

Side Event: Inclusive Cities: Leave No Person And No Space Behind	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<p>Oxfam International German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Cities Alliance Cities Development Initiative for Asia United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific Asian Coalition for Housing Rights National Institute of Urban Affairs</p>
DATE/TIME	26 July, 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
VENUE	Crystal 1
DESCRIPTION	<p>More than 60 percent of the increase in the world's urban population over the next three decades will occur in Asia, characterized not only by increased incomes and consumption, but also by growing inequality as indicated by higher Gini coefficients in urban areas than nationally.</p> <p>Cities should be socially and spatially just to leave no person and no space behind. However, rapid urban and peri-urban growth has led to different forms of exclusion, inequality and urban divide. In many cities, more than 30% of the urban population resides in inner-city or peri-urban informal settlements. Informal settlements often provide much-needed mixed land use to cities and are home to a robust and creative informal sector that fuels the cities' economy.</p> <p>However, informal settlements are still under-served and the informal economy is still under-appreciated by local governments. The challenge for local governments to shape inclusive cities is to address various manifestations of exclusion by promoting equitable access to basic services, infrastructure and economic opportunities, especially in informal settlements. Effective urban management requires integrated and multi-dimensional approaches to foster balanced territorial development, to combat social and spatial inequalities, to plan urban growth and to overcome the rural-urban divide. Simultaneously an inclusive approach needs to be adopted that integrates informal settlements into the structure of cities, recognizing the contributions of the informal economy and strengthening its linkages with the formal urban economy.</p> <p>We need a new understanding of stakeholder engagement that recognizes all urban inhabitants, both formal and informal, as co-planners and co-creators to achieve sustainable development. As stated by the Habitat III Zero Draft Outcome Document "we must</p>





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	<p>redefine our relationships with informal settlements and slums, including the informal economy, in ways that leave no one behind, taking into account that those areas are also engines for economic growth, prosperity, and job creation.”</p>
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