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HABITAT III ASSEMBLIES

Mayors' Assembly¹

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Agora, Casa de la Cultura

Key Words

[Local government, subnational government, Global Taskforce, governance, General Assembly of Partners, GAP, implementation, New Urban Agenda, partnerships, mayors, major groups]


The Third Session of the Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments

Over 300 local and regional leaders, representing different global networks of local and regional governments, will gather at the Mayors Assembly: the Third Session of the Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, to submit their joint statement to the Habitat III Conference and to commit to contribute to the achievement of the New Urban Agenda.

The Mayors Assembly will consist of three elements, running in parallel:

1. The Second World Assembly, to take place in the Agora Room, will consist of scripted interventions of approximately 1.5 - 2 minutes from mayors and governors, based on the text of the joint statement to Habitat III. The Local and subnational authorities constituency will be the focus of the event.
2. A TV set broadcasting discussions and inputs by elected officials, which will be situated a minute away from the Agora. It will be produced in close collaboration with Habitat III, which will allow longer statements and interviews with a smaller number of mayors. The interviews will be broadcast live and will also be included in the audiovisual documentary of the World Assembly.
3. A signing ceremony for all mayors will be jointly organized by the Global Task Force and Habitat III. It will allow mayors to sign both their commitment to contribute to the achievement of the New Urban Agenda and the Declaration of the Assembly. This will be organized in a separate podium that will be filmed, and will gather all of the signatures of the members of the constituency.

¹ In collaboration with the coordinating partner, the Global Taskforce and the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) Partner Constituency Group: Local and Subnational Authorities. More information on the Global Taskforce is available [here](#). More information on the GAP Executive Committee is available [here](#), and the GAP contribution to the Habitat III process and the New Urban Agenda, "Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda," can be read online [here](#).



Guiding Questions

- What are the achievements of the Global Taskforce and of mayors and local authorities in this Habitat II process?
- What are some of the commitments of the member states that mayors support in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- What are specific and innovative ideas that have been included in the New Urban Agenda that are significant for mayors?
- What do mayors call for in order to achieve a successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- What key partnerships, approaches, and collaborations with local authorities were successful, and which new partnerships do they commit to strengthen in the follow up and review and implementation phase?
- What do mayors celebrate in the New Urban Agenda, and which aspects of it do they commit to achieve?
- What do we ask of the international community in order to empower mayors and other local and subnational authorities in order to play a strong role in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?

Assembly Follow Up

- How do you propose to monitor the outcomes of this session in order to report back on progress at the 9th Session of the World Urban Forum (2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)?

