

Side Event: Inclusive Cities: Working with the Informal Economy to Deliver on the New Urban Agenda	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<p>Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (REPHEC) HealthBridge Hasiru Dala/Alliance of Indian Waste Pickers Asiye eTafuleni HomeNet Thailand / HomeNet South Asia</p>
DATE/TIME	25 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 2
DESCRIPTION	<p>In most developing countries, well over half of the urban workforce is informal, and these informal workers provide important contributions to the cities in which they live. Yet informal workers—and their livelihoods—tend to be invisible in city planning and local economic development.</p> <p>What the working poor in the urban informal economy need is recognition and inclusion as productive economic agents: inclusion in city planning, the allocation of urban land, basic infrastructure and transport services, and local economic development. This inclusion of urban informal workers as economic agents is possible. That said, it requires a new vision for urban planning, design and economic policy and a radical reappraisal of how to promote the equitable allocation of urban space, urban services, and urban infrastructure in support of urban informal livelihoods.</p> <p>This event brings together partners' experiences in productively engaging with local governments to make cities more secure. Case studies, best practices, and existing capacity building initiatives will be shared to bring to the fore local experiences and priorities, in order to bring these local voices to the global dialogue on the future of their cities.</p> <p>This side event shares on-the-ground experiences, knowledge and strategies to inform this new vision. Presentations will demonstrate innovative approaches to urban planning and design, infrastructure and service delivery, and local economic development that make workers, citizens, and local governments better off.</p> <p>This side event provides a platform that values economic diversity: both large firms and micro enterprises, both formal and informal activities, both the corporate economy and the people's economy. It promotes inclusive urban planning by inviting organizations of urban informal workers to have a seat at the policy table, and shows how sufficient voice and</p>





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bargaining power for these workers can help shape the development trajectories of the cities in which they live and work.

