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




Official meetings

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

General Assembly

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

10:00 to 13:00

3rd plenary meeting  [webcast]

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Statement by His Excellency Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister for Families, Children and Social Development of Canada

Statement by His Excellency Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States of America

Statement by His Excellency Mochamad Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia

Statement by His Excellency Vincent Mwale, Minister of Local Government and Housing of Zambia

Statement by His Excellency Francois Bausch, Minister of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of Luxembourg

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

Statement by Her Excellency Judi Wakhungu, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources of Kenya

Statement by His Excellency Atarake Nataara, Minister of Internal Affairs of Kiribati

Statement by His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Minister of Housing, Urbanism and the City of Algeria

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Statement by His Excellency Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah, Minister of Housing and Urban Policy of Morocco

Statement by Her Excellency Maria Soledad Nuñez Mendez, Minister Executive Secretary of the National Secretariat for Housing and Habitat of Paraguay

Statement by His Excellency Arjun Narsingha, Minister for Urban Development of Nepal

Statement by His Excellency Diene Farba Sarr, Minister of Urban Renewal, Habitat and Living Environment of Senegal

Statement by Her Excellency Elsa Noguera, Minister of Housing, Cities and Territories of Colombia

Statement by His Excellency Maurice Dieudonné Bonanet, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Burkina Faso

Statement by His Excellency Desmond Lee, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development of Singapore


Statement by His Excellency Win Khaing, Minister of Construction of Myanmar

Statement by Her Excellency Branca do Espírito Santo, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Angola

Statement by His Excellency Arto Aas, Minister of Public Administration of Estonia

Statement by His Excellency Mohamed Salah Arfaoui, Minister of Equipment, Housing and Spatial Planning of Tunisia

15:00 to 18:00

4th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

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

Statement by Her Excellency Eneida de Leon, Minister of Housing of Uruguay

Statement by His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fashola, Minister of Power, Works and Housing of Nigeria

Statement by Her Excellency Amal Mouloud, Minister of Housing, Town Planning and Spatial Planning of Mauritania

Statement by His Excellency David Ngarimaden Houdeingar, Minister of Territorial Development, Urban Planning and Housing of Chad

Statement by His Excellency Jan Claude Mbwentchou, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Cameroon

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Statement by Mr. Andrey Chibis, Vice Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation

Statement by Mr. Hirofumi Hanaoka, Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan

Statement by Ms. Célia Ramos, Secretary of State of Spatial Planning and Nature Conservation of Portugal

Statement by Mr. Carlos Estuardo Barillas Estrada, Vice Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing of Guatemala

Statement by Mr. Maeen Abdul Malik, Vice Minister of Public Works and Highways of Yemen

Statement by Mr. Mehmet Ceylan, Vice Minister of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey

Statement by Ms. Tone Skogen, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway

Statement by Mr. Kim Kyung Hwan, Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea

Statement by Mr. Ernst Hauri, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Housing of Switzerland

Statement by His Excellency Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of State for Housing of Uganda

Statement by Mr. Ricardo Vidal Nuñez, Vice Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Peru

Statement by Mr. Cezar Radu Soare, State Secretary at the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania

Statement by Ms. Lorna Eden, Vice Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment of Fiji

Statement by Mr. Gunther Adler, State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany

The list of speakers for the plenary meeting, “General debate”, is now open. All delegations (all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as the European Union, in its capacity as observer) wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by email (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail: muturi@un.org) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. 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.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement during the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) other intergovernmental organizations; (c) specialized agencies and related organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; (e) associate members of regional commissions; (f) local authorities; and (g) non-governmental organizations. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations, entities, associate members of regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations and interested United Nations organs may contact the Secretariat, in writing, by email (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail: muturi@un.org) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

High-level round-table 2  [\[webcast\]](#)

10:00 to 13:00

Teatro Nacional

*“Ecological, climate-resilient and disaster-responsive cities”**Co-Chairs:*

Her Excellency Maria Leonor Robredo, Vice President, Chairperson, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, the Philippines

To be confirmed

Moderator:

Mr. Aniruddha Dasgupta, Global Director of the Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, World Resources Institute (WRI)

Panellists:

Her Excellency Tone Skogen, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Norway

Mr. Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montreal, Canada

Mr. Parks Tau, President of the United Cities and Local Government (UCLG)

To be confirmed

Interactive discussion

High-level round-table 3  [webcast]

15:00 to 18:00

Teatro Nacional

*“Adequate and affordable housing”**Co-Chairs:*

His Excellency Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah, Minister of Housing and Urbanism,
Morocco

His Excellency Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, United
States of America

Moderator:

To be confirmed

Panelists:

Her Excellency Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Her Excellency Paulina Saball, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, Chile

Ms. Leilani Farha, Special Rapporteur for Housing, Office of the United Nations High
Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

To be confirmed

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**Tuesday, 18 October 2016**

Ground floor

Conference venue

 [\[webcast\]](#)


08:00

Briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference

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

Forthcoming official meetings**Wednesday, 19 October 2016****General Assembly****United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)**

10:00 to 13:00

5th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Statement by His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Agriculture and the Environment of Finland

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Statement by His Excellency Yoav Gallant, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel

Statement by Ms. Nandita Chatterjee, Vice Minister of Housing of India

Statement by Mr. Igor Čizmek, Vice Minister of Construction and Physical Planning of Croatia

Statement by Mr. Indika Bandranayake, Vice Minister of Housing of Sri Lanka

Austria

Papua New Guinea

Hungary

Seychelles

El Salvador

Madagascar

Brazil

Netherlands

Timor-Leste

Malaysia

United Republic of Tanzania


Slovenia

Italy

Azerbaijan

Australia

15:00 to 18:00

6th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Holy See

Cyprus

Tajikistan

United Arab Emirates

Syrian Arab Republic

Kazakhstan

Egypt

Belarus

Pakistan

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Zimbabwe
Ethiopia
Lebanon
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
World Bank
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
United Nations Environment Programme
International Civil Aviation Organization

High-level round-table 4 entitled “Integrated Strategic Planning and Management” will take place on Wednesday, 19 October, from 10:00 to 13:00 in the Teatro Nacional. Additional information will be made available in tomorrow’s journal.

High-level round-table 5 entitled “Implementing the New Urban Agenda at All Levels and with All Actors” will take place on Wednesday, 19 October, from 15:00 to 18:00 in the Teatro Nacional. Additional information will be made available in tomorrow’s journal.

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 inquiries 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

Monday, 17 October 2016

General Assembly

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

 [\[archived video\]](#)

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the Conference [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), in his capacity as Temporary President in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Election of the President [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Rafael Correa, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador, as President of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).

Opening statements [item 1]

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Rafael Correa, President of the Conference; His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; and His Excellency Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly.

Election of officers other than the President [item 5]

Pursuant to rule 6 of its rules of procedure, the Conference elected, by acclamation, Ecuador as *ex officio* Vice-President of the Conference.

Opening statements (continued) [item 1]

The Conference heard statements by Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the Conference; Mr. Mauricio Esteban Rodas Espinel, Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Quito, as the representative of local authorities; and Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Vice President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, and Vice President of the General Assembly of Partners of Habitat III, as the representative of the major groups and other stakeholders.

Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.226/2) [item 3]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document [A/CONF.226/2](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.226/1) [item 4]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document [A/CONF.226/1](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Election of officers other than the President [item 5]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 5.

Pursuant to rule 6 of its rules of procedure, the Conference elected, by acclamation, the following States as Vice-Presidents of the Conference:

African States: Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal;

Asia-Pacific States: the Philippines and the State of Palestine;

Eastern European States: the Czech Republic, Estonia and the Russian Federation; and

Latin America and Caribbean States: Argentina.

The Conference was informed that the election of the remaining Vice-Presidents would take place as soon as the candidates have been communicated.

Mr. Mamadou Mbodj (Senegal) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 5.

Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters [item 6]

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document [A/CONF.226/3](#).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 6.

General debate [item 8]

The Conference began the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard addresses by His Excellency Nicolás Maduro Moros, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement); His Excellency Salvador Valdes Mesa, Vice President of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba; Her Excellency Maria Leonor Robredo, Vice President and Chair of Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council of the Republic of the Philippines; and His Excellency Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Paul Dlamini, Deputy Prime Minister of Swaziland; the representative of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; following a statement made by the President of the Conference); His Excellency Isidoro Santana, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States); Her Excellency Corina Cretu, European Commissioner for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Union; and Her Excellency Rosario Robles, Minister for Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of Mexico.

 [archived video]

2nd plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Austria, China, Malawi, Mexico, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7 (a).

General debate [item 8]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 8 and continued the general debate.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Human Settlement of South Africa; His Excellency Sadat Mansoor Naderi, Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Afghanistan; Her Excellency Eglantina Gjermeni, Minister of Urban Development of Albania; His Excellency Rogelio Frigerio, Minister of Internal Affairs of Argentina; His Excellency Pascal Smet, Minister of Mobility, Public Works, Youth and Culture of Belgium; His Excellency Basim Bin Yocob Al Hamer, Minister of Housing of Bahrain; His Excellency Abbas Ahmad Akhoundi, Minister of Roads and Urban Development of the Islamic Republic of Iran; His Excellency Abdullatif Al-Alshaikh, Minister of Municipalities and Rural Affairs of Saudi Arabia; His Excellency Sami Halaseh, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Jordan; Her Excellency Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria; Her Excellency Emmanuelle Cosse, Minister of Housing and Sustainable Habitat of France; His Excellency Chen Zhenggao, Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China; His Excellency Hassan Hilal, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development of the Sudan; Her Excellency Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development of the Czech Republic; His Excellency Peter Eriksson, Minister for Housing and Digital Development of Sweden; His Excellency Saleh bin Mohammad Al-Nabit, Minister of Development Planning and Statistics of Qatar; His Excellency Rosendo Pujol Mesalles, Minister of Housing and Human Settlements of Costa Rica; Her Excellency Paulina Saball, Minister of Housing of Chile; Mr. Lukáš Parížek, State Secretary for Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia; Ms. Grete Faremo, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services; and Mr. Bony Morales, Vice Minister of Housing and Urban Development of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

 [archived video]

High-level round-table 1

“Leave no one behind: urban inclusion and prosperity”

The Co-Chair of high-level round-table 1, Her Excellency Rosario Robles Berlanga, Minister of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of Mexico, opened the round-table and made a statement. The round-table was co-chaired by His Excellency Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development of Canada, who also made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Peter Thomson, delivered introductory remarks.

High-level round-table 1 was moderated by Mr. Xavier de Souza Briggs, Vice President of the Ford Foundation, who also made a statement.

The floor was then offered to the panelists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Emmanuelle Cosse, Minister of Housing and Sustainable Habitat of France; Ms. Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona, Spain; Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations and Partnerships of the World Bank Group; and Mr. Enrique García, Executive President of the Development Bank of Latin America.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the representative of the following participating state made a statement: Argentina.

The representatives of the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations made statements: the International Organization for Migration, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations Development Programme.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following participating states: Turkey, Poland, the United States, Thailand, Germany, and the Philippines.

The representatives of the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations also made statements: the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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

The Co-Chair, His Excellency Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development of Canada, made a statement. The Co-Chair, Her Excellency Rosario Robles Berlanga, Minister of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of Mexico, made a statement and declared high-level round-table 1 on “Leave no one behind: urban inclusion and prosperity” closed.

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, from today, 17 October, to 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 will provide live and on-demand coverage of the plenary, the high-level round-tables and press conferences at <http://webtv.un.org>, in English and the original language of the speaker.
