



HABITAT III POLICY UNIT 4

Urban Governance, Capacity and Institutional Development

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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 4 are (alphabetical order):

Alcinda Holwana

Visiting Professor of Anthropology and International Development at the Open University, UK, where she held a Chair in International Development and Director of the International Development Centre from 2005-2010. Prior to joining the Open University, she was a Program Director at the Social Science Research Council in New York and a Program Officer at the United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Holwana has carried out extensive research on political conflict and politics of culture; on the impact of war on children and other vulnerable groups; and on youth politics, social movements and social change. Her latest books include: *Youth and Revolution in Tunisia* (2013) and *The Time of Youth: Work, Social Change and Politics in Africa* (2012) and *Child Soldiers in Africa* (2006).

Aliye Celik

President of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization

She holds PhD in Architecture. She is the Representative of United Cities and Local Government to the United Nations; President, Founder and Co-Chair Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization; Head of UN Habitat, New York. Her publications in the field of Urban Environment and health, Poor women and Space are the key ones.

Augusto Barrera

Researcher at Facultad Latinoamericana de ciencias sociales (FLACSO)

He is the Coordinator of the Cite Institute of FLACS, former Mayor of Quito. Specialist in local development planning and political science, MD. He holds Master in Political Science in Ibero America, Summa Cum Laude, and International University of Andalusia. He is an expert in Local Development. International Training Centre of the ILO.

Corinne Hermant

Senior Policy Officer, European Commission

She holds degree in Masters in Economic Sciences, Paris- Dauphine University. Currently serving as a Senior Policy officer-urban and territorial issues/Urban Researcher. She manages the triennial Perception Survey on Quality of Life in European cities, Co-authored the European "Cities of tomorrow" report.

Esther Ofei-Aboagye

Social Policy Analyst and Development Management Consultant, Former Director of Local Government Studies

She holds a PhD in Public Policy. She has worked as a consultant in policy formulation for the government of Ghana, National Consultant for the Development of National Social Protection Policy for Government of Ghana/UNICEF. Great experiences in review, monitoring and evaluation of Social Development programmes as well as in local economic development support and local governance.

Flemming Borreskov

President and Founder at Catalytic Society

He holds master degree in Economics from Copenhagen University. He is Founder and President of Catalytic Society with the mission to develop and promote the creative interaction between government, the business





community and civil society - with a particular emphasis on cities and on the interaction between people and cities. He began his career in 1976 at the Danish Ministry of Environment and was since 1983 engaged in the financial sector. In 2000, he was appointed CEO of Realdania one of Denmark's largest foundations founded the same year. Realdania's mission is to create quality of life for all through the built environment. He has guided the development of Realdania to a strategic philanthropic organization.

Ilaria Boniburini

Senior Lecturer, University Rwanda

She holds PhD in Nairobi Urban Policies. She's a Leader of Action Research project with the city of Kigali (Rwanda), coordinator of eddyburg.it summer school. She is an architect, urban planner and scholar with trans-disciplinary experience in the field of public spaces, the right to the city, and urban development for rapidly urbanizing countries. She obtained the Architecture degree in 1996 and a Master in Requalification of Infrastructures and Settlements in 2005 both from the Polytechnic of Milan. In 2011 she completed a PhD in Urban and Territorial Planning at the University of Florence. In September 2015 Ilaria started to work as a researcher on urban governance at the University of the Witwatersrand, where she was granted the NRF SARCHI Spatial Analysis and City Planning Post- Doc Fellowship.

Irina Ilina

Architect and Consultant on Urban Development Project

She is the director of the Institute for regional studies and urban planning of the IRSUP, Director of the IRSUP, Former Deputy minister for the Department of natural resources and environmental protection of Moscow city. She holds PhD in Economics and national economy management and Environmental economics. Also the Author and co-author of over 500 research works and urban development projects on the problems of strategic and spatial planning, land use, urban planning, policy-making for sustainable development, ecological and economic issues.

Juan Felipe Pinilla

Researcher, Universidad de los Andes

He is a Lawyer with a master in urban management. He runs independent consultancy in coordination with the legal and public component of an urban revitalization project in Bogota- Colombia called "Progresia Fenicia" promoted by los Andes University. He participated as consultant in projects led by the Urban Legislation Unit of UN-Habitat, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

Luis Aguilar Villanueva

Director Fundador del Instituto de Investigación en Políticas y Gobierno de la Universidad de Guadalajara

He is currently Director of Institute of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. From 2006 to 2013 he was a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, serving as Rapporteur and Chairman. Currently he is a member of the Scientific Council of CLAD (Consejo Latinoamericano para la Administración del Desarrollo). He has been distinguished as Emeritus National Researcher in social sciences field. He was the foremost advocate for the introduction of public policy and governance studies in Latin America and Spain, where he teaches regularly and is considered a reference in Public Policy, Management and Governance subjects. His current subject of study is related to Corporate Governance in Public Sector.





Martin Grisel

Director of the European Urban Knowledge Network European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

He holds PhD from University of Leiden. He is the speaker at High Level UN-Habitat meetings. He is the knowledge partner of national governments. He is highly experienced urban professional working at the interface between policy, practice and research at the European and wider global level.

Pablo Cesar Fuentes

Metropolitan Regional Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

He holds a master degree in Alta Gestion in proyectos Human Security, Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Advisor to urban projects, regional ministerial secretary of Housing and Urban Development, metropolitan region of Santiago and Head Department of Regional Planning. Territorial policies visiting professor Course and Metropolitan Technological University professor. He has worked on issues of Urban Development at the Ministry of Housing and Urbanization (MINVU) and regional Planning and Land Management at the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago.

Pascal Moloji

Member of the Panel of Advisor of the Minister of Human Settlements

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Witwatersrand. As part of a team contracted by the World Bank he has carried out assessment of the Ethiopian Governments Public Sector Capacity Building Programmes (PSCAP). He has also played oversight role over 13 Entity Boards of the City of Johannesburg and been a Board Member of the Johannesburg Summit Company (JOSCO) responsible for the hosting of the 2002 World Summit. Extensive practical experience in local government and he has undertaken extensive work to assist several South African municipalities in transformation projects. He is one of the authors of the South Africa's National Development Plan.

Peter Herrle

Professor Emeritus at Technische Universität, Berlin

He is the Principal, consultancy and research in the field sustainable urban development, urban management, slum upgrading, urban conservation, OIKOS Planners and Architects. Full professor for Architecture and International Urbanism, Berlin University of Technology, director of the Habitat Unit. Permanent Advisory Professor, Tongji University Shanghai. Member of the international advisory panel for the UNESCO chair in Sustainable Urban Development for Asia and Pacific.

Quazi Baby

Executive Director and Founder, Participatory Development Action Program

She is the member of Coalition for the Urban Poor, Breaking the Silence, International Women Partnership, Land and Housing Rights Forum, Disadvantage Adolescent Working NGOs and Huairou Commission. She has received International recognition for her work on UN Women Yvonne Hebert Scholarship from UN Women, New York and she received an honorary Doctorate award from Sapporo University, Japan. Ms. Quazi Baby, Executive Director of Participatory Development Action Program (PDAP), is a women activist as well as development worker in Bangladesh. She has established her organization in 1994 which is working mainly women, girls and child development issues. She is involved with different development activities, especially, non-government organizations in the field of women and Child rights, Environmental development, Reproductive health, Housing rights etc. She has contacts and association with national and international NGOs.





Relinda Sosa

National Confederation of Women organized for life and Integrated Development (CONAMOVIDI) and GROOTS Peru

She organizes and builds female leadership in communities vulnerable to landslides, earthquake floods, food insecurity and loss of subsistence methods.

Soo-Jin Kim

Policy Analyst at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

She holds Masters in European Comparative Public Law from University of Paris. She works at the Directorate of Public Governance and Territorial Development, Organization for Economic Corporation and Development, Paris. She is also the Author of analytical reports on regional/urban development policies, Author of Synthesis report on Metropolitan governance, Report on regional development policies, Reports on Urban Development Policies.

Taibat Lawanson

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She holds PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from The Federal University of Technology, Nigeria. She is a senior Lecturer at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. She was also an urban planner at EIE Design Associates, Member of Human Development and Capability Association, Member of Urban Affairs Association, International Society for City and Regional Planner. Publication and research in the field of Environmental Health, Urban Poverty.

Teo Chee Hai

International Federation of Surveyors

The President of the International Federation of Surveyors (2011 – 2014), a Licensed/Chartered Surveyor in the private practice in Malaysia. Born in Malaysia, he successfully completed his undergraduate program in surveying in Australia in 1980, and a Masters program in Malaysia in 2004. He is a Past Secretary-General of the ASEAN Federation of Land Surveying and Geomatics and a Past President of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) as well has having held a number of positions in the Association of Authorised Land Surveyors Malaysia (AALSM). He has had a number of ministerial appointments in Malaysia including to the Land Surveyors Board (2003 – 2009) and the Second National Economic Consultative Council (1999/2000).

Wicaksono Sarosa

Chairman of the Executive Board of Kemitraan-Habitat ,

Born in Bandung, Indonesia, on October 11, 1959, he has worked in Sustainable Development and governance, and as Executive Director of the Urban and Regional Development Institute (URDI), a Jakarta-based not-for-profit organization. He is also a lecturer at the Trisakti University and a principal at Ronakota Selaras, a design and planning consulting firm. He earned his doctorate degree in urban and regional planning from the University of California at Berkeley (2001). His bachelor degree in Architecture was earned in 1984 at the Bandung Institute of Technology. Attained his masters in Urban and Regional Planning, 1990-1992, as a Fulbright scholar in the US.

