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United Nations Conference on
Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
Quito (17-20 October 2016)


Official meetings

Thursday, 20 October 2016

General Assembly

United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

10:00 to 13:00

7th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

1. Election of officers other than the President [item 5]
2. General debate [item 8] (continued)

Statement by His Excellency Sergio Amaya, Minister for Housing and Human Settlements of Honduras

Bangladesh

Ghana

Haiti

League of Arab States

International Civil Aviation Organization

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

United Nations Population Fund

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

United Nations Human Settlements Programme

International Telecommunication Union

International Labour Organization

World Meteorological Organization

United Nations Global Compact

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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
 United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation
 Representatives of local authorities
 Representatives of non-governmental organizations

Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to five minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to habitat3conference@un.org, as well as to habitat3secretariat@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#) Agora Room

1. Round-table sessions [item 9]
 - Report by the Co-Chairs of the round tables
2. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee ([A/CONF.226/8](#)) [item 7 (b)]
3. Adoption of the final outcome of the Conference ([A/CONF.226/L.1](#)) [item 10]
4. Adoption of the report of the Conference ([A/CONF.226/L.2](#) and [A/CONF.226/L.3](#)) [item 11]
5. Closure of the Conference [item 12]

High-level round-table 6  [\[webcast\]](#)

10:00 to 13:00 Teatro Nacional

"Financing Sustainable Urban Development"

Co-Chairs:

His Excellency Denis Kellman, Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, Barbados

Her Excellency Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

Moderator:

Mrs. María Soledad Barrera, President of the National financial Corporation, Ecuador

Panellists:

His Excellency Diéne Farba Sarr, Minister of Urban Renovation and Environment, Senegal

His Excellency Cezar-Radu Soare, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania

Her Excellency Elsa Noguera, Minister of Housing, City and Territory, Colombia

Mr. Mauricio Rodas, Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Quito, Ecuador

Interactive discussion

The high-level round-tables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, and each will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 15 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations, up to six representatives of local authorities and up to six representatives of major groups and other relevant stakeholders. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The high-level round-table sessions will aim to achieve a balance between speakers from participating States and stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions *should not exceed three minutes*.

Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat Mr. Ziad Mahmassani (e-mail: mahmassani@un.org), and Mr. Henry Breed (e-mail: breed@un.org) if they will be represented in a high-level round table at the level of Head of State or Government or at ministerial level.

Concept notes on the high-level round tables will be made available on the Conference website (<https://www.habitat3.org>).

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Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat, *as soon as possible*, of any changes of their level of participation in the Conference (e-mail muturi@un.org).

Programme of side events

The interactive programme of side events (on-site) to be held during the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) is available on the official Conference website ([click here](#)). Queries regarding side events should be sent to habitat3secretariat@un.org.

Press conferences

Thursday, 20 October 2016

Ground floor

Conference venue

 [\[webcast\]](#)

08:00

Briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference

13:00

Press Conference of the Secretary-General of the Conference

[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here](#)]

Announcements

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference

A letter dated 2 September 2016 from the Secretariat addressed to the Chairs of the regional groups requested the nomination of interested candidates (three candidates per regional group, except the Latin American and Caribbean States which is to nominate two candidates) for the election of Vice-Presidents of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). The Chairs of the regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so *as soon as possible*. Communications and inquires may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail: muturi@un.org).

Credentials for representatives

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), *credentials* of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, located in the Conference Services Room (next to room “R-A”) on the ground floor of the Casa de la Cultural, *as soon as possible*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

General Assembly

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 [\[archived video\]](#)

5th plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The Conference continued the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister Agriculture and the Environment of Finland; Ms. Nandita Chatterjee, Vice Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation of India; Mr. Igor Čizmek, Vice Minister of Construction and Physical Planning of Croatia; the representatives of Spain, Austria, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, El Salvador and Madagascar; His Excellency Yoav Gallant, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel; and the representatives of Brazil, the Netherlands, Timor-Leste, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Morocco, Slovenia (also on behalf of the Human Security Network), Italy, Azerbaijan, Australia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Zimbabwe.

 [\[archived video\]](#)

6th plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The Conference continued the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Prince Maele, Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services of Botswana; the representatives of the Holy See, Cyprus, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Belarus, Ethiopia, Malawi, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the United Nations Development Programme; Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (on behalf of the five United Nations Regional Commissions); Mr Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; the International Fund for Agricultural Development; the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; the United Nations Capital Development Fund; and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; Mr. Stephen Neufville, Vice Minister of International Affairs of Liberia; and the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The Conference also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: the International Alliance of Women (on behalf of the women major group); the Children and Youth International and Pax Romana (on behalf of children and youth major group); AARP (on behalf of older persons); and the Public Services International (on behalf of workers and their trade unions major group).

 [archived video]

High-level round-table 4

“Integrated Strategic Planning and Management”

The Chair of the high-level round-table 3, His Excellency Peter Eriksson, Minister for Housing and Digital Development of Sweden, opened the round-table and made a statement.

The high-level round-table 4 was moderated by Mrs. Eugenie Birch of the University of Pennsylvania, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panelists, who made statements in the following order: His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Agriculture and the Environment of Finland; Mr. Manuel Fernando Castro, Deputy Minister of Planning of Colombia, Mr. Pascal Maloi, Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Development Agency of South Africa; and Ms. Dato’ Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Seberang Perai of Malaysia.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by representatives of the following participating States: Turkey, Switzerland, the United States of America, Senegal, Barbados, Croatia, Ecuador, Madagascar.

Statements were also made by the following major groups and other relevant stakeholders: Disability inclusive and accessible urban development network; the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers; and the Cities Alliance.

The Moderator and the panelists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, His Excellency Peter Eriksson, Minister for Housing and Digital Development of Sweden, declared the high-level round-table 4 on “Integrated Strategic Planning and Management” closed.

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High-level round-table 5

“Implementing the New Urban Agenda at All Levels and with All Actors”

The Chair of high-level round-table 5, Her Excellency Gabriela Michetti, Vice President of the Argentine Republic, opened the round-table and made a statement.

High-level round-table 5 was moderated by Mr. Edgar Pieterse, South African Research Chair in Urban Policy and Director of the African Center for Cities, who also made a statement.

The floor was then offered to the panelists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Corina Cretu, Commissioner for Regional Policy of the European Union; Mr. Parks Tau, President of United Cities and Local Governments; His Excellency Yoav Gallant, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel; and Her Excellency Soledad Nuñez, Executive Secretary Minister of the Housing and Habitat National Secretariat of Paraguay.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which a statement was made by the representative of the following participating State: Germany.

Statements were made by the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations: the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following participating States: the United States of America, Cuba, Slovakia, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina and Benin.

Statements were also made by the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations: the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

The representative of the following Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders made a statement: Slum Dwellers International.

The Moderator and the panelists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, Her Excellency Gabriela Michetti, Vice President of the Argentine Republic, declared high-level round-table 5 on “Implementing the New Urban Agenda at all levels and with all actors” closed.

[*Note: The summaries of the 7th and 8th plenary meetings and the high-level round-table 6 on “Financing Sustainable Urban Development” of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development will be published in the *Journal of the United Nations*, at Headquarters.*]

General information

More details on the information below are available in document [A/CONF.226/INF.1](#).

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document [A/CONF.226/INF/1](#).

Documentation

For all conference documentation, including the Journal, please visit the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main document counter for delegations will be located at the entrance of the Teatro Nacional at the Conference venue. Distribution of official documents will be limited to one set per delegation and delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with pre-session documentation. Print-on-demand service will be provided for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

There will be no circulation of statements in hard copy. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Servicing Assistant desk in the meeting room. Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the Conference website are encouraged to e-mail their statement to the secretariat one day in advance, if possible, or at least three hours before deliver, to the following e-mail addresses: habitat3conference@un.org and habitat3secretariat@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of delegation".

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, five rooms, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of 12 participants, will be available in the main venue, on Thursday, 20 October 2016. Requests for bilateral meetings should be submitted to Tony di Lanzo (e-mail dilanzot@un.org) with subject line "BILATS". Final confirmation of all room assignments will be given the day before the meeting. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time for each meeting, and include the name and level of both delegations participating in the bilateral meeting. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services provide live and on-demand webcast coverage of the Conference. The live streaming is available in English and the original language of the speaker on the UN Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org>) and on the official conference website (<http://habitat3.org/>). The coverage includes: plenary, the high-level round-tables, press conferences and Urban Stage meetings.