



HABITAT III CONFERENCE REPORTING FOR ASSEMBLIES Coordinators

Deadline: 2 weeks after the Assembly

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Title of the Assembly:	Children and Youth Assembly
Session:	Civil Society Dialogue
Date:	15 October 2016
Time:	11:15 – 13:00
Venue:	Room 17, Casa de la Cultura
Name of leading organizing Institution(s):	UN Major Group for Children and Youth
Country/City where leading organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	United Kingdom
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Approximate number of participants:	50
Number of female participants:	20
Number of male participants:	30

1. Summary of the Assembly reflecting the structure and format (max: 800 words)

The Civil Society Dialogue aimed to provide a platform for Civil Society Organizations and youth to identify common ground problems and issues of cities and human settlement around the world. It was identified that problems were all the same regardless of their geographical placement, from overcrowding in Mexico and China, to Racial Discrimination (which in Latin America it's not much racial, but discrimination to people from rural areas), housing affordability (especially for young people) to the right to public spaces. It was not only identified common issues, but a common solution, civil society and businesses as drivers of social change partnering youth in engaging with the government. This session took the format of a panel discussion amongst the speakers present.

2. Key messages from the discussions.





- Overcrowding of the cities is an issue that like China affects Latin America, like Mexico City.
- Youth should be decision makers.
- We need to provide safe public spaces for everyone working as street vendors as part of informal economy
- CSO are starting to engage in politics to increase their scope of influence
- As stated in paragraph 61 of the New Urban Agenda, young people, when empowered, have great potential to advocate on behalf of their communities. Ensuring better and more opportunities for their meaningful participation will be crucial to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. It is important to focus on the substantial meaning of “empowerment” and “meaningful participation”

3. Action-oriented recommendations/ way forward in the framework of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda [key points only, including specific global, regional and local actions].

Establish urban sustainable development network to engage CSO and Businesses through young people as a means to connect with local government to follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda.

4. Key commitments (if any) within the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

[Collective, individual and from the organization represented]

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Youth launched the Local Pathways Fellowship (<http://localpathways.org>); the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization will continue with its Youth Entrepreneurship Award; The Chinese University of Hong Kong will work with the World Urban Campaign to organise Urban Solutions Thinkers Campus beyond Quito.

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

Ask for financing of CSO to engage young people with direct financing of the UN.

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

Joint effort in ensuring financing for young people to meaningfully participate in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, from presenting their case at UN conferences to support their sustainable urban development youth initiatives within the Quito Youth Commitment framework.

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

We will continue to engage young people through social media and offline through the teams that helped us with the offline consultations.

8. Any other relevant comments or outcome from the session not covered above.

9. Detail information of speakers/presenters/moderators (add as many as applicable):

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