



HABITAT III POLICY UNIT 7

Urban Economic 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 7 are (alphabetical order):

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He is a Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford where he also directs the Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and of the Econometric Society. Former positions include Chief Economist at the UK Department for International Development, professor at the London School of Economics, research manager of the trade research group in the World Bank, and advisor to the UK Treasury. He has published extensively in the areas of international trade and spatial economics, including work on trade and imperfect competition, economic integration, multinational firms, and economic geography.

Catherine Gamper

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She holds a PhD in Political Economics from university of Innsbruck, Austria. She's a Economist and Policy Analyst at OECD, Paris, Governance Specialist at The World Bank, Washington, DC, Member of Strategy and Scientific Advisory Board, alps Centre for Natural Hazard Management, Austria. Evaluator at European Union Commission.

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She is a Senior Research Fellow at the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand. In 2011, she received a MacArthur award on Migration and Development and spent a year as a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), Georgetown University, Washington DC. Her career has involved both teaching and conducting research in the academy and the non-profit sector in South Africa. She was previously a Policy Analyst at the Development Bank of Southern Africa and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research and teaching interests are migration, governance and urbanization in the global South. She holds an MSc in Development Planning (University of the Witwatersrand) and a PhD in Sociology (University of South Africa). She is the co-editor of *Urban Diversity: Space, Culture and Inclusive Pluralism in Cities Worldwide* (Johns Hopkins).

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He is a Professor in Istanbul Technical University, Turkey, where she is the head of the Regional Planning Section in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. She holds a D.Phil. in Urban and Regional Planning (ITU) and a Master of Science in Urban Planning and Bachelor of Science in Sociology (Middle East Technical University, Turkey). Her research focuses on urban culture and space, globalization and city-regions and cross-border cooperation and spatial development. Erkut has been an adviser to the Thrace Development Union for regional planning and Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul for a variety of master plans and strategic plans, and the preparation of OECD Metropolitan Review of Istanbul. She is member of Regional Science Association International, Regional Studies Association and Turkish Section of European Regional Science Association.

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He is Acting Executive Director at the HSRC and Honorary Professor at the Universities of Glasgow and Cape Town. He is Editor-in-Chief of Regional Studies and Chairman of the City Planning Commission for Durban. He is an expert adviser to the United Nations, OECD, European Commission and several governments. He has written extensively on urban and regional development and policy in the global north and is now committed to working in the south.

Jerome Pourbaix

Head of Policy, International Association of Public Transport

At the moment he is the Head of Policy at the International Association of Public Transport (UITP). He leads its international advisory activities, currently focusing on the economic case for public transport and future role of public transport in cities. He also supervises UITP's urban transport data collection and analysis activities. Previously he worked at the European Commission and the international city network Polis. He studied Sociology in Belgium and the United Kingdom. He is also an author of several publications on transport systems and urban planning.

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Rod Regier

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He is the Executive Director of Economic Development for the City of Kitchener. He received an Honours Bachelor degree in Geography at the University of Winnipeg, and a Masters in Regional Planning at the University of Waterloo. After graduating from Waterloo, Regier worked briefly with the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth in planning policy; then for 16 years with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in various capacities: municipal planning, regional economic development and provincial economic policy with a special focus on dialogue between business, labour and government on provincial competitiveness in global markets. In his current position, Rod provides leadership to a staff team and community of stakeholders implementing the Kitchener's Economic Development Strategy (KEDS.11). Key initiatives include Start Up City, Cluster Development, Talent, the Downtown Action Plan, and the Innovation District.

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He is an urban planner and director of town planning for the government's Capital Development Authority, and currently serves as deputy director for Urban Development Directorate in Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

