

Side Event: Towards a More Equitable City: Shifting from Global Narrative to Action on the Ground	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<p>World Resources Institute (WRI) Ross Center for Sustainable Cities</p> <p>Cities Alliance Shack/Slum Dwellers International UK Department for International Development World Bank UNDP IIED</p>
DATE/TIME	26 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 1
DESCRIPTION	<p>This session will focus on the opportunities and challenges of shifting from the global narrative about more equitable cities to action on the ground—specifically more equitable access to urban services. Equity is the entry point taken by the World Resources Report (WRR) focused on cities, a flagship WRI publication, under development with multiple partner institutions such as the U.K. Department for International Development (DFID), World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and experts from around the world. The report limits its scope to high priority areas for action that address urgent needs of the urban underserved populations in cities and have the potential to lock in unsustainable trajectories of urban development. Examples of these high priority areas include urban land use, housing, water, energy and transportation. The panel will address the following questions: How can meeting the needs of the urban underserved in these areas contribute to an improved economy and environment for the whole city? How does the broader process of citywide transformation happen?</p>

