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ASSEMBLY REPORT

<b>Title of the Assembly:</b>	Children and Youth Assembly
<b>Session:</b>	Grand Joint Opening between Children & Youth Assembly and Women's Assembly
<b>Date:</b>	15 October 2016
<b>Time:</b>	09:00 – 10:00
<b>Venue:</b>	Agora
<b>Name of leading organizing Institution(s):</b>	UN Major Group for Children and Youth UN Major Group for Women
<b>Country/City where leading organizing Institution(s) is/are based:</b>	United Kingdom
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**1. Summary of the Assembly reflecting the structure and format**

The Women's Assembly and the Children and Youth Assembly had a joint Opening Ceremony. The Ceremony involved speeches given by six speakers, representing various concerns and perspectives, with opening remarks and introductions provided by an MC who was not agreed by and informed to neither women major groups nor major group for children and youth.

**2. Key messages from the discussions**

- Input is needed from both the Women and Children & Youth constituencies in order to properly implement, follow up, and review the NUA
- Cities can be a mechanism by which discrimination and marginalization of groups such as these can be addressed properly through local policies and efforts
- Although the NUA does not include all of the desired elements from the two groups, there is much included that was fought for and those other elements must still be worked towards to some capacity
- The SDGs must be localized rather than remaining at the high-level that is the national dialogue as this is the only way concrete action will be taken towards actually achieving sustainable development.

**3. Action-oriented recommendations/ way forward in the framework of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

- Although much progress has been made in the past in terms of official rights, much work is still needed to ensure these rights are fully realised through city-level changes
- Children have to face many struggles in their lives throughout much of the world and are often left powerless, so adults must work with children to give them the chance to share their opinion and to take the action that is needed



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- Land tenure rights must be ensured for women throughout world as this often leads to more autonomy in their lives and reduces mistreatment
- Men and boys must play critical roles in helping achieve the goals for women and girls
- Young people have so much to offer for a successful transition to the era of sustainable development for people, planet, prosperity, partnership, and peace.

#### 4. Key commitments (if any) within the implementation of the New Urban Agenda [collective, individual and from the organization represented]

- The UNMGCY launched the Quito Youth Commitments which are based on three pillars
  1. Follow-Up and Review Engagement Mechanism;
  2. Cities 2030 Cities Young Professionals Programmes; and
  3. Science, Technology, and Innovation: Sustainable Urban Development Youth Initiatives
- The UNMGCY will continue to create an easily accessible platform for everyone to engage (individuals and organizations), especially around governing council and world urban forum

#### 5. Way forward and next steps on monitoring the implementation of the outcomes and the commitments from the Assembly

- Women and Children & Youth have to follow up with their governments and form mechanisms to monitor the implementation of plans

#### 6. Proposed partnerships, network and synergies with other stakeholders and constituency groups within the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, emerging from the Assembly

- All groups (e.g. faith, trade unions, etc.) must help in achieving these goals for women and girls

#### 7. Outreach and communication strategy to take forward recommendations and commitments for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda

- The previously discussed UNMGCY Quito Youth Commitments are aimed at supplementing the NUA in ensuring the implementation of the goals.