



## HABITAT III POLICY UNIT 3

National Urban Policies

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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 3 are (alphabetical order):

***Alphonse G. Kyessi***

**Associate Research Professor in the Institute of Human Settlement Studies at Ardhi University**

Alphonse is a researcher and consultant in the field of planning, developing and managing human settlements, and is currently an Associate Research Professor in the Institute of Human Settlements Studies at Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam, where he has been working since 1993. He also worked with and consults governments, international agencies and the private sector. His areas of research include housing, urban poverty, urban public transport, urban agriculture and urban environmental planning and management.

***Ana Claudia Rossbach***

**Regional Advisor for Latin American and the Caribbean, Cities Alliance**

She holds Master degree in Political. She has been working in the last 15 years in the housing field, as a researcher, public sector staff, non-governmental organization founder, external advisor for governments, taking assignments for the World Bank, universities and non-profit think tanks. She is the co-founder of the Slum Dwellers International – SDI affiliated in Brazil. She worked as consultant for World Bank on housing and metropolitan governance

***Doaa El-Sherif***

**Housing and Building National Research Center**

She is a researcher and Professor of Environmental Planning and Urban Management at the Housing & Building National Research Center in Egypt, a position she held since July 1987. She has also participated in various international conferences on urban and development issues at the national, regional and international levels.

***Jago Dodson***

**Professor of Urban Policy in the School of Global Urban and Social Studies at RMIT University, Melbourne**

He was appointed Professor of Urban Policy and Director of the Centre for Urban Research at RMIT University in 2014. He has an extensive record of research into housing, transport, urban planning, infrastructure, energy and urban governance problems. He has also contributed extensively to scholarly and public debates about Australian cities and has advised national and international agencies on urban policy questions.

***Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi***

**Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in Africa**

He has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of urban management, slum upgrading and local economic development. He is the Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments Africa (UCLG), and Coordinator of the Municipal Development Programme for West and Central Africa, and a Special Advisor to the Union of African Cities.

***Josep Maria Llop***

**Professor at the University of Lleida**

He is a Professor and the Director of the UNESCO Chair of the University of Lleida on "Intermediate-Cities Construction and Development". Working in the field of urban development since 1974, he has been involved with various entities including being the Director of Planning of Lleida (1979-1987), and Director





and Coordinator of Urbanism in Barcelona before the Olympic Games of 1992, and Director of Planning and Environment of Lleida (1991-2003). He was the President of the Association of Urban Planners and Architects of Catalonia from 1989 to 2001.

***Klaus Beckmann***

**President for the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning**

He is the member of the advisory board for spatial development of the Ministry for Transport and Digital Infrastructure. He is also the member and Chairman of the Advisory board for spatial development of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Construction and Urban Development. He's also the consultant to the Senate of Berlin for Urban development and nature conservation in the working group "Urban Development plan Berlin 2030".

***Lana Louise Finikin***

**Founding Member and Advisory of Groots International**

She is the Founding member of SISTREN, Groots International. Membership Committee Chairperson of Association of Development Agencies. Member of Association of Women's Organization of Jamaica.

***Marta Aguilar***

**National Director of Land Strategic Planning, under Secretariat of Territorial Planning of Public Investment**

She is an Architect (UBA) and Urbanist (Instituto de Estudios de la Administracion local, Madrid). She's the coordinator of program at Secretary of Territorial Planning, Advisor in different public transport projects. She is also a Professor for the Master of Territorial Sciences Program, University of La Plata; Professor for the master of Planning and management of urban engineering, University of Buenos Aires.

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***Olenka Ochoa***

**Council Board Member of Federation of Women and Municipalities - Latin American & Caribbean (FEMUM-ALC)**

Recently she was Director of Metropolitan System of Welfare Services. As elected municipal authority was founder of Women Commission of Metropolitan City Hall. Was National Director of Women Affairs in the Ministry of Women; Founder of the Jacaranda Municipal Program in Miraflores. With last publications in International Centre of Prevention of Crime-Report, KIT School International-Winnipeg University, and Universitas Forum. Member of network MIRA-México and Huairou Commission, promoting UN- Habitat Urban Thinkers Campus.

***Savino Katsigaire***

**Director of Physical Planning and Urban Development, Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda**

He holds a Master of Civic Design in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Liverpool. His work in comprehensive Planning, Urban Regeneration, Urban Design, Economic Development, GIS, Sustainable Development, Land Use Planning, Sustainability Urban Planning, Local Government, Policy Analysis are impressive.

***Se Hoon Park***

**Head of the Organization for Urban Regeneration Policy, Korea Research Institute for Human**





### **Settlements**

He holds a PhD in Urban Planning from the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University. He has published numerous books and articles in area of urban policies, urban regeneration strategies and immigrant integration policies. With 13 years of experience at the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) as planning researcher and policy commentator. He worked closely with Urban Policy Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport in policy development and reform projects.

### ***Serghei Munteanu***

**Head of the Division Architecture, Design, urban and Territorial Planning Ministry of Regional Development and Construction, Republic of Moldova**

He holds a Diploma in architecture from the Technical University of Moldova. He has hold the positions of Senior Architect, Ministry of Architecture and Construction, Deputy Architect Chief of municipality of Chisinau, Head of Department architecture, design, urbanism and territorial planning.

### ***Shi Nan***

**Secretary General of the Urban Planning Society of China**

He is the vice chairman of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, Senior Urban Planner at professor level and Supervisor for PhD Candidates. Also a consultant for UN-Habitat.

### ***Sirly Castro***

**Urban Development Director, National Planning Department**

She holds MSc from Colombia in Economics. She worked for the Government in several positions and departments related to Water, Land, Urban Development.

### ***Susan Parnell***

**Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences African Centre for Cities**

Her early academic research was on urban historical geography with a focus on the rise of racial residential segregation and the impact of colonialism on urbanization and planning in Sub-Saharan Africa. Since 1994 and the establishment of democracy in South Africa, her work shifted to contemporary urban policy research (local government, poverty reduction and urban environmental justice). She works with governments and international donors, and serves on the boards of several local NGOs and advisory groups concerned with poverty alleviation, sustainability and gender equity in post-apartheid South Africa.

### ***Thomas Dallessio***

**President, CEO and Publisher of NextCity**

He holds Master Degree in City Regional Planning from Rutgers University. He's also the executive Director, NextCity; Director at Center for Resilient Design; Board member at Consortium for sustainable Urbanization and the Governor's Appointee to New Jersey state Planning Commission.

### ***Toshiyasu Noda***

**Professor, Department of Law, Seinan Gakuin University**

He is awarded PhD from the Kyushu University of Japan in Human-Environment Studies. He is also the advisor in the Urban Research Centre in Fukuoka and International Advisor for Kysushu Electric Co. Ltd. He acted as Regional Director for the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific for United Nations UN-Habitat. He was the director responsible for the national urban policy, and he held the position of Director, National





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