Dana Omran named 100 Resilient Cities MD for Africa

Dana Omran has been appointed managing director for Africa at 100 Resilient Cities (100RC).

Until recently, Omran served as associate director, city and practice management at 100RC, overseeing the strategy development process in North and East Africa, and Paris, France. In her new role, Omran will lead the organisation's strategic vision in the region, and spearhead a new wave of action in the 100RC African portfolio.

Dana Omran, MD for Africa, 100 Resilient Cities

"Some of the fastest rates of urbanisation over the next 30 years are expected to take place in Sub-Saharan Africa," said Omran. "This represents an enormous opportunity to infuse resilience thinking in urban centres small and large across the continent. From informal development to water insecurity, waste management to unemployment, applying an urban resilience lens has been proven to yield multiple benefits through singular but holistic interventions."

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Exceptional leadership

Announcing Omran's appointment, Michael Berkowitz, president of 100RC, said, "During her tenure at 100 Resilient Cities, Dana has demonstrated exceptional leadership, decision-making ability, and both global and regional acumen.

"We are excited to see the great potential of the Africa region unfurl under her leadership, and expect to welcome a new cohort of both skilled chief resilience officers and actionable city resilience strategies over the coming year."

Omran joined 100RC two years ago after almost a decade at the World Bank and International Finance Corporation, bolstering her policy and finance background through advisory roles to national and city governments. In particular, she worked with municipalities across the Middle East and Africa to improve service delivery to businesses and private citizens through technology solutions and regulatory reform.

In her previous role as associate director for 100RC, Omran led the city of Paris to a successful resilience strategy unveiling in October 2017, highlighted by a historic agreement between the French Rural Mayors Association and the Greater Paris Metropolitan Authority to cooperatively implement resilience initiatives at the metropolitan scale.

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