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Building Resilience in Willemstad, Curaçao, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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Challenges in Urban Resilience

"...ferent groups of people with ... and interests could share the ...rhood without interacting."

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Case study: Ser'i Otrobanda

Building Community Resilience through **Social Entrepreneurship**

- **Kaya Kaya Festival**
- **Hofi Ser'i Otrobanda**

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Social Preneurship: *Kaya Kaya Festival*

Economical
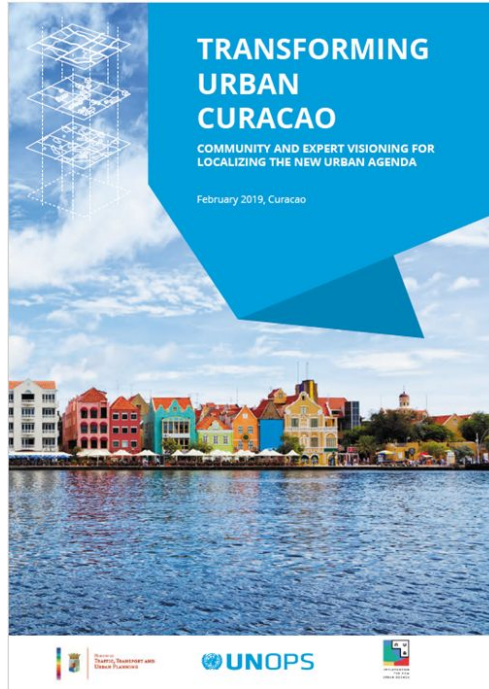
To help existing businesses inside and outside the district flourish and empower the community to create new opportunities.

https://www.kayakayafestival.com/

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Climate & Food: *Hofi Ser'i Otrobanda*

Strategy for Resilient Communities

Key Take Away…

Resilient Communities

Resilient Economy

Increase Resilience

Resilient Biodiversity

Curaçao will be resilient to the impacts of natural hazards and the loss of biodiversity

"Limits to adaptation are not fixed, but are properties of dynamic socio-ecological systems. They are shaped not only by the magnitude of the climate hazards and the exposure to vulnerability to those hazards, but also by physical, infrastructural and **social tolerance**…"

~IPCC

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Extra information

Strategy for Willemstad

Transformational projects to kickstart the urban transformation of Curaçao

Enhanced Culture

Build on diverse identities within the inner city

Connectivity, Sustainability & Resilience

- Facilitate access to the Inner city and enhance the shades and scenery along its paths
- Improve public transport system
- Make coastline protective and accessible

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Stimulate local economy

Restore Punda as the beating heart of the Inner city

Increase housing opportunities

- Improve living conditions in Scharloo
- Revitalize Otrobanda

Strategy:

Attract more people in the Inner city and prevent urban sprawl

Key Messages to Transform Urban Curaçao

Connection to Sustainable Development Goals

Understanding the Bigger picture:
Proposed Integrated Strategic Development Plan

Strategic Development Plan (Structuurvisie) consists of:

- Urban Core (purple)
- Suburban City-Region (yellow)
- Rural towns (green)
- Hierarchy of nodes connecting the urban, suburban and rural

Next steps:

Develop a strategic overlay over the island development plan (EOP) to be able to guide developments in the different zones according to their own needs and plans but also according to the overall function of those zones in the total Curacao space.

The strategic overlay could function as a **longer term**, **flexible guidance** for refining and detailing the development projects in the different EOP land-use zones. At the same time, it will **reinforce the cohesion of the island's places**, spaces and flows.

Urban-Core City
1 Inner-City
2 Coastal-City
3 Harbour/Ring-City

Suburban City-Region
4 Outer-City
5 Edge-City
6 Airport/Univer-City
7 Resort-City
8 Tera Cora Ribbon

Rural-Natural
9 Barber-Town
10 Banda'bou-Villages
11 Eastern Villages
12 Eastern & Klein Curacao

Island Development Plan (EOP)

Hierarchy of nodes

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