The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF) and the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) are organizing an open consultation to involve their respective members in the High Level Meeting on the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the positioning of UN-Habitat convened by the President of the General Assembly on 5-6 September 2017. The consultation is also aiming for being an informal hearing on stakeholders’ inputs to the Report of the High Level Independent Panel to Assess and Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat.

Speakers include members of the GTF’s delegation of more than 40 mayors and high level leaders of local and subnational authorities, GAP’s delegation of representatives from its 16 Partner Constituent Groups,1 and other concerned parties. The anticipated outcomes of this meeting are a demonstration of support for the report bounded by a series of questions as yet unanswered in the document.

Representatives of Member States, subnational and local governments, United Nations agencies and civil society are welcome to attend.

PROGRAMME

1:15 p.m.  
Opening Remarks/Importance of the New Urban Agenda
President of the General Assembly (invited)
Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador (invited)

1:20 p.m.  
Welcome
Josep Roig, Secretary General of UCLG World Secretariat
Eugenie Birch, GAP President

1:25 p.m.  
Urban at the Center of Development
Shipra Narang Suri, Vice President of GAP, Moderator
Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLGA
Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Mayor of Penang Island
Catarina Vaz Pinto, Councilor of Lisbon
Inés Sanchez de Madariaga, Professor, Universidad Politécnica, Madrid, co-Chair, Research and Academia GAP PCG
Luis Miguel Artieda, Manager, Peru, Avina Foundation, co-Chair, Foundations and Philanthropies GAP PCG
Danielle Grossenbacher, Brown Harris Stevens, co-chair, Business and Industry GAP PCG

1:50 p.m. Partnerships at the Center of Urban
Emilia Saiz, Deputy Secretary General, UCLG, Moderator
Frederic Vallier, Secretary General of CEMR-CCRE
Yunus Arikan, Head, Global Policy and Advocacy, Global Services, ICLEI-World Secretariat
Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda, Mayor of Libreville, UCLG Vice-President
Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor of Kitchener, UCLG Treasurer
Mildred Crawford, Caribbean Network of Rural Women Producers (Jamaica), co-Chair, Farmers GAP PCG
Joyati Das, Sr. Director, Urban Programmes Initiative, World Vision, co-Chair, Children and Youth GAP PCG
Nicolas Buchoud, President, Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development, co-Chair, Professionals GAP PCG
Katherine Kline, S.E.R.R. co-Chair Older Persons GAP PCG

2:30 p.m. Conclusion and Group Photo