



HABITAT III CONFERENCE REPORTING FOR ASSEMBLIES Coordinators

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Title of the Assembly:	Children and Youth Assembly
Session:	Closing Plenary
Date:	15 October 2016
Time:	16:00 – 17:00
Venue:	Teatro Nacional, Casa de la Cultura
Name of leading organizing Institution(s):	UN Major Group for Children and Youth
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Approximate number of participants:	60
Number of female participants:	30
Number of male participants:	30

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

The plenary consisted of the reports from the sessions taking place during the day in the Children and Youth Assembly in Habitat III. The goal was to bring young people into the process of Sustainable urban development, engaging them, in order to let them explore their potential and create new ideas for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

The Assembly was divided in three different streams:

Science, Technology & Innovation: urbanization has shaped the world into a socio-technological world, shaping also people's quality of life and habits. This lead to a demanding investment, financial, social and in infrastructures. Hence, this technological development is changing health





care. How, if used appropriately, can this increased knowledge be used towards sustainable urban development policy and societies. There were four breakout sessions:

- Health and Wellbeing: Urban Influences and System Approach;
- Movement of People: Between & Within Countries;
- The Role of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for Building Urban Resilience;
- Infrastructure for Inclusivity: Sustainable Urban Growth.

Children & Youth in the New Urban Agenda: this session was designed to provide children a place to experience the New Urban Agenda, equipping participants with critical knowledge and tools to engage with NUA, beyond Quito, through the development and implementation of urban solutions. There were three breakout sessions:

- Right to the City;
- What Can We Do Post-Quito? Follow Up and Review of the New Urban Agenda;
- Sustainable Urban Development Youth Initiatives Showcase.

Stakeholders: towards a successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda it is essential to all actors to work together. This stream provides intergenerational and inter-stakeholder dialogue, regarding future partnerships supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

There were two breakout sessions:

- Civil Society Dialogue;
- Youth and Mayors Roundtable.

2. Key messages from the discussions.

- Youth should be allowed and supported to identify problems and look for solutions
- Education is the tool to achieve informed and conscious future generations
- Education lacks policy knowledge, not participating actively in the planning of cities
- The right to the city relies in create critical thinking, that is applied in planning and design of sustainable cities
- Segregation facing people who move from rural areas to urban areas leads to exclusion and precarious living conditions.
- The massive growth of population in urban areas leads to overcrowded cities, leading to the collapse of transportation services.

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].

Global actions:

- Create awareness for the potential of Youth in the process of implementation, follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda
- Plan response to migration, avoiding increasing the number of people precarious conditions
- Provide space for dialogue between youth with different interests

Local actions:

- Integrate policy in education
- Educate young people to evidence-based decision making
- To include youth organizations in planning and design cities





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

The Quito Youth Commitments (QYC) were reiterated and promoted. QYC is the framework for engaging youth from around the world in the implementation, follow up and review of the NUA. They were launched by the UN Major Group for Children and Youth at their Urban Stage event on Monday 17th October. They comprise of three components:

1. Follow-Up and Review Engagement Mechanism;
2. Sustainable Urban Development Youth Initiatives (SUDYI);
3. Cities 2030 Young Professionals Programme (YPP).

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

- Showcase of youth initiatives in sustainable urban development, promoting and support them, outreaching new similar initiatives world-wide.

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

- UN MGCY will continue to engage its constituency (and the numerous local and international youth groups within), and other stakeholders (particularly UN Agencies, NGOs, professional bodies, universities and more) to build partnerships toward the inclusion of youth within the meaningful implementation of the NUA, particularly to fulfil the Quito Youth Commitments

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

UN MGCY has a website (www.urbandevopmentyouth.org) where can be founded solutions and initiatives by youth.

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

Children and Youth have a saying about the problems in their lives, and how it affect them. Part of the work of UN MGCY is to help them be heard.

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

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