EXPERTS

Each Policy Unit is composed by 20 experts, coming from different geographic areas and constituencies. They have been appointed by the Secretary General of the Conference, in close consultation with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, after receiving nominations from Member States and stakeholders.

The main objectives of the Policy Unit are:

// To bring together high-level expertise to explore state-of-the-art research and analysis on specific themes;

// To identify good practices and lessons learned; and

// To develop policy recommendations on particular issues regarding sustainable urban development.

Duties, and responsibilities for the policy unit experts

- Contribute with reviewing substantive documents prepared for the process of the Post-2015, and other relevant intergovernmental conferences;
- Support conducing analysis of the available data, including statistics and information in Habitat III Issue Papers, outcomes from official Regional and Thematic meetings, etc.
- Support preparation of the structure, the preliminary contents and messages of the Policy Papers at the first and second Expert Group Meetings (EGM1 and EGM2);
- Participate in meetings organized online and other virtual exchanges;
- Advise on incorporating proposed changes into the draft Policy Papers, harmonize Policy Papers and submit it to the Habitat III Secretariat.
The experts for Policy Unit 10 are (alphabetical order):

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**Director of Housing, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development**  
She holds a Master Degree in Social Sciences, Birmingham University, UK. She was a member of the National Committee on Habitat II in 1996 but currently serves as the National Coordinator of Habitat III in Uganda. She has experience and knowledge in Human Settlements, Sustainable Urban Development, Housing Development, Urban Governance, Housing Finance, Affordable Housing, Low Cost Housing, Slum Prevention, and many other areas of expertise.

**Benolt Legrand**  
**Belgian Technical Co-operation**  
He holds a PhD in 'Art de Batir et Urbanisme, Universite Catholique de Louvain-La-Neuve(UCL). 25 years of experiences in many countries for architect offices and various stakeholders including the World Bank.

**Chantana Chanond**  
**Adviser, Housing Development Studies Department, National Housing Authority**  
She holds a Master of Science in Planning from Florida State University and has been a lecturer for the Department of Urban Design, Faculty of Architecture in Bangkok, Thailand. Currently Mrs. Chanond is a consultant to the Director of Housing Development Studies Department and works in the project proposal for financial support of Lamphun Municipality on the project "Creating Livable City of Lamoang by safeguarding urban heritage". She has 30 years of experience in public housing, housing policy, land management and urban community development.

**Daniel Todtmann**  
**Director of the Department of Land Use and President of the Committee for the Protection of Townscape, Sao Paulo City**  
He holds Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Sao Paulo. Mr. Todtmann is a professor, researcher, and urban planner. He held many positions on the Government level and has vast experience in international technical cooperation, teaching and research experience.

**David Satterthwaite**  
**Senior Fellow, Human Settlements Group, International Institute for Environment and Development**  
His two recent books include Urban Poverty in the Global South; Scale and Nature (2012) and Reducing Urban Poverty in the Global South (2013). He was a co-ordinating lead author of the chapter on urban adaptation in the Fifth Assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and he is currently working with other IPCC authors on a book on how cities can combine development and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

**Daw Mie Mie Tin**  
**Director, Housing Development Division, Department of Urban and Housing Development**  
She has been appointed the Director for Housing Development Division of Department of Urban & Housing Development, Ministry of Construction, Myanmar. Prior to that, she was Deputy Director for Urban and regional planning division since 2008 and has worked in various urban development project, town planning...
and housing projects development. She started her career in Department of Urban & Housing Development, as an Architect planner soon after her graduation from Yangon Institute of Technology in Architecture. She holds master degree in Infrastructure Management program from Yokohama National University following post graduation diploma in Inner City Renewal and urban Herigate from International Housing Studies.

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She holds a PhD in Spatial Planning and Urban Design. Relative to United Nations experience she has been part of the UN-ECE Working Group from 2010 and the European Network of Housing Research (ENHR). She has also been a researcher in the field of housing and urban planning for the State Institute for Research, Design and Typification. She has 36 years of experience which include the Housing Policy Department and the Agency for Housing Development, as well as relevant experiences in the UN ECE Task Force. She has also publications about housing and residential buildings.

Felipe Correa
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Secretaire General du Ministere de l’Urbanisme et de l’habitat  
Secretary General of the Ministry of Land Development, Urban Planning and Housing of the Republic of Chad. He plays a critical role in the preparatory process for Habitat III, as chairman of the Habitat National Committee, the design of Chad’s new urban agenda and the drafting of the capital city N’Djamena’s master plan as well as many medium cities’ urban reference plans. Master degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Arlington.

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He is professor at Tsinghua University, President of Real Estate Institute of Tsinghua University. He has led and participated in a large number of study related to housing, real estate and land market. His career has always been in the field of real estate and construction. He is the Chairperson of the Specialist Committee of Housing Policy and the Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Higher Education in Real Estate Development and Management as well as Property Management under the MOHURD, a vice president of the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents, a standing committee member of China Real Estate Industry Association, a director of Asian Real Estate Society (Past President) and International Real Estate Society.

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He holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Currently he is Director at the Real Asset Research Team, KDI, Professor KDI School of Public Policy and Management and Visiting Scholar at the National University of Singapore. With 24 years of experience he has been a long term consultant at the World Bank. He worked 15 years in the Federal National Mortgage Association US (Fannie Mae). He is considered one of the top housing and urban policy experts in Korea, he has been advising and recommending real estate and housing policies for the Korean Government in the past several years. He is specialized in real estate and housing finance.

Martin Lux  
Head of the Socioeconomic of housing department, Institute of Sociology Academy of Sciences  
He holds a PhD in housing and urban studies from Delft University and has been Working in Academia since 2000. He is currently the Head of the Department at the Institute of Sociology Academy of Science of the Czech Republic. With 15 years of experience he has provided consultancies with the Ministry since 2005.
He has worked for the Government as an external consultant and was involved in the academia at several levels, from researcher to Head of the Department.

Mahmoud Al Burai
Managing Director of Dubai Real Estate Institute
He is currently serving as Managing Director of the Dubai Real Estate Institute. In addition to his government position in Dubai, he has been the Vice President of the International Real Estate Federation, FIABCI UK, since January 2011 and sits on the Board of the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (ARELLO), the International Real Estate Society (IRES) and the Middle East North Africa Real Estate Society (MENARES). He has also served as the FIABCI representative to the United Nations Economic Commission for West Asia (UNESCWA) since January 2012. Recently, he was selected to be the only member from the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region on the United Nations Global Compact/RICS steering committee mandated to apply Global Compact Principles to the real estate industry.

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Master degree in the field of Management from the Academy Administration of the Republic of Maldova. She is currently the Head of Department for Social Housing Policy and Interim Head of Housing Division. Her experience includes a Senior consultant in Architecture position at the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Republic of Moldova.

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