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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	McGill University
City and country where organization is based	Montreal, Canada
Title of Urban Library event	New Master-Planned Cities: Challenges and Opportunities
Date of Urban Library event	10/17/2016
Name of partner organizations with information on city, and country where organization is based	New Cities Foundation (Montreal, Canada), Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada), Yachay City of Knowledge (Quito, Ecuador)
Number of participants	80
Percentage of women participants at the event	40%
Background information on Urban Library event (themes, issues, context).	our session examined the over 100 new master-planned cities being planned and constructed across the Global South. New cities are an under-examined phenomenon and are different from new towns as they seek to be more than satellites of existing cities. While new cities represent possible solutions to many urban challenges, in their execution, often driven by the private sector or extremely corrupt governments, the tend to marginalize or displace existing poor populations. We provided recommendations for the UN as to how this phenomenon could be examined and addressed.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	We introduced the new cities phenomenon and examined major issues in several geographic regions: Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America. We pointed out opportunities and trends and provided an 8-point plan that new cities should follow in order to adhere to the New Urban Agenda. Moving forward, we plan to develop a public ranking system for new cities that will hopefully prod them into being more inclusive and environmentally responsible.
Concise summary of the publication launched or promoted at the event.	the 'Atlas of New Cities' is a forthcoming book that profiles 100 new cities and provides data on the phenomenon.
Name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	Sarah Moser, Director of Urban Studies Program / Assistant Professor, McGill University



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Name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	Alyssa Shamsa Wilbur, graduate student, McGill University
Name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	Laurence Cote-Roy, graduate student, McGill University
Name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Grace Adeniyi Ogunyankin, professor, Carleton University
Name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker	Hector Rodriguez, CEO of Yachay Public Company, Yachay Knowledge City
Name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker	Adam Cutts, researcher, New Cities Foundation