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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	Metropolis - Ville de Montréal
City and country where the lead organization is based	Barcelona, Spain
Title of the event	Rebuilding the City
Date	10/19/2016
Room number	R7
List of partner organizations	Ville de Montréal, Montreal, Canada Seoul Housing Corporation, Seoul, South Korea City of Johannesburg, Sout Africa Brussels Capital Region, Belgique Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico
Number of attendees	More than 101
Percentage of women participating	41-50%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	<p>Rebuilding the City Many cities include sectors in their core areas that are under utilized, but whose vocations are destined to change in order to meet the need for renewed and diversified urban activities for economic and housing purposes. The intention to density urban activities associated with public transit serves to favour public interventions aimed at transforming some of these sectors in order to better meet housing and employment needs. These operations are the concrete expressions of the challenge in rebuilding the city upon itself. These sectors undergoing transformation are the laboratory for the New Urban Agenda. They are the sites for the implementation of new financing tools and partnerships focused on innovation. These rebuilding operations put the emphasis on public transport, affordable housing and real-estate strategies, related to public participation.</p>
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	<p>The moderator gave a brief introduction on the theme. Each of the 5 speakers presented the case of the city they represent, giving concrete examples of actions and interventions going on in their city according with the challenge of rebuilding or with the transformation of their cities. Each presentation was 7-minute long, with slides composed only of photos. The moderator gave a brief summary of the presentations after each of them, in Spanish or in English according to the language used by the speakers. A question period of 10 minutes ended the session.</p>



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Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	1. This event should be repeated in other forums since it showed real and concrete examples of interventions going on in different cities from 4 different continents. 2. It has been stressed that without real implementation examples, like these, the New Urban Agenda will remain a list of nice wishes. 3. It has been proposed to put forward these examples through UN Habitat documentation, completed with other examples coming from other cities around the world.
Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	1. Partnership between the 5 participant cities will go on through Metropolis, hopefully through UN Habitat. 2. Metropolis will take advantage of its international annual conference in Montreal, in June 2017, to reschedule the session, inviting these 5 partners and some more to present these of rebuilding the city
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Dr. Chang-heum Byeon, South Korean, President of Seoul Housing Corporation
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Ms Linah Dube, South-African, Director of Land Use Development Management, City of Johannesburg
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Mr Pascal Smet, Belgian, Minister of Mobility and Public Works, Government of Brussels Capital Region
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.	Mr Felipe de Jesus Gutierrez, Mexican, Secretario de Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda (SEDUVI), Ciudad de Mexico
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.	Mr. Russell Copeman, Canadian, Member of the Executive Committee (elected official) responsible for Housing and Urban Planning, City of Montreal
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 6th speaker at your event.	Mr. Sylvain Ducas, Canadian, Director - Urban Planning, City of Montreal (moderator and translator)
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	The 5 partners will consolidate their partnerships through Metropolis to spread the word and their examples among other cities, in order to disseminate the concept and in order to gather more cities around the theme of rebuilding the city. Some will especially work on the financial tools, which are in the heart of the solutions.