



HABITAT III POLICY UNIT 9
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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 conducting 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 9 are (alphabetical order):

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He is an Urban Development Planning professional who has worked in Urban Policy Planning, City Development and Management and Urban Mobility and Infrastructure Planning and Financing over the last 15 years within Ghana, Nigeria and France. He has recently worked as a visiting Professor with CNAM-France in the Rhone Alpes Region. He has a good working experience with international organizations such as the World Bank, Agence Francaise de Development, German Technical Cooperation, Cities Alliance as well as Swedish Development Organization over a period of 16 years. On policy formulations, Bernard has worked extensively in the preparation of the first ever, Urban Policy for Ghana. He worked with the German Technical Cooperation between 2006-2008 to set up the programme for the formulation of the policy. He has also worked on the City Development Strategy for Kumasi Metropolitan Authority in Ghana.

Dominiq Heron

VP of Environment and Energy Commission at ICC-French Committee

Chairman of the Environment and Energy Commission of ICC France. Former Director of Partnerships at Veolia Environment, a French company managing environmental services (water-waste-energy-transportation) with operations in 70 countries. Before joining Veolia in the early 90s, he was V.P. for Human Resources at AP- Hopitaux de Paris and previously, working for the Ministry of Interior. Born in 1948. Dominique Heron graduated from the Institute of Political Studies (Paris) and the National School of Administration. He is also a lecturer at French Ministries and academic institutions.

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She is an Architect Planner, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Master in Urban and regional planning, Urban Planning Professor and Researcher. She worked on Projects in Urban and regional Planning, Urban Management, informal settlement, Community Developments and sustainable local developments of Cultural heritage.

Jane Weru

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She is currently the Executive Director of Akiba Mashinani Trust (AMT), a nonprofit organization working on developing innovative community led solutions to housing and land tenure problems for the urban poor in Kenya. A lawyer and holds a Master's Degree in NGO Management from the London School of Economics. Her early work focused on public interest litigation on behalf of poor communities threatened with forceful evictions and violent demolitions. She helped found Pamoja Trust, a nonprofit organization that mobilized and supported grassroots movements of the urban poor by providing technical, legal and financial support.

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