchain Technology could enhance Urban Resilience

and function positively in the facing of complex challenges from Central & Local Government in favor of the citizens.

## Practicalities

- Submissions should be made in English or Arabic.
- The call-for-papers and panels will remain open until November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by December 15.
- Full papers will be expected by January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The conference will take place on February 6-9, 2023, in the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (SEAPP) of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, in Qatar. The PhD symposium will take place on February 6; all plenary and parallel sessions on the themes, proposals and panels will be scheduled on February 7-9.

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