

Side Event: City Diagnostic Tool – Measuring Readiness for the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	UN Global Compact Cities Programme RMIT University, Centre for Urban Research, Australia Rotorua Lakes Council, New Zealand
DATE/TIME	26 July, 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
VENUE	Crystal 4
DESCRIPTION	<p>Cities are increasingly understood as the foci for solving many of our contemporary challenges (environmental, development related, governance) emphasizing that cities need to be inclusive, sustainable and resilient. But what underpins the process of decision-making and urban planning for improving liveability?</p> <p>Frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 11) and the Ten Principles of the Global Compact represent internationally determined models to guide city development. However, it is challenging for local governments, businesses, communities and citizens to keep track of the progress made in pursuit of these goals. The adoption of the New Urban Agenda at UN-Habitat III will act as an important organizing opportunity for cities, but will also add another layer of complexity.</p> <p>The City Scan, an online diagnostic tool developed by the UN Global Compact Cities Programme, allows local governments to rapidly put together a holistic perspective of the challenges facing their city and to identify key strategic responses in terms of policies, plans and programmes. Under the current design, the City Scan is completed by a group local councilors and officials from key departments as a perception survey on 157 issues in 22 categories that relate closely to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact across the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.</p> <p>This side-event will present the results of the City Scan pilot survey of 19 signatory cities to the UN Global Compact undertaken in 2015. It will compare the City Scan approach with other diagnostic tools. The presentation will include details of the Rotorua Lakes Council City Scan and the follow-up related action research activities.</p>

