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I, Tajamul Hussain, write in response to my recent participation in a student exchange program under the URGENT project at the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania, Italy. The program ran from November 20, 2023 to December 4, 2023, and I found it to be an invaluable experience. The training provided was comprehensive and skillfully adapted to meet the urban resilience and adaptation challenges faced by various countries. The University of Catania offered a unique learning style, equipped with state-of-the-art materials and facilities that greatly enhanced the learning experience with Faculty members who were not only knowledgeable but also incredibly helpful, providing insights that deep in the complex mechanisms of urban transformation. The design of the program allowed for a balance between theoretical expertise and practical application. Lectures, and hands-on activities provided a comprehensive understanding of urban resilience, and collaborative activities encouraged meaningful interaction with peers from diverse backgrounds. The opportunity to interact with international experts and colleagues has broadened my horizons and deepened my appreciation of the global nature of urban transformation issues. The experience greatly enhanced my academic and professional development, and gave me practical skills and insights that I look forward to using in future jobs.



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