



**HABITAT III POLICY UNIT 2**  
**Social Cultural Urban Frameworks**  
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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 twenty experts for Policy Unit 2 are (alphabetical order):

***Alev Erkilet***

**Professor, Sakarya University**

She is a sociologist who completed her PhD with Acettepe University in Ankara in 1996, and from 1987 to 2000 she was assistant professor at the University of Kirikkale. She also worked for Istanbul Metropolitan Planning Office as a sociologist. She published numerous academic articles and essays on Islamism, modernity, urban issues and social movements, and her areas of research include social change, modernization processes and political sociology

***Ambreena Manji***

**Professor of Land Law and Development, Cardiff University**

In addition to Cardiff University, Ambreena held academic posts at the Universities of Warwick and Keele. Her reputation for research leadership was established during her tenure as the Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) in Kenya between 2010 and 2014. Ambreena has advised a number of international organizations on land issues, including the FAO and UNDP. She is on the Council of the African Studies Association of the UK and serves on the research committee of the British Institute in Eastern Africa. She is a board member of Social and Legal Studies and Feminist Legal Studies.

***Ana Liz Flores***

**Huairou Commission**

She is an International Consultant specializing in local development, sustainable natural resources management and climate change adaptation. She coordinates the action research on community resilience Priorities in post HFA Agenda. She multilaterally worked with transnational organization for design and implementation of Sustainable development with Development bank of Latin America, World Bank, European Union.

***Ana Lucy Bengochea***

**Coordinator of the Community Practitioners Platform on Resilience and Wagucha**

She is the coordinator of the community Practitioner Platform on Resilience, Honduras. She is also the community organizer in empowering women and youth through cultural and environmental restoration, disaster reconstruction and collective sustainable livelihood projects. Member of GROOTS International.

***Hans Verschure***

**Professor Emeritus**

He's involved with UN HABITAT to guide development cooperation programme and also participated in UN-Habitat conferences. He was key in guiding many development cooperation programmes for the Belgian Development Cooperation. He was the programme director of the international course programme 'Master of Architecture in Human Settlements'(1985-2007).

***Isaac Frimpong Mensa-Bosu***

**Director of Plan Coordination, National Development Planning Commission of Ghana**

He helps in coordinating national, sector and sub-national plan preparation. He holds a Bachelor's Degree (Hons.) in Development Planning from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana, Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Hokkaido University in Japan, and PhD in





Environmental Science (Planning Option) from Hokkaido University. He is a member of the governing boards of a number of state institutions including the Energy Commission, Ghana Railway Development Authority, Vice-Chairman of the board of Social Investment Fund and a member of the UNESCO National Committee on Man and the Biosphere.

### *Jordi Pascual*

#### **United Cities and Local Governments**

He is the coordinator of Committee on Culture of United Cities and Local Governments. He is awarded PhD in International Cultural Relations and European Cultural Policies from the University Pompeu Fabra and Interarts Foundation, Spain.

### *Joseph Salukvadza*

#### **Department of Human Geography, Tbilisi State University**

Joseph is lecturer and professor at the Department of Human Geography, Tbilisi State University, and was head of that department 2000 and 2005. He has conducted studies, consultancies and projects with the World Bank, FAO and other international entities. Joseph specializes in Human Geography, Land Policy and Land Management, Urban Geography and GIS.

### *Jyoti Hosagrahar*

#### **UNESCO Chair for Culture, Habitat**

She holds the UNESCO Chair, Culture, Habitat and Sustainable Development at Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore; Director, Sustainable Urbanism International GSAPP, Columbia University, New York and ICOMOS India.

### *Lourdes Ampudia Rueda*

#### **Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad de Juarez**

She is a lecturer at the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad de Juarez, and specialist on urban and regional economy with an emphasis on labor market and gender studies. She worked as Coordinator of Academic Development Support ICSA-UACJ, Sub-Director of Studies for Institutional Development. Currently a PhD student in Urban Studies at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez.

### *Lucy Earle*

#### **Urban Specialist**

She is currently leading the UK Government's Urban Crises Programme. She is a Post-Doctoral fellow, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town. She worked for UN-Habitat in Nairobi - Evaluation of gender mainstreaming across programming, Research within the UN on the work of the UN system on gender equality and women's empowerment. She's also an urban technical adviser for the UK's Department for International Development. She has published a series of academic articles in high profile urban and development studies journals.

### *Hamento Kusuma Widjaja*

#### **Architect, Rujak Center for Urban Studies**

He, also known as Marco Kusumawijaya, is a practicing architect, urban analyst and activist advocating sustainable city and living solutions. He co-founded Rujak Center for Urban Studies (RCUS) in 2010 and has been its director since. RCUS currently works with partners in seven different cities in Indonesia to encourage urban knowledge co-production as basis for improving urban policies. He collaborated with





NGO's, communities and community architects in building settlements in several places, including most recently in post-Yolanda Tacloban, the Philippines. Back in early 2000s he was team leader for UN-Habitat/UNDP City Development Strategy program in Indonesia. He is known in art scenes in parts of Southeast and East Asia. He did his study at the architecture department of Parahyangan University in Bandung, Indonesia and at the Post Graduate Center Human Settlements of K.U. Leuven in Leuven, Belgium.

### ***Mary Rowe***

#### **Executive Vice president, The Municipal Art Society, New York**

She is the coordinator of Centre for City Ecology, Director at The New Orleans Institute of Resilience and Innovation and Vice President of Urban Programs at Blue Moon Funds. She is also awarded Bellagio residency by Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy. Her publications on BP oil spills, Sustainable Designs are key. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

### ***Maryam Hariri***

#### **Project Manager at New York City Department of City Planning**

She is the Research Fellow at University of Amsterdam, Institute of Environmental Studies. Also a Research Associate at Columbia University, Center of Climate Change Law. She is Senior Project Manager at County of San Mateo, Department of Housing and Community Development. Also an Assistant Project Manager at City of Fremont, Redevelopment Agency. Her contributions include as a Project Associate, World Bank, Project in Water and Sanitation. She earned Master degree in Urban Planning, NYU (honors capstone). Her work experience includes Urban Planning, Policy Making, Management in climate resilience, flood risk management.

### ***Nazrul Islam***

#### **Chairman Centre for Urban Studies**

He received his B.A. Honours and M. A. in Geography from the University of Dhaka. He was also educated at the University of Western Ontario, London Canada East-West Center, Hawaii, USA and DPU, London, UK. He taught in the Department of Geography and Environment, University of Dhaka, during 1963 to 2007. In between he also taught Urban Development Planning at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. He served as Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh during 2007-2011. Earlier he was Chairman of the Board of Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (DWASA). He was a Member of several urban development related committees formed by the Government. He is currently National Policy Advisor for Urban Affairs, UNDP Bangladesh. He is the Founder-Honorary Chairman of the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS), Dhaka.

### ***Philippe Madec***

#### **Architect**

He is an Architect and urban planner engaged in sustainable development and the environment from its early stages. His work, centered on an ecologically responsible approach, also reflects upon the social, economic and human factors involved in sustainable architecture. In 2000, he created the first French Department of Education on Sustainable Architecture at the National School of Architecture in Lyon. He has taught in universities worldwide (Columbia University, the National School of Landscape Architecture in Versailles, the University of Montreal, Harvard University), and received the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture in 2012.





***Rosario Palacios***

**Universidad Católica Sociology Institute**

She is a National consultant for the Urban Development Council and Public Space Department, and also a Senior Consultant to the Santiago City Government. As an Academician, she is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology, Universidad Católica de Chile. She was awarded PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has conducted various research projects on urban culture at Santiago, Chile. Her main research interests are in citizen participation, informal work, public spaces, qualitative research methods, urban ethnography and visual methodologies.

***Sonia Maria Dias***

**Waste Sector Specialist, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WEIGO)**

She has extensive experience as researcher and as consultant in solid waste management. She is a sector specialist at WIEGO, Women in Informal Employment and her consulting experience focused on social mobilization, coordination of partnerships, empowerment of sector unions and informal sector integration. Sonia has extensive knowledge of the conditions under which informal sectors may successfully be integrated in waste management sector to raise recycling rates and save costs for municipalities and end-users. She is the Latin American representative for the Collaborative Working Group on Solid Waste (CWG) and member of the Observatory for Inclusive Recycling and an Eisenhower fellow.

***Stephen Berrisford***

**Associate Professor, African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town**

Stephen previously held the post of Director of the Land Development Facilitation at the National Department of Land Affairs, and worked in the planning departments of the Cape Town and Johannesburg municipalities. He established Stephen Berrisford Consulting in 2000, and his clients include the major international development agencies as well as South Africa Government entities. Stephen's work focuses on practical and legal solutions to the challenges of rapid urban growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has regularly published academic articles and book chapters since 1996, and has presented papers at a wide range of international conferences.

***Valerie Mbaipor***

**International Program Development Professional**

She is the International student Assistant, University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA. She's a strategy consultant in Ivory Coast for the WFP and Gender-Based Violence Expert for UNFPA, Strategy Consultant to the Ministry of Education of Chad. She earned Master's of Sociology (University of Manchester, UK) and Master in Sustainable Development, International policy and Management (SIT graduate institute, World learning Washington DC). She has experiences in supporting education system transformation and sustainability to maximize youth, women, community and economic development in various organizations in African Countries.

